

# Clarksburg Gateway Sector Plan

VIRTUAL Emerging Ideas Community Meeting – January 16, 2025

## Zoom Meeting Chat Transcript

- 18:34:37 Lisa Govoni (Montgomery Planning) : Please add your questions and comments here in the Chat. We will do our best to address them after the presentation.
- 18:36:26 Advancing Synergy : Will the recording be available to those who were unable to attend this evening? Thank you.
- 18:39:23 Bill Dove : Can you please let us know what is happening with the retail space in the town center? That was supposed to be implemented over 20 years ago.
- 18:41:32 Candi iPhone : Hello, I'm very interested in learning more about the bid or application process for a nonprofit organization to obtain space for a community athletic and recreation space in Clarksburg.
- 18:43:27 Vyjoo Krishnan : We need observation road completed, we need Exit 17 exchange completed to support already existing development, lack of these are already straining the communities here, and are absolutely needed before future dev comes in
- 18:43:43 Jason : Reacted to "We need observation ..." with 👍
- 18:44:59 Vivek A (Clarksburg) : Reacted to We need observation ... with "👍"
- 18:45:13 Greg Doan : Reacted to "We need observation ..." with 👍
- 18:45:50 Arvind Agrawal : Reacted to "We need observation ..." with 👍
- 18:47:02 Greg Doan : Replying to "Can you please let u...": While I want it, too, the sector being discussed here doesn't seem to include that area.
- 18:47:08 iPhone : To add to the recreation opportunities comment...would like to see a County Rec Center on the COMSAT site as part of its redevelopment.
- 18:47:10 Mark Burke : I would like to see completed bike paths, as it stands with new bike paths like on Clarksburg road, it is discontinuous and unsafe. It would be great to have bike paths connect to recreational areas like 10mile creek wooded areas
- 18:47:41 iPhone : Reacted to "We need observation ..." with 👍
- 18:48:33 Jason : What does a "community corridor" mean?
- 18:48:45 Advancing Synergy : Replying to "To add to the recrea...": Agree. The activity center / rec center needs to include the aquatic center that was originally in the master plan as well.
- 18:48:48 Yvette Leopardi : In addition to the poll, I would like to reinforce the majority interest of more commercial properties such as restaurants, cafés, mom & pop shops, parks, and more

amenities for families around the community. By living in the Cabin Branch Community, we are already feeling how spaces are over capacity which therefore affect our overcrowding schools. Building more homes will create more congestion.

- 18:49:49 Vyjoo Krishnan : Any future development MUST BE CONTINGENT on completing exit 17 and observation road, ie don't keep kicking the can down the road for infrastructure and just keep giving building permits etc.
- 18:50:40 Vivek A (Clarksburg) : When I moved in to Clarksburg 20 years back, exit 17 was promised. Building that exit would go a long way in reducing the strain on traffic.
- 18:50:54 Greg Doan : Reacted to "Any future developme..." with 👍
- 18:51:02 iPhone : Can staff talk to the origins of the recommendation to remove I-270 Exit 17 at Little Seneca Parkway. How did this recommendation come about? Losing this exit will have a significant impact on the larger Clarksburg community.
- 18:51:27 Advancing Synergy : To echo other comments, we need the infrastructure and resources that support community. Building more homes without infrastructure does not build community.
- 18:51:42 Harsh Patel : My feedback I strongly request that Exit 17 remain on the plan and any development in Clarksburg area be contingent on construction of exit 17 exchange
- 18:51:51 Greg Doan : Reacted to "To echo other commen..." with 👍
- 18:52:38 Bill Dove : Since Clarksburg schools are currently over capacity, how does the planning board address this for future development?
- 18:53:10 Vyjoo Krishnan : Reacted to "Can staff talk to th..." with 👍
- 18:53:36 Greg Doan : Reacted to "My feedback I Strong..." with 👍
- 18:53:55 Jason : I think there is some capital money coming for Clarksburg schools, but just like you as an Upcounty resident I am highly skeptical until I see something actually happen.  
<https://apps.montgomerycountymd.gov/BASISCAPITAL/Common/ProjectList.aspx?ID=5&TYPE=RPA>
- 18:55:14 iPhone : Public benefit - Will be interested to know more about how the historic context of the COMSAT building can be integrated into some open space area within the site. Include requirements on site redevelopment.
- 18:55:40 Mark Burke : The proposed store-front windows is not inviting, it is sterile and loses a small-town feel
- 18:56:24 iPhone : Reacted to "My feedback I Strong..." with 👍
- 18:56:31 iPhone : Reacted to "To echo other commen..." with 👍
- 18:56:42 iPhone : Reacted to "Any future developme..." with 👍
- 18:57:19 Greg Doan : Reacted to "The proposed store-f..." with 👍

