You're invited to testify to the Montgomery County Planning Board on the Intercounty Connector

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2006

The Montgomery County Planning Board invites members of the public and organizations to testify at an official Public Hearing on a mandatory referral case on the Intercounty Connector (ICC), Mandatory Referral #06809-SHA-1, on Thursday, July 13, 2006. The hearing, limited to two hours of testimony, will be held in the first floor auditorium of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission auditorium located at 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland. To sign up in advance to speak to the Planning Board on this item, you may call 301-495-4600.

The ICC is a proposed 18-mile controlled access toll road connecting I-370 near the Shady Grove Metrorail station to US 1 between Beltsville and Laurel. On May 29, 2006, the Federal Highway Administration's Record of Decision provided the Maryland Department of Transportation, the implementing agency, to proceed with the Selected Alternative, Corridor 1.

At a future date, tentatively Thursday, July 20, 2006, the Planning Board will review and discuss the public's comments and its staff's recommendations, before finalizing its comments and recommendations on the ICC within Montgomery County to the Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration.

To review the mandatory referral application file, to obtain information about proposed staff recommendations, or to offer your comments on the plan to staff, please contact Dan Hardy of the Montgomery County Planning Department at (301) 495-4525 or dan.hardy@mncppc-mc.org.

For questions on the Intercounty Connector project, please contact Melinda Peters of the Maryland State Highway Administration at (866) 462-0020 or submit comments via the project website at www.iccstudy.org.

A staff recommendation will be available 10 days before the public hearing. You can obtain a copy in the Transportation Planning Office Room 105, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or online at www.mcparkandplanning.org.

For an approximate time on this item on the Planning Board's agenda, please call (301) 495-4600, after Wednesday, July 5, 2006.

Thank you for your interest in Montgomery County's future.

