



CARVER COALITION

We Say NO to 100 Bus Depot

PLEASE JOIN OUR EFFORT TO STOP MCPS/COUNTY PLANS FOR 100+ BUSES AT THE CARVER CENTER (Corner of MANNAKEE AND 355)

**We are concerned about noise, traffic, hazardous
emissions, and 10-FT fences!**

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Visit our Website:

<http://www.carvercoalition.org>

Visit our Facebook Page

<http://www.facebook.com/NoBusDepotAtCarver>

Sign the Online Petition:

**[http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/No-100-School-Bus-
Depot-In-Our-Neighborhood](http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/No-100-School-Bus-Depot-In-Our-Neighborhood)**

Attend the MCPS "Community Meeting" about the depot plans:

Wed. May 11, 2016, 7:30 PM

College Gardens ES, All Purpose Room

Attend the Next Coalition Meeting

Tues. May 17, 2016 7 PM

Rockville Unitarian Universalist Church, 100 Welsh Park Dr.

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The Issue

February 9, 2016- Montgomery County Council approved via consent agenda an amendment to the FY15-20 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and supplemental appropriation to the FY16 Capital Budget, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) \$1.725 M for the Shady Grove Transportation Depot Replacement project. The amendment supports preparing the parking lot in front of the Carver Educational Services Center (CESC), at 850 Hungerford Drive, for school bus parking for 100 buses.

- The Carver School Bus Depot will be surrounded by a ten foot high security fence.
- The expected lifetime of this lot is likely at least 10 years.
- The lot will generate at least 720 vehicle trips a day, 500 of them bus trips.
- The intersection at 355 and Mannakee will be over capacity every morning at rush hour.
- The buses entering and exiting on Mannakee will destabilize the schedules of students attempting to reach Montgomery College and of Ride On and Metrobus routes serving the Rockville commuter corridor.
- Ten private homes will be exposed to noise levels in violation of the Montgomery County Noise Ordinance, and hazardous emissions from extended bus idling.
- The most exposed home, 25 feet from the property line and 50 feet from the existing lot, is occupied by adult citizens suffering from autism and requiring 24 hour care.

What's Been Done

April 18, 2016- The Rockville Mayor and City Council voted unanimously to send a letter to the MCPS Board of Education (BOE) asking them to remove Carver from the list of possible solutions to the depot relocation and support Board Member Kauffman's proposal to extend the County's deadline for closing the existing depot until a full and better solution is found.

April 19, 2016- Five Carver Coalition members gave testimony and presented **1,700 petition signatures** to the BOE. Watch the remarks on the MCPS website: <http://mcpsmd.swagit.com/play/04192016-590> - 10:25. The BOE passed a resolution urging the County Council not to close the current bus depot and not to employ any interim solutions (like Carver) until a final comprehensive solution is found and implemented. The plan to relocate the buses will cost several million dollars to reconfigure several sites. This comes at the same time the BOE is cutting classroom funding. However, the County can just say "no" to the Board's request, and thus the Board continues to implement interim plans including Carver in case the current Shady Grove depot is closed on January 1, 2017.

MCPS thinks they will be able to mitigate community concerns with "big fences and landscaping."

Media Coverage: <http://www.bethesdamagazine.com/Bethesda-Beat/Web-2016/Board-of-Education-Will-Ask-County-to-Delay-Moving-Shady-Grove-Bus-Depot/>

What We Need To Do

- **Continue Collecting Signatures-** increase our tallies, please sign if you haven't already
- **Continue Raising Awareness-** post flyers, updates, link to/share our Facebook page, add email addresses to our Carver School Coalition Distribution List
- **Demand that the Montgomery County Executive and County Council remove Carver from the list of solutions to the depot relocation and approve the BOE request to extend the County's deadline for closing the existing depot until a full and better solution is found- write letters!**
- **Exercise Your Vote! Make your opinion heard.**