- 18:57:20 iPhone : Reacted to "Agree. The activity ..." with 👍
- 18:58:16 Arvind Agrawal : I Would like to see Exit 17 remain in the plan
- 18:58:28 Advancing Synergy : Is there an active Community Advisory Group that meets regularly with planning to advocate for citizen participation?
- 18:58:38 Mark Burke : Before investing in a transit center, we need to see a needs based evaluation. Far too often, the buses in Clarksburg are at minimal capacity. How will building a transit center affect near-by housing and quality of life for current residents? What is the data-driven expectation of ridership and environmental effect of building a transit center? Has potential crime related to transit center been evaluated?
- 18:59:54 Vyjoo Krishnan : can we speed up on these sections and talk about what changes or removals are being proposed? Community is nervous about removing much needed roads and exitsmasterplans.
- 19:00:18 Sarwar : I would like to see the Comsat Property to be developed for biotech, IT, STEM high paying jobs, so both the companies and employees contribute significantly to the tax base. I would like to see M-83 completed, so that the employees of these companies can easily commute to work. I would like to see the Red Line extended to Clarksburg, with a stop at the Comsat site. I would like to see a monorail, Frederick to Tysons with a stop at the Comsat site, so employees have options when they commute to work. Clarksburg has become just another commuter bedroom community, where residents commute outside of Clarksburg to work, sit on bumper to bumper traffic on 270 every day.
- 19:00:39 Vyjoo Krishnan : No one cares how townhomes look if we cant get to them and are stuck in traffic
- 19:00:44 -Mark Stunder : Consideration needs to be given to something out of the box. How about "The International Villages at Clarksburg" Divide Comsat property into villages-- each representing a country. (e.g Germany, Japan, India etc) Kind of like a mini-EPCOT. With embassy's in the Wash DC area, there may be investment opportunities here. Plus, the international village would promote the diversity of the county. This idea would be different and unique and can still incorporate mixed use
- 19:03:09 tom vitanza : What is weird about the schematic design of housing, and you see this now in Urbana, none of the houses have chimneys! How does Santa get in?
- 19:03:13 iPhone : Reacted to "Before investing in ..." with 👍
- 19:03:28 Vyjoo Krishnan : Replying to "What is weird about ...": Santa is stuck in traffic usually
- 19:03:44 Preetha's iPhone : I Strongly request that Exit 17 remain on the plan and any development in Clarksburg area be contingent on construction of exit 17 exchange.
- 19:03:45 Bill Dove : Let's bring back the 70s style homes. LOL
- 19:03:48 Mark Burke : Are the low and moderate income housing goals for MoCo or just in Clarksburg? Will these housing initiatives be applied to Bethesda and Rockville as well?

