

Planning for the MD 355 Rapid Transit Line

Rockville City Hall
111 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD

Wednesday, December 3, 2014
7:00-8:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Introductory remarks: County Executive Leggett, Mayors Newton and Ashman (10 minutes)
2. Master plan guidance:
Glenn Orlin, Deputy Administrator, Montgomery County Council;
Andrew Gunning, Assistant Director, Department of Community Planning & Development
Services, City of Rockville,
Martin Matsen, Planning Division Chief, City of Gaithersburg (20 minutes)
3. MD 355 BRT Project Planning Study: Barrett Kiedrowski, Chief,
Project Management Division, Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering,
Maryland State Highway Administration (15 minutes)
4. Advisory committees and other public outreach: Joana Conklin,
Rapid Transit System Development Manager,
Montgomery County Department of Transportation (15 minutes)
5. Discussion and closing remarks (up to 30 minutes)

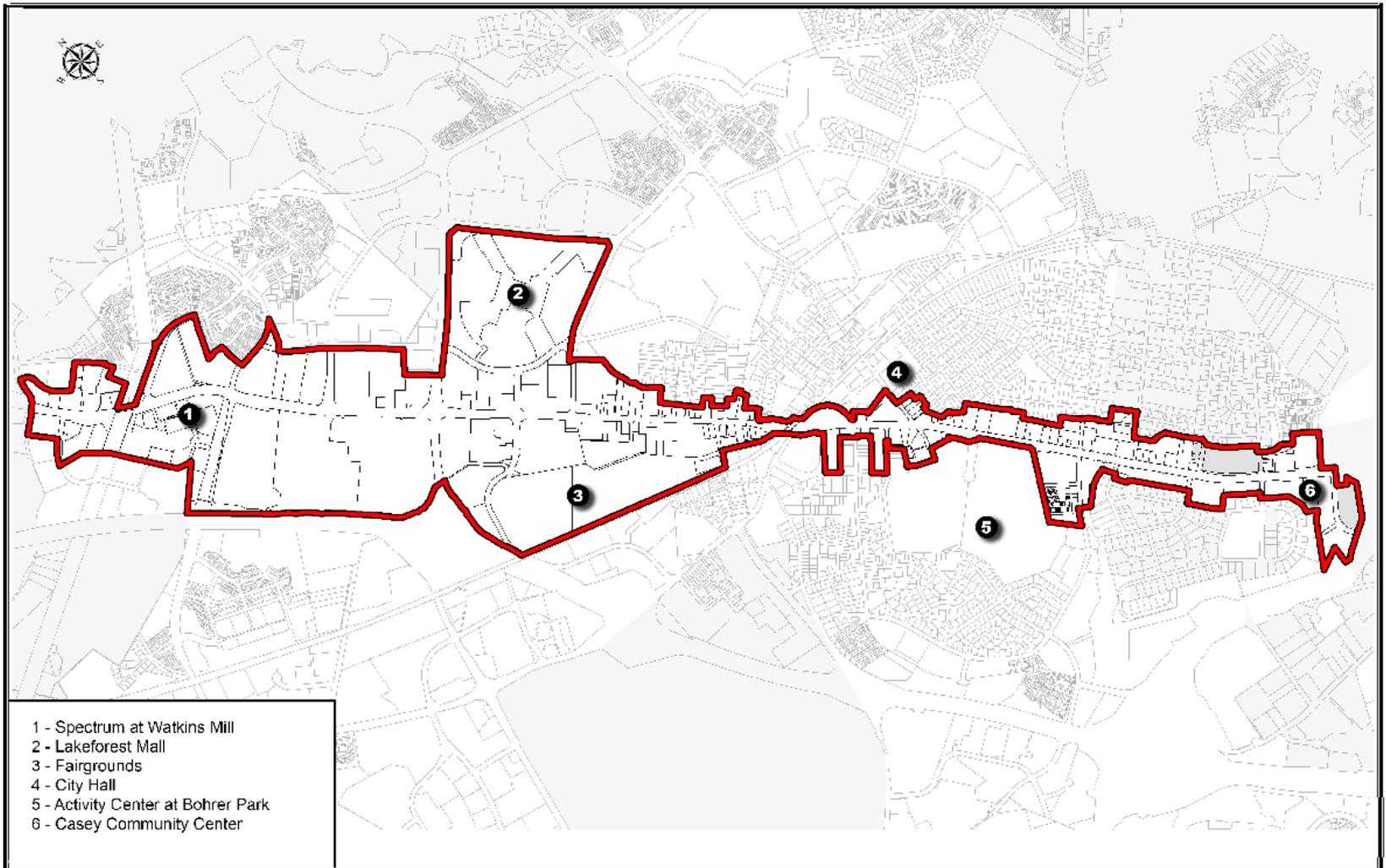
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PLANNING FOR THE MD 355
RAPID TRANSIT LINE*



