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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Calvert-St. Mary's Metropolitan Planning Organization (C-SMMPO) will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in Patuxent River Naval Air Museum Flight Technology Hall located at 22156 Three Notch Road, Lexington Park MD 20653, to consider more efficient commuting options in and around the Naval Air Station Patuxent River (Naval Base Commuter Multi-Modal Mobility Planning Study).

Citizens are encouraged to attend and participate in the public hearing.

Note that as a result of the evidence and comments made at the public hearing, amendments may be made to the proposed project.

Written comments, questions and suggestions may be submitted on or before May 22, 2019 to: Margaret Oliver, St. Mary's County Department of Land Use and Growth Management, (301) 475-4200 ext. 71505 or Margaret.Oliver@stmarysmd.com.

Copies of the proposed project documents and agenda are available in St. Mary's County Department of Land Use and Growth Management, office, at 23150 Leonard Hall Drive, Leonardtown, MD 20650 and on the C-SMMPO website: https://www.calvert-stmarysmpo.com.

Any reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities should be requested by contacting the C-SMMPO, Margaret Oliver at (301) 475-4200, ext. *1505 no less than 72 hours prior to the date of the scheduled meeting so that necessary special arrangements can be made in order to facilitate participation.

Commissioner of St. Mary's County

By: William B. Hunt, Director



CALVERT-ST. MARY'S METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NAVAL BASE COMMUTER MULTI-MODAL MOBILITY PLANNING STUDY AND PUBLIC MEETING

The Naval Air Station Patuxent River's (hereinafter, "NAS PAX") Transportation Improvement Plan ("TIP") provides specific recommendations to improve NAS PAX's transportation network. A major TIP goal focuses on reducing vehicle congestion. The greatest concentrations of transit-dependent persons are in Lexington Park, California, Hollywood, and commuters from Charles County via Route 5, Maryland and Calvert County, Maryland via the Thomas Johnson Bridge Route 2/4 to the NAS PAX.

Access to NAS PAX is via Route 235 with entry at Gates 1, 2 and 3. The majority of traffic enters Gate 1 and 2. An analysis of existing conditions will address four (4) key transportation issues that include: roadway operations; parking occupancy; pedestrian environment; and results from a transportation survey.

A transportation consultant is conducting a mobility planning study and public meeting to determine how a bi-county multi-modal system could be implemented to decrease the amount of automobile traffic on the major thoroughfares in Calvert and St. Mary's County's for access to NAS PAX to include the bus system, pedestrian, and bicycle connectivity improvements. References available upon request from Land Use and Growth Management Offices at 23150 Leonard Hall Drive, Leonardtown Md 20650 include:

- 2013 St. Mary's County Transit Development Plan
- 2016 Calvert County Transit Development Plan
- Patuxent River Naval Air Station's Transportation Improvement Plan
- FHWA Guidebook for Meeting Multimodal Network Connective, February 2018
 This project was developed in response to requirements and funding provided by the State of Maryland Department of Transportation for the Calvert-St. Mary's Metropolitan Planning Organization.

The public meeting in additional to an online survey is planned to gain input from the community. Based on the feedback received at the public meeting and online survey the consultant will develop a mobility plan with proposed key findings, to reduce traffic congestion to NAS PAX



MEMORANDUM

TO:

Margaret Oliver

DATE:

April 19, 2019

Updated: May 3, 2019

FROM:

Jennifer J. Rav

PROJECT:

Naval Base Commuter Multi-Modal Mobility Planning Study

JMT JOB NO: 18-03784-001

RE:

Survey Questions

PUBLIC MEETING: May 15, 2019 | 4:00pm - 6:00pm Flight Technology Hall, Patuxent River Naval Air Museum 22156 Three Notch Road Lexington Park, MD 20653

Help us shape multi-modal mobility within Naval Air Station Patuxent River! The purpose of this survey is to gain a better understanding of the transportation patterns and characteristics of the NAS/PAX community. By providing your valuable feedback, we will be able to better respond to your wants and needs as we move forward with creating recommendations to provide flexible transportation and mobility options for the base. This survey is open to the NAS/PAX community and will close on June 10, 2019.

- 1. Which county do you live in?
 - o St. Mary's
 - Calvert
 - o Charles
 - Other [OPEN RESPONSE FIELD]
- 2. Do you work at NAS/PAX or an associated facility?
 - o Yes
 - 0 No
- 3. What do you see as your greatest challenge for commuting to work? [OPEN RESPONSE FIELD]
- 4. Why do you go to base?
 - o Work
 - o Live on base
 - o Base resources
 - o Other [OPEN RESPONSE FIELD]



- 5. If you travel to the base for work, how often do you go to the base?
 - Daily
 - Once a week
 - Twice a week
 - Three times a week
 - Other [OPEN RESPONSE FIELD]
- 6. If you travel to the base for work, how do you get there? (Check all that apply)
 - Single occupancy vehicle
 - Car/van pool
 - o Bus
 - o Bike
 - Other [OPEN RESPONSE FIELD]
- 7. Once on base, what is your main mode of transportation to get around (i.e. lunch trips, meetings, etc.)?
 - Personal vehicle
 - Walk
 - o Bike
 - o Other
 - o N/A
- 8. If you walk or bike around the base, what do you see as the greatest challenge? [OPEN RESPONSE FIELD]
- 9. If there was a monetary incentive provided to you for carpooling to NAS/PAX would you consider using a car/van pool?
 - o Yes
 - o No
- 10. If there was a HOV (a driver and one or more passengers) lane into the gates of NAS/PAX would you be more likely to carpool?
 - o Yes
 - o No
- 11. Are there particular locations within the base that you travel most frequently, requiring you to leave your main place of work? Please list.

[OPEN RESPONSE FIELD]

- 12. How often, if ever, do you use services (restaurants, shops, etc.) off base during the work day or lunch hour?
 - Never
 - Once per month
 - Once per week
 - Three times per week
 - More than three times per week



- 13. If additional and accessible lunch options were provided on base, would you stay on base and frequent them?
 - o Yes
 - o No
- 14. If there was a no cost taxi service for on/off base travel for official business, would you use it?
 - Yes
 - o No
- 15. If there was a circulator bus route that ran throughout NAS/PAX, would you use it for travel between buildings for meetings, lunch, etc.?
 - Never
 - Daily
 - o Once per week
 - o Three times per week or more
 - Once per month
- 16. Did you know there is a stipend of up to \$265.00 for federal workers for use with approved public transportation?
 - o Yes
 - o No

Any additional comments or suggestions? [OPEN RESPONSE FIELD]