



Real Advocacy for REALTORS® GCAAR's Public Policy Brief

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The Issues at Hand . . .

- Bus Rapid Transit Moving Forward in Montgomery County
- Simpler Licensing Solutions in DC
- GCAAR Builds Advocacy Coalition

Montgomery County: Bus Rapid Transit Gets the Green Light

After numerous delays, Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett has announced his multi-year plan to make a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system a reality. Leggett's proposal will initially focus on the Rockville Pike and Route 29 corridors. BRT service would be available during peak traffic times with limited stops, hi-tech vehicles, and real-time arrival information.



County funding for BRT will come from the six-year capital budget and is not expected to require a tax increase. If the State of Maryland kicks in \$5 million in extra funding, BRT could begin initial operations in less than four years.

Learn more at montgomerycountymd.gov/rts.

DC: Simpler BBLs and CofOs on the Horizon

After hearing REALTOR® concerns, DCRA is taking steps to streamline its overall operations, and is now even considering issuing temporary Basic Business Licenses (BBLs) and expedited Certificates of Occupancy (CofOs). We are glad DCRA is very willing to work with REALTORS® towards simpler solutions for businesses.



Want to learn more about DCRA? Hear from Director Melinda Bolling at DCAR's April 14 Speaker Series. [Register here](#).

GCAAR Cranking Up Advocacy in the Business Community

GCAAR has joined forces with a group of business leaders to form the Montgomery County Business Coalition. The Coalition is dedicated to improving Montgomery County's business climate with strong representation from the real estate industry - the Apartment and Office Building Association, the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, and the Maryland Building Industry Association are all members.

GCAAR looks forward to working with our Coalition partners to serve the business community!

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