

RESOLUTION ON TRANSIT NORTH OF SHADY GROVE

Adopted by Action Committee for Transit
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ACT favors the following course of action:

- 1) Proceed immediately with the final EIS and engineering to build a rail line from Shady Grove through King Farm and Washingtonian Center to at least Kentlands Boulevard. Consider the possibility that this line would be opened to Kentlands served by smaller streetcar-style vehicles, but the track(s) would be built to light rail standards to make future expansion possible. The segment from Shady Grove to Kentlands may have a better cost-effectiveness rating from FTA and thus should be evaluated in order to have a more competitive project in the federal funding process.
- 2) Initiate a study of a fast, direct rail connection from Shady Grove to Germantown, Clarksburg, Urbana, and possibly Frederick. A variety of options for alignment, mode, and integration with the Kentlands line must be considered.
- 3) While the future rail connection is under study, increase express bus service to Shady Grove from Germantown and Clarksburg by shortening rush-hour headways and adding mid-day and evening service.