- 19:04:08 iPhone (3) : Reacted to "I Strongly request t..." with 🙌
- 19:04:31 iPhone (3) : Replying to "I Strongly request t...": Agreed!!
- 19:04:52 iPhone (3) : Reacted to "Are the low and mode..." with 🙌
- 19:05:02 Yvette Leopardi : We don't need more homes. We need resources and create more jobs within the community.
- 19:05:05 Mark Burke : Replying to "I would like to see ...": Redline to the Comsat area is not a good idea. It would ruin the properties in that area. What about having red line terminate in Clarksburg village?
- 19:05:13 Bill Dove : Reacted to "We don't need more h..." with 👍
- 19:05:15 Sarwar : Building high density housing requires a robust infrastructure. Clarksburg seriously lacks infrastructure to support additional housing. The Planning Board is responsible to build out the infrastructure that will support more housing. What is the Planning Board doing about the infrastructure? I have heard nothing about building out infrastructure!
- 19:05:31 iPhone : Can staff provide data on how the housing goals are spread around the different communities Countywide? What will be the share in transit rich areas inside and just outside the Capital Beltway? The goals needs to be tempered with availability of transit, especially Metrorail and Metrobuses.
- 19:05:37 Barb : The more affordable housing needs to be seamlessly mixed in with the less affordable ones so that there is no "island" of affordable housing. But Clarksburg already has A LOT of housing.
- 19:05:41 Michelle : Reacted to "Before investing in ..." with 👍
- 19:06:06 iPhone : Reacted to "Building high densit..." with 👍
- 19:06:57 Ritesh Shah : I can see new housing development near to cabin branch but not new development for infrastructure
- 19:07:15 iPhone (4) : First, please mitigate traffic issues, improve infrastructure, and bring jobs Clarksburg before thinking to build more houses. Please do consider wellbeing of people already living in Clarksburg.
- 19:07:26 Yvette Leopardi : Reacted to We don't need more h... with " 👍 "
- 19:07:30 Yvette Leopardi : Removed a 👍 reaction "We don't need more h..."
- 19:07:53 Vivek A (Clarksburg) : Midcounty highway connecting to Snowden farm, parallel to 355 is also under jeopardy. Both that and exit 17 would help with traffic congestion
- 19:08:06 Siva R : Roads in Clarksburg are dangerously narrow , for example Skykark Rd with narrow parking pockets either side of the road turned it into very congested street on day 1 and causing accidents. Please consider a design with a little wider roads and safe parking options. In simple words 'do not design roads like skylark rd'

- 19:08:09 Barb : The former CCT was supposed to be instead of the Red Line extending to Clarksburg. However that was dropped a while ago. .
- 19:08:20 Yvette Leopardi : Reacted to First, please mitiga... with " 👍 "
- 19:08:57 Jason : What do you mean by remove on some parts of Observation Drive?
- 19:09:00 Bill Dove : Arora Hills community has really narrow streets because the county let the developers do whatever they wanted. How will the county ensure that we actually get what we are promised?
- 19:09:28 iPhone : Some staging mechanism must be included with the plan to achieve transportation & land use balance. The growth in Clarksburg has been robust, but the County has been dragging its feet in funding the design and construction of all important road connections such as M-83 and Observation Dr. The staging must consider full funding for construction for both these projects before significant density can be approved for the COMSAT site.
- 19:09:49 Vyjoo Krishnan : we need BOTH observation drive AND EXIT 17 exchange
- 19:09:56 Jason : And M83
- 19:10:00 iPhone (4) : More houses in Clarksburg will add more traffic on already clogged roads.
- 19:10:00 Andrew's iPhone : What does Rec 2."x"mean??
- 19:10:04 Bill Dove : M-83 !!!!!
- 19:11:00 Vyjoo Krishnan : what the heck the environmental impact of the housing dev already here is much greater than he impact of an overpass!
- 19:11:10 Vyjoo Krishnan : always BAIT n SWITCH
- 19:11:30 Bill Dove : Where is the retail in the town center that was promised over 20+ years ago?
- 19:11:37 iPhone : Removing Exit 17the sector plan should be a non-starter for the Clarksburg community.
- 19:11:54 Sarwar : Building high density housing in Clarksburg, taking into consideration disable residents, is the plan. But M-83 has been converted to a bike path, and might be removed completely. How are people expected to quickly get work via Metro and ICC? Are they expected to bikeClarksburg to Shady Grove Metro?
- 19:12:53 Vyjoo Krishnan : BRT will take a max of 6% of cars, the remaining 94% still needs cars on road
- 19:12:57 iPhone : Is Corridor Forward BRT on I-270?
- 19:13:04 Sarwar : No development should start without finalizing the completion of Observation Drive.
- 19:13:09 Ambarish Purohit : WE NEED EXIT 17, DON'T REMOVE IT.

