



## CVCA COMMITTEE UPDATES 09252013

### 1. TRAFFIC CALMING/PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Re: Expansion of Purple Line of Charm City Circulator from Penn Station to University Parkway

On September 18, 2013 Barry Robinson, Chief , Transit and Marine Services for Baltimore City Department of Transportation updated us on the timeline for the expansion, presented maps showing the route and proposed stops (see attached route map), and explained the process for community input on the expansion. More posters, drawings, and information will be available at the CVCA Annual Meeting on Wednesday September 25 at 7 p.m. at SS Philip and James Church basement at 2801 N Charles and at future committee meetings.

The expansion will not begin until Charles Street reconstruction is completed which is projected to be by the fall of 2014 (although Charles Street will be open for full traffic in Mar 2014. ) The expansion will begin operation in Fall 2014. The Fiscal Year 2014 did not contain funding for the expansion to happen this year. We have been promised that the Purple Line expansion will be in the City budget for FY 2015.

13 new stops are being proposed, 7 going north, 6 going south, and were chosen because of their access to Points of Interest to tourists and travelers. DOT will maintain a 10 minute headway between stops. The Purple Line currently runs from Penn Station to Federal Hill.

The hours of operation will be the same on the expanded Purple Line as they are now, which include Sunday hours.

Barry Robinson is seeking input about the proposed stops, where the benches and shelters should be located, and on revisions to the marketing brochure to describe Charles Village Points of Interest. The Traffic Calming/Pedestrian Safety Committee of the Charles Village Civic Association will be leading the collection of this information for delivery to the DOT in writing and follow up with the answers. DOT reps will meet again with the Committee to collect community input and to answer questions as they arise.

**Please send your comments, suggestions, and questions to the CVCA Traffic Calming Committee c/o [guidahome@comcast.net](mailto:guidahome@comcast.net). At the next committee meeting we will review comments and suggestions received, and discuss in more detail with DOT the proposed stops, the promotional materials and the signage they plan to accompany the new route. We have some time but it is nice to be started. CVCA will notify the community of the date and times of those meetings. If you would like to join the CVCA Traffic Calming/Pedestrian Safety Committee, please contact [guidahome@comcast.net](mailto:guidahome@comcast.net) to express your interest.**

### 2. SAFETY COMMITTEE:

The Baltimore Police Department is in the process of developing a strategic plan. To be effective, this plan must be based on the needs and concerns of the Baltimore Community.

Please take a few minutes to share your perspectives including your perceptions of safety, the importance and your satisfaction with current police services, and your perceptions of the Police Department.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BPDCCommunitySurvey>

The information will be used to guide and focus the strategic plan on what is most important to the Community. The survey is anonymous, and your individual response will not be shared with the Police Department.

### 3. LAND USE COMMITTEE:

On 9/18/2013 we received the following message from Caroline Paff on behalf of the 25th Street Station Developer, as did our Community Partners, Old Goucher, Remington, and Historic Fawcett:

We are thrilled that the 25th Street Station development is progressing, and we look forward to building a project that serves the needs of the Remington, Charles Village, Old Goucher and Historic Fawcett communities while providing hundreds of construction and permanent jobs for area residents.

We are moving forward with the presentation of an updated development plan that takes into account current circumstances and contains pedestrian circulation and aesthetic enhancements. The first presentation of the updated plan will be at the Urban Design and Architectural Review Panel (UDARP) meeting on Thursday, September 26, followed by a technical review by the Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) on Wednesday, October 2. I do not yet have confirmed times for these meetings, but will communicate them to you when they are available.

As you may recall, the PUD for this development provides for a 30-day period for the Committee (composed of members from the five community groups listed in the PUD) to provide written comments and recommendations. This period will begin within five days after our first submission to Planning, which is expected to be UDARP on the 26th. Your community association will receive formal notice of the request for comments from the Planning Department. In the package, we will provide renderings along with the PUD sheet changes.

Please note that the sheets your association receives will not have had the benefit of UDARP and SPRC reviews, so there may be further adjustments to respond to their input.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Caroline Paff

The CVCA reps to the Community Partnership will follow these developments and keep you posted. We will send CVCA reps to the UDARP meeting to observe and report back. As soon as we receive the revised plans, we will circulate them to the broader community for discussion and input before providing comments and recommendations to the Planning Department. Questions: Contact [guidahome@comcast.net](mailto:guidahome@comcast.net)

### 4. SANITATION COMMITTEE:

#### [It's That Time of The year Again...The Mayor's Fall Clean Up 2013](#)

Join the residents and businesses in the CVCBD as we come out and clean up our neighborhoods for Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake's 2013 Fall Clean Up Saturday, October 26, 2013 from 9am-1pm.

We have requested roll off dumpsters to be placed at the following locations for your trash and refuge:

- Harwood: NW corner of Barclay and 27th Street
- Charles Village: NE corner of 27th St. and Maryland Avenue
- Abell: 31st and Abell Street
- Old Goucher: 22nd and Charles Street

\*The CVCBD will have Clean Team Staff at each of the locations to help you discard your trash.

Questions: Contact Matt Bradby, Director of Program Operations, CVCBD, at 410-235-4411 or [matt@charlesvillage.org](mailto:matt@charlesvillage.org)