

**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?

Yes. However, it is my understanding that the Federal Transit Administration may prefer that an express bus line following this route be developed first.

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?

Yes.

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?

No. There should be more bus transit along Route 29 first.

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

Most importantly, transit must be accessible. It must run to locations where people live and want to go, and there must be adequate and convenient parking near the transit.


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 smart growth along all the Metro stations.

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

Unwise.

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Signature Date 3/18/08

Please return by March 20, 2008, to

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