- 19:13:19 Andrew's iPhone : Disagree with the plan to remove exit 17. I think that is shown on the plan as Rec 2.c. 355 is currently experiencing heavy traffic. It would be good to alleviate the pressure on 355 to Brink and exit 16 and exit 18
- 19:13:25 Bill Dove : M83
- 19:13:27 -Mark Stunder : Question: Exit 17 in or out depends on traffic modeling. So- what does your housing density modeling in the Comsat area look like vs. the Exit 17 yes/no decision????
- 19:13:29 Sarwar : Not everyone can walk to BRT stations. Will there be parking at each BRT Station?
- 19:13:31 Mark Burke : Where are the data to support the BRT?
- 19:13:37 Siva R : BRT is Joke we have been hearing for 23 yrs PLEASE STOP: BUILD PENDING MASTER PLAN Before YOU ALLOW ANY NEW DEVELOPMENT
- 19:13:58 Vyjoo Krishnan : will i have to drive Clarksburg to Germantown to take BRT, where will we park???
- 19:14:12 Bill Dove : Where are these people working?
- 19:14:34 Siva R : Reacted to "Disagree with the pl..." with 👍
- 19:14:40 Vyjoo Krishnan : who comes up with these ideas ?
- 19:14:48 Jason : In this part of the County, you can google maps any route. Outside of rush hour, a bus takes 3-4x as long as driving. You can get to your destination by car before you ever step on a bus
- 19:15:01 Vyjoo Krishnan : Reacted to "In this part of the ..." with 👍
- 19:15:10 Sarwar : What is the current ridership of buses in Clarksburg? Whenever I see a bus, it is running empty, or almost empty. Please provide current bus ridership.
- 19:15:17 Bill Dove : Bring business to Upcounty... then we don't need BRT
- 19:15:41 Mark Burke : Even the new bike lanes in Clarksburg are a joke, extremely dangerous! These people need to actually try to ride the paths before talking about them.
- 19:15:43 iPhone : What is the current transit share mode in Clarksburg? 3%? How much more is it expected to go up to? 6% in a best case scenario?
- 19:15:54 Andrew's iPhone : Hear the plan about BRT alleviating congestion but people in clarksburg and the surrounding area primarily use personal vehicles
- 19:16:00 iPhone (4) : BRT is not good option. Hope leaders can understand it. How BRT bus can ride on single lane 355. What about people living little away 355? Do they have to 'Drive' to get BRT? Please explain.
- 19:16:08 iPhone : Reacted to "Hear the plan about ..." with 👍

- 19:16:17 Mark Burke : Replying to "What is the current ...": They do not want to share those data, it will be counter to their message of needing BRT
- 19:16:20 -Mark Stunder : Question: Taking out Exit 17 must mean decision has been reached on Comsat area housing density, right? Otherwise, you would have presented yes Exit 17 or no Exit 17 options
- 19:16:34 Bill Dove : Please send out a poll to determine who uses bike lanes to commute to work
- 19:16:46 iPhone (3) : Exit 17!!!!!!
- 19:16:46 Vyjoo Krishnan : Planning board is OUT OF TOUCH with upcounty needs
- 19:16:50 iPhone (3) : Where is it!!!
- 19:16:56 Dan Seamans : Extend Observation Dr. N. to Gateway Ctr Dr. Provides N./S travel option with bypass alignment around old town ctr. and
- 19:16:59 iPhone (4) : I don't see it!
- 19:17:12 Sarwar : BRT Route 23 was along M-83 . What happened to it? If BRT is the silver bullet solution, why was it removed?
- 19:17:56 Barb : Yes, public transportation takes more time. But I don't think 3-4x. You can read, play, sleep, etc. on long public trans. routes. They need to include good parking at each end, and be somewhat express.
- 19:17:58 Vivek A (Clarksburg) : BRT is not a good option
- 19:18:17 Siva R : You sold 1000 homes promising exit 17 and after 20 plus years of waiting , you are removing it !!
- 19:18:35 Mark Burke : When looking at traffic, they need to review routes and access to local schools. Between 7:30-8:30 355 going by the high school traffic is horrible.
- 19:18:50 Sarwar : If Clarksburg is along a sensitive watershed? Is it wise to build high density housing along it?
- 19:18:52 Raj : We need Exit 17 to ease congestion along local roads
- 19:19:16 Bill Dove : Reacted to "We need Exit 17 to e..." with 👍
- 19:19:25 Vyjoo Krishnan : You approved as conditional use recently for a 120 bed assisted living facility UNPLANNED building, ina residential area with 35% impervious surfaces. Shd not worry about planned roadways now,and use environment as excuse
- 19:19:26 Mark Burke : Replying to "Yes, public transpor...": Depending on the time and route, yes it is 3-4 times longer even given the heavy traffic.
- 19:20:25 Bill Dove : whatever you do... do not plant sycamore trees
- 19:20:29 Vyjoo Krishnan : you cant expect people to use public transport if they have kids to pick up in the eveningwork , groceries etc all of which require a car in this region. hsi isnot silver spring,

