Pathways to Opportunity

A Community Development Agreement for the Purple Line Corridor

WHEREAS, the Maryland Purple Line project—a 16-mile, 21-station, light rail transit system between New Carrollton in Prince George’s County and Bethesda in Montgomery County—represents a historically significant community and economic development investment;

WHEREAS, the Purple Line will create temporary and permanent jobs, stimulate regional economic growth, strengthen communities, provide opportunities for economic empowerment, increase housing options, and produce a healthy and attractive physical environment;

WHEREAS, the Purple Line will provide new transportation options and enhance mobility in a highly congested region;

WHEREAS, the Purple Line presents opportunities to replace aging infrastructure, foster improvements in public health, and address issues of social justice in new and innovative ways;

WHEREAS, the Purple Line has the potential to benefit current and future residents, workers, businesses and property owners in Montgomery County, Prince George’s County, the State of Maryland, and the entire Washington metropolitan region;

WHEREAS, the Purple Line runs the risk of adversely displacing existing low- and middle-income residents and small businesses if policies and programs are not put in place;

WHEREAS, successfully capturing all of these benefits will require local governments, and civic, community, business, and anchor institutions to collaborate in unprecedented ways;

NOW THEREFORE, although the parties to this Community Development Agreement acknowledge that this Agreement imposes no legally binding obligations on any party, this Agreement represents a strong commitment by the involved parties to leverage this major transit investment to create a place of opportunity for all who live, work, and invest in the corridor through the collective pursuit of the following goals:

- Diverse, locally established businesses prosper both during and after the construction period.
- Workers in the corridor are well-trained, grow in number, and are well-matched with employers in skills and location.
- Housing opportunities are available for people of all incomes in communities throughout the corridor, especially current low- and middle-income, and transit-dependent residents.
- Vibrant and sustainable communities enhance health, culture, and a sense of place.

Toward these ends, we the undersigned pledge to pursue and annually review progress toward the goals, strategies, action items, and indicators set out in the “Pathways to Opportunity: Purple Line Corridor Action Plan” developed by residents, governments, businesses, and community, philanthropic, and academic organizations along the Purple Line Corridor over a multi-year period.
Signatories to the Agreement

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Enterprise Community Partners, Inc.

The signatories above represent organizations on the PLCC leadership team that have helped lead the process to create the Community Development Agreement and expect to have a significant implementation role, along with numerous other collaborating organizations.

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Purple Line Corridor Coalition Leaders on November 2017:
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Montgomery County Council Member Nancy Navarro
Montgomery County Council Member Hans Reimer
Prince George’s County Council Member Dannielle Glaros
Prince George’s County Council Member Deni Taveras
Town of Landover Hills Council – Jeffrey Schomisch
U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen, Maryland
U.S. Representative James Raskin, Maryland District 8

Municipalities
City of College Park
City of Hyattsville
City of New Carrollton
City of Takoma Park
Town of Greenbelt
Town of Riverdale Park
Town of University Park

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Organizations
Action Committee for Transit (ACT)
CASA, Host for the Fair Development Coalition
Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization Community Development Corporation (CKAR)
City First Enterprises
Coalition for Smarter Growth
Community Health & Empowerment through Education & Research (CHEER)
Community Preservation and Development Corporation
Enterprise Community Partners, Inc.
Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland, Inc.
Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc.
Kaiser Permanente
Latino Economic Development Center (LEDC)
Maryland Building Industry Association
Maryland Center on Economic Policy
Maryland Milestones/Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Inc.
Maryland Small Business Development Center
Montgomery Housing Partnership, Inc.
National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders (NALCAB)
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National Housing Trust
Neighborhood Design Center
Northern Gateway CDC
Prince George's Advocates for Community-Based Transit
Prince George's County NAACP
Purple Line NOW
Purple Line Transit Partners, LLC
Purple Rail Alliance
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