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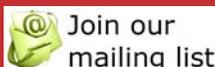
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Dates to Remember

May 4, 2015
Western MD Coordinated Public
Transit-Human Services
Transportation Plan Update

Allegany College Room CE-20
9:00 am - 11:00 am



Western Maryland Coordinated Transit Plan Meeting

The next meeting to update the Western Maryland Coordinated Transportation Plan will be held on Monday, May 4th, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Allegany College in Room CE-20.

The focus for this meeting will be a discussion of potential strategies and projects to be included in the plan.

For more information please call 301-689-1300.



Survey Participants Needed to Study Value-add Services and Space

The City of Cumberland is actively seeking to understand the economic viability of providing value-add services and space for start-up and small businesses within

Cumberland. To better understand the market potential and local need, the City's Economic Development Department is asking individuals that aspire to own, or currently operate, a small business with a potential interest/need to provide information to help determine the best options.

Concepts being considered include a business incubator, a business accelerator, and co-work space. A business incubator typically provides physical space and services (i.e. Wi-Fi access, shared printing services, business planning...) to start-up or microbusinesses. A business accelerator assists persons/businesses in commercializing their existing products. A co-work facility allows microbusiness users to work in a shared space that fosters social and business collaboration.

Answering this survey will enable important decisions to be made relative to the economic and financial costs and benefits of these different options. Although the City wants to expand the economic strength of the community, it also wants to be good stewards of public money. Your answers will help make that determination.

To participate in the survey please click [here](#)

Please contact Mr. Shawn Hershberger at (301) 722-4156 or shawn.hershberger@cumberlandmd.gov if you have any questions about this survey.



Survey Participants Needed to Study Agricultural Product Development

The City of Cumberland is actively seeking to understand the economic viability of finished agricultural product development. To better understand the market potential and local need, the City's Economic Development Department is asking local residents with a potential interest/need to provide information to help determine the best options.

Specifically, the City is seeking information on potential demand for a "value-add" agricultural manufacturing facility. A value-add facility includes businesses such as canneries, slaughterhouses and meat packing

businesses, and commercial kitchens. These facilities take your raw products (i.e. tomatoes, peppers, onions, and cilantro) and produce a finished product (i.e. salsa). This process "adds value" to you by providing opportunities to expand your markets and customer base.

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Mechanic Street Access Road Improvements

The Appalachian Regional Commission ([ARC](#)) today approved \$640,000 for the City of Cumberland, MD, to make access road improvements for Mechanic Street and surrounding roads to the Central Business District, which is approximately 0.46 miles of roadways to access the city. The road will be improved according to MSHA standards and specifications. It is estimated that the project will support the creation of approximately 75 new jobs and retention of 350 existing jobs in the area.

In addition, the project will also leverage approximately \$9.5 million of private investment to the downtown area. The Maryland State Highway Administration ([MSHA](#)) will administer the project and the Federal Highway Administration ([FHWA](#)) will serve as the basic federal agency for the project.

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