- 19:20:40 Ambarish Purohit : protect environment, really !!! stop building new houses.
- 19:20:42 Jason : Reacted to "you acnt expect peop..." with 👍
- 19:20:49 Ambarish Purohit : Reacted to "you acnt expect peop..." with 👍
- 19:21:02 Sarwar : Best management practices dictates infrastructure be developed along with housing. That has clearly not happened in the past. What guarantee is there that it will happen in the future?
- 19:21:02 iPhone : Is the recommendations for new road construction a blueprint for Observation Dr? Why wouldn't the same apply to M-83?
- 19:21:55 -Mark Stunder : Question: Forget the master plan revisions for a minute. Does the current and projected traffic without the revisions promote Exit 17 construction? What is the housing desnity "trigger point" for Exit 17.
- 19:22:14 iPhone : Need to know more on how these environmental sensitive design recommendations can be applied for a revised design for M-83.
- 19:22:18 Bill Dove : Congestion on our roads impacts the environment. We need exit 17 and M83
- 19:22:43 Vyjoo Krishnan : Reacted to "Question: Forget the..." with 👍
- 19:22:54 Raj : Reacted to "Congestion on our ro..." with 👍
- 19:22:57 Sarwar : Reacted to "Congestion on our ro..." with 👍
- 19:23:00 iPhone : Reacted to "Bring business to Up..." with 👍
- 19:23:10 Vyjoo Krishnan : Reacted to "Congestion on our ro..." with 👍
- 19:24:51 Vyjoo Krishnan : Planning board and staff- please drive on 355 during rush hour , its 2 lane in Clarksburg- see how yr BRT won help- only looks good on paper and for optics
- 19:24:54 iPhone : More jobs are critical to Clarksburg and Upper Montgomery County. Look for investments in new technology, like quantum computing on the COMSAT site.
- 19:25:35 Sarwar : Reacted to "More jobs are critic..." with 👍
- 19:25:42 Siva R : Stop new studies enough of analysis paralysis ... Clarksburg residents are sufferinglack of roads and commuting options ...while we are waiting for 20 plus years Fairfax and Loudon counties built train stations, roads and bus options ...all delivered , just travel on OldOx Road, Waxpool Rd, Loudon county pkway, metro extension to Loudon county, two Lanes, Fairfax county parkway, direct buses to DCLeesburg etc etc .... Here we are doing studies on top of studies and eliminating master plan sections one by one .....
- 19:26:13 iPhone (4) : Reacted to "Stop new studies eno..." with 👍
- 19:26:19 Sarwar : Reacted to "Stop new studies eno..." with 👍
- 19:26:25 iPhone : Reacted to "Best management prac..." with 👍



