



# RED LINE READER

NEWS AND UPDATES FROM THE CITY OF BALTIMORE ON THE RED LINE TRANSIT PROJECT

## Mayor Dixon and County Executive Smith Endorse Alignment Solution

On December 11, 2008, at Security Square Mall, Mayor Dixon and Baltimore County Executive Jim Smith together announced the City and County preferred alignment solution for the Red Line. Alternative 4C has two strategically-located tunnels under Cooks Lane and Downtown/Fells Point, with dedicated surface lanes along Edmondson Avenue and Boston Street. Leaders believe



that 4C is fiscally-responsible and responsive to the concerns raised by community leaders throughout the Red Line corridor. It also represents the region's best chance at securing the federal funds necessary to build the Red Line. Alternative 4C is expected to cost between \$1.3 and \$1.6 billion and would be funded through a variety of federal, state and local government sources. Community revitalization, environmental protection, job creation and the support of local, minority- and women-owned businesses remain top priorities for the project.

## Red Line Health Impact Assessment Complete

Anna Ricklin, Public Policy Fellow for the Red Line project and a graduate student at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, has been examining how the Red Line could affect the health of people living along the planned route. In collaboration with partners at the Baltimore City Health Department, a health impact assessment (HIA) is completed and will be submitted to the MTA as a comment to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project focused on three main factors that link transportation to health: Improving Access and Opportunities for Safe

Outdoor Activity; Construction Issues; and Air Quality. Following a comprehensive discussion of these issues, the report provides recommendations for design and



process measures to maximize health benefits and mitigate negative impacts. A summary of the Red Line HIA and its recommendations can be found at [www.gobaltimoredline.com](http://www.gobaltimoredline.com).

## Southeast Community Development Corporation to Develop TOD Plan

The City of Baltimore has awarded the Southeast Community Development Corporation (SCDC) \$100,000 to develop a plan for transit-oriented community development and revitalization between Canton and Bayview. The project will assess opportunities for residential and retail development within the Highlandtown/Greektown/Bayview area that will be generated by proposed Red Line transit stations. Through asset mapping, it will also index neighborhood assets that the Red Line will make accessible to help reduce car dependence. Recommendations that improve the quality of life for existing and future residents will emphasize connectivity to such assets. Strategies to support the Greektown Community Development Corporation and Art on Purpose, as subcontractors to the SCDC, will also be part of the plan. For more information, contact Chris Ryer of Southeast CDC at [chris@southeastcdc.org](mailto:chris@southeastcdc.org) or (410) 342-3234.

## UB Proposes Job Study for Red Line

Starting in January, staff from the University of Baltimore will begin an in-depth look at job opportunities likely to be created by the Red Line. This is the first step towards developing jobs training programs identified in the Community Compact as critical to the success of the project. The analysis will estimate how many jobs will be directly created by the construction of the Red Line. It will also estimate the number of jobs created by the "multiplier effect"—those jobs created indirectly as the result of such a large project. The report will present data on the level of education, training, and earning levels expected. The result of the report will be a listing of key occupations and training requirements needed. The City's Job Opportunities Task Force will use this information to better target workforce development programs in Baltimore.

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