



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**  
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

**OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN**

February 13, 2007

Mr. Arthur Holmes, Director  
Department of Public Works and Transportation  
101 Monroe Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Rockville, Maryland 20850

**SUBJECT: Mandatory Referral No. 07302-DPWT-1  
Temporary Day Laborer Center**

Dear Mr. Holmes:

At the regular meeting of the Montgomery County Planning Board on February 8, 2007, we reviewed the proposed location of a temporary day laborer center at 16500 Crabbs Branch Way, Rockville, Maryland. After discussions with staff, representatives of the Office of the County Executive and the Department of Public Works and Transportation and the community, the Planning Board recommends that this mandatory referral proposal be APPROVED subject to the comments outlined below. We commend all parties for working together cooperatively to evaluate the location of this proposed worker center.

In addition to the comments contained in the staff report, as modified, the Planning Board reserves the opportunity to provide further comments as information on site circulation and operations is reported to the Planning Board:

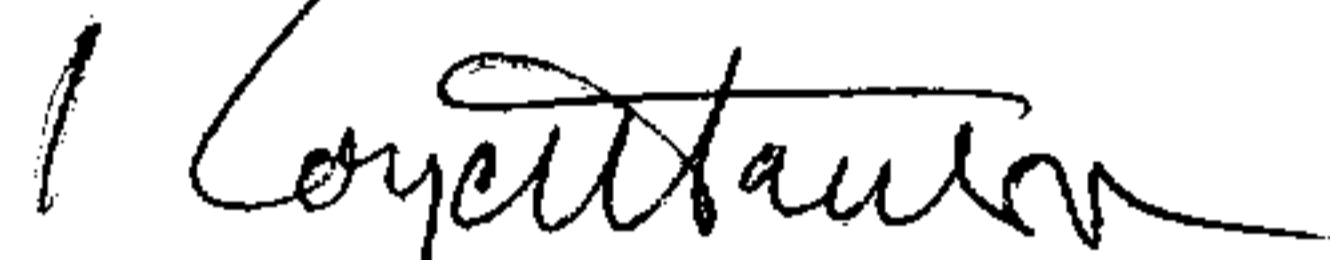
1. Participate in the Greater Shady Grove Transportation Management Program when established and enter into a traffic mitigation agreement.
2. Provide the Shady Grove Implementation Advisory Committee with quarterly updates on progress towards finding a permanent day laborer site.
3. Coordinate with DPWT Transit Services to redirect buses from I-370 to Shady Grove Road to better serve the new center. An alternative is to provide shuttle bus service from Gaithersburg to the new center.
4. Mark the crosswalk area along Crabbs Branch Road where the existing sidewalk crosses driveway(s) of the County-owned property.
5. Install traffic control signs along the Montgomery County Food Service access road and Crabbs Branch Way prohibiting standing or parking except in areas designated for the day laborer center.

6. Install multi-language directional signs along Shady Grove Road, Crabbs Branch Way, Redland Road and Frederick Road (MD 355) to identify the location of the center.
7. Provide a status report to the Planning Board summarizing site operations, including observed weekday peak period traffic volumes after the temporary day laborer center has been in operation for at least one month.
8. Monitor the Shady Grove Shopping Center and provide police enforcement to assure that this location is not used as an alternative location for workers and employers to meet.

The Planning Board endorses full implementation of the 2006 Shady Grove Sector Plan recommendations that the County Service Park be relocated. We ask that the Office of the Executive clarify the intended duration of the term "temporary" day laborer center so that there is no impediment to relocating County Service Park uses due to the presence of the worker center.

We request a response within 30 days on how your agency intends to include the Planning Board's recommendation in the operation of this day laborer center. Thank you for providing the necessary information to make this mandatory referral review possible.

Sincerely,



Royce Hanson  
Chairman

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Attachments