- 19:27:50 iPhone : Reacted to "Stop new studies eno..." with 👍
- 19:28:21 Mark Burke : Safe biking paths to the parks would be greatly appreciated
- 19:28:42 Siva R : Please extend bike path to blackhill regional park , add bike path along old Baltimore Rd
- 19:28:42 Arvind Agrawal : Exit 17 is needed to ease traffic congestion on 355. Please keep Exit 17 in the master plan.
- 19:28:44 Sarwar : Google is investing billions in Quantum Computing. We should be courting Google and similar companies to come to Clarksburg, contribute to the tax base and attract well paid high tech workers who will also contribute the tax base
- 19:28:58 Raj : Reacted to "Stop new studies eno..." with 👍
- 19:29:33 Mark Burke : Try biking or walking W Old Baltimore to Black Hills, it is a death trap.
- 19:30:13 Vyjoo Krishnan : Elrich turned away amazon, he will improve his track record and turn away google too if they even look at moco!
- 19:31:06 Barb : What are Privately Owned Public Spaces (POPS)? Can you give us an example of one or more in the county.
- 19:31:09 -Mark Stunder : Safety note: Someone needs to look at putting a light at the entrance to Black Hills park at West Old Balt Road.. West Old Balt Road provides a blindspot there and now with a new 4 way intersection soon..... a light will be needed or else accidents will happen
- 19:31:16 Mark Burke : Only way our county execs will court large companies to MoCo is for mid or down county, they completely ignore the potential in Clarksburg
- 19:31:28 wafa jawad : Reacted to "Safety note: Someone..." with 👍
- 19:31:34 Bill Dove : Reacted to "Try biking or walkin..." with 😬
- 19:31:50 Ambarish Purohit : Reacted to "Stop new studies eno..." with 👍
- 19:31:58 Siva R : Many trails in Clarksburg , for example the Greenway trail, getting flooded at several spots , we reported this to PARKS severaltimes , these are design / gradient issues causing rain water flood trails , 🧑🏫 address these
- 19:32:03 Bill Dove : Reacted to "Safety note: Someone..." with 👍
- 19:32:23 Mark Burke : Can we open Shawnee Lane to W Old Baltimore road, it exists but is not accessible.
- 19:33:07 Siva R : Reacted to "Try biking or walkin..." with 👍
- 19:33:52 Divyesh Kukadiya : Replying to "Only way our county ...": 100% agree.

- 19:34:02 Mark Burke : How about having schools in Clarksburg for Clarksburg residents instead of shipping our kids out of the community.
- 19:34:08 Vyjoo Krishnan : Replying to "Only way our county ...": yes agree
- 19:34:34 Mark Burke : Replying to "Safety note: Someone...": Agreed!
- 19:34:51 Sarwar : Reacted to "Only way our county ..." with 👍
- 19:35:36 Bill Dove : Replying to "Safety note: Someone...": Are you kidding me?
- 19:36:01 Lisa Govoni (Montgomery Planning) : Additional opportunities to share your feedback:  
Leave a comment on an online Feedback Map of Emerging Ideas:  
<https://mcatlas.org/clarksburg/>  
Complete a short questionnaire about what you've heard this evening:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/clarksburg-emerging-ideas>
- 19:37:12 Ambarish Purohit : What is the reason for removing exit 17? Please don't.
- 19:37:22 Mark Burke : Replying to "Safety note: Someone...": Have you tried to cross that street going into Black Hills? It is dangerous and will become more so when the Cabin Branch opening into W Old Baltimore
- 19:37:29 lenapratt : While I understand meeting the need for cell phone coverage, I recently moved PG county where cell phone towers were being built on school properties potentially affecting the health of children and affecting property values.
- 19:41:19 Divyesh Kukadiya : Could you provide more transparency on how funds (including taxed paid by up Country residents) are allocated and explain why Clarksburg and Up County seem to lag behind in receiving infrastructure upgrades? We need equitable investment to address our severe traffic congestion and improve quality of life.
- 19:41:41 tom vitanza : MoCo is an urban county not the suburbs any more.
- 19:41:57 Mark Burke : Replying to "Could you provide mo...": Simple, we are not Bethesda or Silver Spring, they do not represent us.
- 19:43:32 Mark Burke : How are you advertising meetings, my friend told me about this one after he heard through word of mouth about the Rocky Hill meeting
- 19:44:37 Mark Burke : If they take transit, they might be the only ones on the bus!
- 19:44:47 Divyesh Kukadiya : It often feels like we are being penalized for living in Clarksburg. Despite our community's growth and contributions, we face some of the worst traffic congestion and lack of infrastructure in the county. Our voices deserve to be heard, and our needs must be addressed.
- 19:46:38 Divya : I second and support this question. 355 is a bottleneck

