

Mass Transit for Charles County

Charles County is a bedroom community for the Federal Government. Many of our citizens moved here already employed by the Federal Government. The current Commissioners quest to make us the fastest growing county in the state only contributed to the over burdened roads and slow commute.

There are only two direct roads to Washington DC; route 5 and 210. The largest percent of the commute is through Prince Georges County. There is no direct rail line. Building a new rail line or expressway would take years and so much money that only the Federal Government would be able to finance it.

My recommendation would be to use the existing park and ride system and point it in a different direction. Use the Potomac for passenger only, high speed hover craft. I favor hover craft because it will travel over ice and shallow water. It does not produce large waves which is good environmentally. Using smaller craft will contain start up cost, allow expansion, and take advantage of existing docks.

I would offer tax incentives and zoning to encourage investment in these new commuter locations. The advantage of using our current mass transit within the county is a big cost savings for the tax payer and a new source of revenue for the bus companies and the county by increasing our tax base.

The former rail line right of way to Indian Head could be used for an overhead trolley or bus only.