



CORRIDOR CITIES TRANSITWAY LETTER OF COMMITMENT

We, the undersigned, commit to supporting the Corridor Cities Transitway – the Red Line Extension linking Shady Grove to Clarksburg.

It's Needed Now!

The congestion on I-270 is unbearable. We cannot wait any longer.

It's Ready to Go!

80% of the right-of-way has been secured and land has been set aside for stations and garages.

It Should be Built as Light Rail!

Light rail is a cost effective, pedestrian-friendly, attractive transit option.

Congestion along Interstate 270 has reached an intolerable level that is only projected to worsen in the future. The long term solution to this congestion must include a responsible focus on mass transit, road projects and public and private telecommuting policies. It will take years to implement all of these solutions, but one key component is **Ready to Go: The Corridor Cities Transitway!**

Dating back to the 1964 General Plan for Montgomery County, the Corridor Cities Transitway (CCT) is a light rail system that links the Shady Grove Metro Red Line Station to Clarksburg, with an ultimate extension to Frederick. It's part of the nearly completed I-270/US15 Multi-Modal Corridor Study that includes the widening of I-270, which this coalition supports. Once completed, the CCT will remove thousands of cars from I-270 every day.

Montgomery County and the Cities of Gaithersburg and Rockville are ready to go. In fact:

- Eighty percent of the right-of-way for the CCT alignment has already been dedicated and is available for its construction at no cost to the public.
- There are NO areas within the corridor where development (existing or planned) would preclude the construction and operation of the Transitway.
- Land has already been set aside for transit stations and commuter parking garages.
- The project was included in the recent Federal Transportation Authorization Bill, making it eligible for Federal funding.

One of the alternatives to the CCT light rail project identified in the Corridor Study is a Bus Rapid Transit System, a paved roadway along the alignment for exclusive use by transit buses. Our coalition of elected officials, civic and business leaders firmly believes the alternative light rail option would attract more riders and would be less costly in the long run.

As a transit extension of the Metro Red Line, the CCT light rail option is part of a common sense solution to reducing traffic congestion on I-270. It must be the region's next mass transit project. Join us in supporting the **Corridor Cities Transitway – It's Ready to Go!**