- 19:48:08 Barb : When can Observation Drive be completed - between Germantown and Clarksburg. Will it be before more development is built?
- 19:48:34 Bill Dove : Replying to "Safety note: Someone...": so let's build more denser housing... without the infrastructure
- 19:49:41 Bill Dove : Replying to "Safety note: Someone...": Stop the building until you fix the infrastructure
- 19:49:50 Jason : The broad collective tent view in this part of the County is all of the above on transportation. Roads are needed too! Public transport uptake has been low outside of rush hour.
- 19:53:15 Bill Dove : Replying to "Safety note: Someone...": Thy just redraw the boundaries
- 19:53:43 Yvette Leopardi : To speak to the school capacity, each class is ranging already at ~29+ students. This is overcrowding.
- 19:54:27 Mark Burke : Candi, the way they distribute kids for the schools is damaging the sense of community in Clarksburg!
- 19:54:29 Vyjoo Krishnan : NO FURTHER DEVELOPMENT UNTIL EXIT 17 and observation road done, not just planned!
- 19:54:31 Bill Dove : Replying to "Safety note: Someone...": AMEN
- 19:54:35 Carrie Yearick : Replying to "Safety note: Someone...": Amen Candi!
- 19:55:37 Yvette Leopardi : No more home developments, period. More schools, more amenities, and relief for roads to Clarksburg is a must.
- 19:55:49 Divyesh Kukadiya : Reacted to "No more home develop..." with 👍
- 19:56:02 Ambarish Purohit : Reacted to "NO FURTHER DEVELOPME..." with 👍
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- 19:56:50 Vivek A (Clarksburg) : Exit 17 and observation Dr needs to remain on the master plan and built soon
- 19:57:18 Lisa Govoni (Montgomery Planning) : To stay connected with the Clarksburg Gateway Sector Plan:  
View the project website: [www.montgomeryplanning.org/cgsp](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/cgsp)  
Sign-up for our eLetter: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/9srwhTF>  
Email the project manager: [clark.larson@montgomeryplanning.org](mailto:clark.larson@montgomeryplanning.org)
- 19:58:16 Michelle : Hallie Willis is also a clarksburg middle school. The boundary study includes Damascus which is being expanded to accommodate clarksbug high students
- 19:59:02 Ambarish Purohit : M-83, EXIT-17, Observation Drive - ASAP

- 19:59:19 Advancing Synergy : There needs to be conversation in concert between the different groups - this group, MCPS, etc.
- 19:59:29 Arvind Agrawal : Reacted to "M-83, EXIT-17, Obser..." with 👍
- 19:59:53 Yvette Leopardi : Reacted to There needs to be co... with " 👍 "
- 20:00:10 Andrew's iPhone : Agree with the speaker
- 20:03:44 Jason : Just saying it—in this part of the county, any BRT station that does not have ample parking will be grossly underutilized. Driving a mile or two is often what makes public transportation in the Upcounty viable.
- 20:03:53 Mark Burke : So a build it and they will ride it?
- 20:04:03 Advancing Synergy : I invite all members of the planning group if you have not already to spend time in our neighborhoods during all times of the day and experience the traffic concerns and challenges. Not building new roads is not the answer. Rapid transit will help but is not the only solution. How do we get to the stations? Careful, thoughtful and intentional planning with the existing community front and center is paramount. Please include all voices and experiences. The approach seems piecemeal.
- 20:04:22 Jason : Reacted to "I invite all members..." with 👍
- 20:05:09 Vyjoo Krishnan : So you will fund a BRT in the hopes it will be effective and spend millions, BUT wont invest in the existing master planned Exit 17 and roads??
- 20:05:10 Divyesh Kukadiya : Replying to "I invite all members...": Can't agree with this anymore. Yes, I urge county leaders to please come live with us for a week and experience the pain that we feel everyday!
- 20:07:19 Barb : Where is there a map showing the proposed BRT routes?
- 20:08:31 Jason : With BRT, Shady Grove Metro Station is a beginning, not a destination for most people's commute. How many transfers does the County expect people will tolerate? Why wouldn't someone just drive to Shady Grove or all the way to work?
- 20:09:05 Bill Dove : Replying to "Safety note: Someone...": It took 2 years for the SF/Clarksburg Rd intersection
- 20:12:00 Michelle : Reacted to "Safety note: Someone..." with 👍
- 20:17:52 Mark Burke : In the winter, sidewalks are not cleared, try walking Post Office to outlets, the sidewalks over 270 are never cleared.
- 20:18:55 Mark Burke : Replying to "Hallie Willis is als...": Why not expand Clarksburg HS to accommodate C'burg residents?
- 20:19:30 wafa jawad : Reacted to "In the winter, sidew..." with !

