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Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2016 12:00 PM

To: Logan Mitchell Sr <prowlerraven32@hotmail.com>

Cc: Monica Haines Behkhedda <mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org>

Subject: Re: PRESS RELEASE: BRTB seeks comments on North Avenue corridor revitalization project in 2017-2020 TIP

Thank you for your comment, Mr. Mitchell. I've CCed our public involvement coordinator, Monica, to record your comment.

On Wed, Sep 28, 2016 at 11:22 AM, Logan Mitchell Sr <prowlerraven32@hotmail.com> wrote:

I fully support the North Avenue Rising Transit Improvement Program as well as any other MD based public transit improvements that would benefit citizens such as myself, who live in Baltimore City, since Baltimore has gone far too long without having the necessary public transit infrastructure that a city like ours needs.

I support the resurrection of the now defunct Baltimore Red Line as well as the impending construction of the Montgomery County Purple Line that will hopefully connect with Baltimore someday through whatever future rail system that we will have.

I support the service extension of the MARC train into Delaware.

MARC trains could come to Delaware 12/22/2015 -

<http://www.delawareonline.com/story/news/local/2015/06/22/marc-trains-come-delaware/29121793/>

MARC could be extended to Delaware 06/25/2015 - <http://www.baltimoresun.com/business/bs-bz-marc-delaware-20150624-story.html>

MARC Train Service Coming to Delaware? 06/23/2015 -

<http://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/business/MARC-Train-Service-Coming-to-Delaware-309262891.html>

I ask that weekend service on the Camden & Brunswick Lines be opened up for ridership to & from Baltimore, DC & W. VA, especially to Camden Yards for Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

I ask that MDOT seriously consider allocating funds to the MTA to allow them to purchase an additional 300 to 400 buses in order to make the upcoming BaltimoreLINK project as well as any future bus-related projects a great success.

I ask that MDOT and the MTA look into & seriously considering implementing the August 2002 Baltimore Region Rail System Plan

<http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&ved=0CCAQFjAA&url=http%3A%2F%2Fmta.maryland.gov%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2Fbrreportfinal.pdf&ei=wtL9U7PKLKe_sQSCvIDYBw&usg=AFQjCNFWl0gPNCVn_dsOSSxRZT6UYXJhSQ&bvm=bv.74035653>

<https://mta.maryland.gov/sites/default/files/brreportfinal.pdf>

I ask That MDOT, MTA & Baltimore City seriously consider starting a streetcar service like the successful DC Streetcar - <http://www.dcstreetcar.com/>

Logan Mitchell Sr

Baltimore. Electric Rail Society

<https://sites.google.com/site/baltimoreelectricrailsociety>

From: Monica Haines Benkhedda
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2016 12:32 PM
To: shelia davis
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Subject: North Avenue Rising Project Questions/Comments

Shelia,

It was great to talk to you recently about **your support for [funding for the North Avenue Rising project](#) and your questions** on a number of matters. It was also nice to hear about your **work as president of the [AshCoEast Coppin Heights Neighborhood Association](#)**.

As I mentioned on the phone, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) is holding a public meeting on **Wednesday, October 5 at 4:30 p.m. at the Baltimore Metropolitan Council**, located at 1500 Whetstone Way, Suite 300, Baltimore, MD 21230.

I hope you'll be able to join us for this meeting so you can speak directly to a representative from the MD Transit Administration about your questions. I am also **including some of your comments/questions** so that they can research any information in advance or respond to you directly via email.

- **Plans for 2400 Block of North Avenue** - You asked about changes to the 2400 Block of North Avenue as parking spaces were recently added back along this block. What changes are to be expected to parking and the travel lanes with the North Avenue Rising project?
- **Trash Containers** - Can MTA / Baltimore City install trash containers that decompose or compact trash via solar power (or something similar) as trash cans fill up fast and compacting cans would help keep bus stops clean and help attract riders if stops are kept clean.
- **Plan for Bus Stop/Shelter Cleaning and Maintenance** - You reported you were happy to hear of plans to clean buses and about a new shelter installed in your community and you wondered if MTA also has a plan to provide cleaning and maintenance for bus stops and shelters. Again, you felt that this would be helpful to attract riders to transit who drive by bus stops that are well cared for.
- **Tree Planting** - You reported that Blue Water Baltimore recently dug holes to plant trees along the west side corridor, but trees were not actually planted. Who is responsible for planting the trees, and once planted, maintaining them - Blue Water Baltimore? Baltimore City? Residents? Also, you asked what kind of trees are to be planted.

Please let me know if there are any corrections or additions to these questions and again, I hope to meet you in person on October 5th! :)

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