



The Next Generation of Transit: The Key to Montgomery's Green Future

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Featuring

Geoff Anderson
CEO of Smart Growth America

Roger Berliner
Montgomery County Councilmember

With updates from

Mike Madden - Purple Line
Larry Cole - Montgomery Rapid Transit System



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Montgomery County is at a crossroads. The county is expected to add over 200,000 new residents and over 100,000 new jobs in the next 20 years. Traffic and pollution will only grow worse if we don't give people better options for moving around.

Did you know?

- 34% of harmful air pollution emissions in Montgomery County come from transportation.
- Buildings and transportation account for nearly 80% of greenhouse gas emissions and energy use.

Linking transit and transit-oriented communities can make a major contribution to fighting climate change and reducing air pollution. But among our transit projects, the Purple Line may fail for lack of funding, WMATA needs to continue restoring its aging infrastructure, and the county needs more rapid transit connecting more places.

We need to act now as a community and support a three-part transit agenda linking the Purple Line, Metro and the proposed Rapid Transit System. Investing in transit alternatives will be critical for doing our part to solve climate change, improve our air quality, support sustainable development and create good green jobs.

Tonight's Program

- 6:00-6:30:** Sign-in, snacks, photo petition and networking
- 6:30-6:35:** Stewart Schwartz, Executive Director, Coalition for Smarter Growth
- 6:35-6:45:** Roger Berliner, Montgomery County Council
- 6:45-7:05:** Geoff Anderson, CEO, Smart Growth America
- 7:05-7:15:** Mike Madden, Purple Line project manager
- 7:15-7:25:** Larry Cole, Montgomery County Planning Dept. Master Planner
- 7:25-7:55:** Q&A

Speakers

Geoff Anderson Smart Growth America

Geoffrey Anderson is the President and CEO of Smart Growth America. Recently named by Partnership for Sustainable Communities as "One of the 100 Most Influential Leaders in Sustainable Community Planning and Development," Geoff came to his current position after eight years heading the Smart Growth Program at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Geoff is a leader in the smart growth movement, and one of the authors of the foundational ten smart growth principles.

With an extensive list of publications, Geoff has served as an expert witness in front of the U.S. Congress, has been interviewed and cited by the New York Times, Newsweek, the Washington Post, Fox News, NPR, and numerous other outlets and publications. As a regular conference speaker, Geoff has provided assistance to numerous communities across the country including in-depth work in Cheyenne, WY, Prince George's County, MD, and the flagship smart growth project Atlantic Station in Atlanta, GA. Geoff received his master's degree from Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment with a concentration in Resource Economics and Policy.

Roger Berliner Montgomery County Council

Roger Berliner was first elected to the Montgomery County Council in November 2006 as the District 1 representative for the Bethesda, Chevy Chase, Potomac, Kensington, and Poolesville areas. In 2011, he was elected by his colleagues to serve a one-year term as Council President. He is also Chair of the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy, and Environment Committee and a member of the Public Safety Committee. He has served as the Council's representative to the County's Sustainability Working Group and Green Economic Task Force. Regionally, he is on the Washington Regional Board of Directors of the Council of Governments where he is an active member of the Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee.

Councilmember Berliner has a distinguished record of service to Montgomery County, the Democratic Party, and our larger community. He was the Legislative Director for U.S. Senator Howard Metzenbaum, a Policy Advisor to U.S. Congressman Henry Waxman, a Senior Policy Advisor to the California State Legislature, and the Director of Congressional Liaison for a federal agency in the Carter Administration. As a result of his vast experience, he is an expert on the legislative process.

Councilmember Berliner's commitment to inclusion and civil society is reflected in his service on the Board of Directors of the internationally-renowned nonprofit Search for Common Ground, and on the Council of Advisors to the Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington. He was the host of the Montgomery Community Television show "Search for Common Ground in Montgomery County", a unique award-winning program that constructively brought adversaries closer on issues of great concern to our community.