- 20:19:34 Vyjoo Krishnan : Replying to "Hallie Willis is als...": cannot expand CHS since foundation cannot support additional levels
- 20:20:08 Vyjoo Krishnan : Replying to "Hallie Willis is als...": Heard that during previous rezoning fiasco which moved cabin branch kids to Seneca valley HS
- 20:20:35 Vyjoo Krishnan : Replying to "Hallie Willis is als...": driving past CHS to SVHS!
- 20:22:03 Clark Larson (Montgomery Planning) : Additional opportunities to share your feedback:  
Leave a comment on an online Feedback Map of Emerging Ideas:  
<https://mcatlas.org/clarksburg/>  
Complete a short questionnaire about what you've heard this evening:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/clarksburg-emerging-ideas>
- 20:22:33 wafa jawad : That's all very helpful, thank you Nick!
- 20:23:18 Clark Larson (Montgomery Planning) : To stay connected with the Clarksburg Gateway Sector Plan:  
View the project website: [www.montgomeryplanning.org/cgsp](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/cgsp)  
Sign-up for our eLetter: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/9srwhTF>  
Email the project manager: [clark.larson@montgomeryplanning.org](mailto:clark.larson@montgomeryplanning.org)
- 20:27:43 Chukka : For BRT on 355 is there a plan to have more travel lanesclarksburg?
- 20:30:35 Nick Peavy (Montgomery Planning) : Replying to "For BRT on 355 is th...": Can you clarify your question? We are planning for BRT lanes and standard travel lanes on Observation Drive as well as bike facilities.
- 20:32:43 Lisa Govoni (Montgomery Planning) : As we wrap up, if you have additional questions we did not get to, please email Clark. [clark.larson@montgomeryplanning.org](mailto:clark.larson@montgomeryplanning.org)
- 20:38:18 Vyjoo Krishnan : if we dont EVEN know what kind of population density is being added- should we not keep exit 17 until afer COMSAT is fully developed? why the rush??
- 20:38:38 Lily Murnen (Montgomery Parks) : Replying to "What are Privately O...": POPS are spaces that are created and owned by a private developer/development, but they are open to the public. The developer/owner manages and maintains the POPS, and the size and amenities in the POPS are often tied to the amount of housing or commercial space that is developed. There are multiple ways these can get developed, but usually the POPS is negotiated during preliminary and site plan stages of a development as a public benefit
- 20:41:20 Barb : Replying to "What are Privately O...": Thank you. So this could be a small playground owned by a HOA or something like that. As long as it doesn't say for "For \_\_\_ HOA residents only."
- 20:41:57 Lily Murnen (Montgomery Parks) : Replying to "What are Privately O...": Yes, potentially

- 20:42:44 Vyjoo Krishnan : who funds 17 exchange, if not MOcO, why is palnning board recommending removal? NOT YOUR CALL!! Keep Exit 17 in, too premature to make a decision and not your decision to make.
- 20:43:36 Ambarish Purohit : Reacted to "who funds 17 exchang..." with 👍
- 20:43:47 Divyesh Kukadiya : Please think about our well being! THANKS!
- 20:43:47 Yvette Leopardi : Thank you for your time
- 20:43:53 Jason : Yes thank you