

Action Committee for Transit  
Questionnaire for Candidates for County Council, District 4

1) A) Do you support building the light rail Inner Purple Line from Bethesda to New Carrollton, with a hiker/biker trail running alongside it between Bethesda and Silver Spring? **I do, provided that: a) it is done in an environmentally sensitive way, and; b) meets the concerns of the surrounding communities with regard to their current use of the area.**

B) For the Purple Line segment between Bethesda and Silver Spring, do you favor proceeding immediately with the design now under study that runs primarily at grade rather than further delaying the project to study more expensive underground options? **I am concerned that the above ground option at this time: a) does not meet with the approval of the surrounding neighborhoods, and; b) cannot be done in an environmentally sensitive way. If those issues were resolved I would support the above ground option. I do support the underground option.**

2) All bridges over US 29 have been designed so that light rail could run in the median of the highway. There are several possible routes for a connection from White Oak to the Red Line or Purple Line. Would you support detailed study of running a light rail line that connects White Oak to the Metro system and then runs in the median of US 29 to Burtonsville, as a future project after the Purple Line and Corridor Cities Transitway? **Yes. In addition, the study needs to take into account the concerns of District 4 residents with regard to not making Route 29 more dangerous and, ideally, making it safer for them.**

3) What should the county do to increase transit ridership?

**a) It should make it less costly to use by such changes as charging for what is now free commuter parking, b) it should place a greater value and emphasis on the community's input with regard to bus routes and schedules, c) increase the emphasis on comfort and convenience of the transit riders, and; d) consider dedicated bus lanes.**

4) County master plans have stated a policy of focusing development around mass transit stations. While much development has occurred that has poor transit access, the county's planning deserves much of the credit for the emergence of Bethesda and the revival of Silver Spring as centers of activity. What smart growth projects near Metro stations do you support even though they have had opposition? **I support any Smart Growth projects near Metro stations where there is currently adequate infrastructure, including but not limited to class rooms, and roads, to support it.**

5) Do you believe that the decision by Governors Ehrlich and O'Malley to build the Intercounty Connector was wise or unwise?

**Because of there is no gaurentee that infill will not occur along it, the environmental impacts, and funds that will otherwise not be available for transit, I believe the ICC to be a very expensive short-term fix, and consequently, unwise. By way of example, I see the Metro as a long term solution.**

Name of Candidate Steve Kanstoroom

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve J. Kanstoroom".

Signature Date 03/18/08

Please return by March 20, 2008, to Action Committee for Transit, P. O. Box 7074, Silver Spring, MD 20907.