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Gaithersburg 355 Corridor

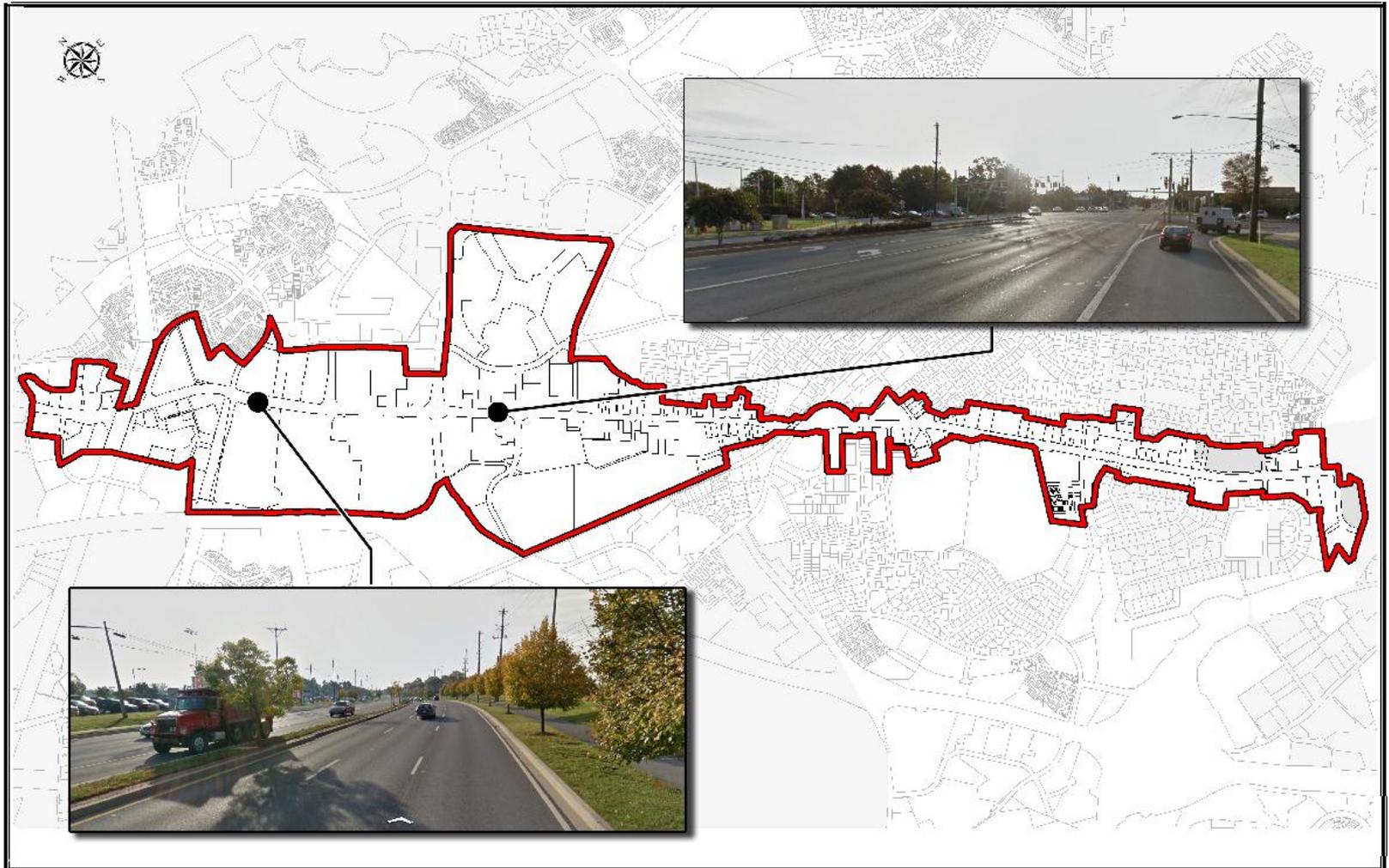
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South Gaithersburg Corridor - Typical



North Gaithersburg Corridor - Typical



Corridor Conflict Areas / Constraints

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2009 Master Plan

- Adopted Sept. 2010

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...for the long term the City should work with the neighboring jurisdictions in studying the feasibility of a bus rapid transit (BRT) line on MD 355, further widening the multimodal network and creating a regional alternative to the SOV. This line would be the eastern counterpart to the CCT. The City should also review the current 120 foot ROW standard for MD 355 in order to facilitate a future BRT corridor lane.

2013 Fredrick Ave. Corridor and Vicinity Development Capacity Study

Chapter 4. Recommendations to Elevate the Quality of Corridor Development

- The study team proposes the following public policies:
 - Make policy and financial accommodations to endorse the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system.

Since Bus Rapid Transit is considered a game changer for the Corridor, the City should make accommodations to support it, including potentially through direct funding, recommendations regarding right-of-way and number of travel lane adjustments per County study recommendations. We offer this as a sub-recommendation. The level of financial support that the City should be prepared to deliver is in part a function of what other communities are willing to contribute, which is unknown to the study team presently.

October 2013 Comments Regarding the County Functional Corridors Master Plan

...we strongly request that the entire length of MD 355 within the City's corporate limits be included in the MD 355 South Project Planning route . Providing service north of Montgomery Village Avenue in the City would support several existing and planned mixed-use communities that have been designed for transit orientation. Alternatively, of course, the inclusion of MD 355 North as a priority would also satisfy this request.