

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

SUBJECT: ***Status Report***

DATE: January 31, 2013

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1. Speed Signs

The Streets Division is tasked with purchasing three (3) additional speed signs as designated in the Equipment Acquisition and Replacement portion of the Budget. The Public Works Department located a contract, on which the City can piggyback, with Anne Arundel County for delivery of Safe Pace 600 speed signs from Traffic Logix Corporation of Spring Valley, NY at a cost of \$5,400 each. These signs are similar to the speed signs currently being used. The total cost of the three signs, plus delivery is \$16,575, which is well within the budgeted amount of \$30,000.

As provided by Section 62 of the City Charter, this will serve as the required seven (7) day notice of intent to issue a purchase order with Traffic Logix Corporation for a total amount of \$16,575.

2. WMATA Transit System Evaluation Study

This week, staff met with the WMATA planning team to discuss their Service Evaluation Study for the B-routes, which serve the portion of the City located between Bowie Town Center and points north (all the way to Bowie State University and Crofton). The evaluation will include public involvement and reviews of capacity, productivity, reliability and quality of service. The study schedule includes a public outreach meeting at the Bowie Senior Center on March 21st and a briefing of City Council on April 15th. A ridership survey is now underway and a focus group meeting for transit users is scheduled for February. This is a long-awaited opportunity to improve overall transit service in the community. WMATA officials commented that the City's recent correspondence with the WMATA General Manager Richard Sarles appears to have added some impetus for them doing the Service Evaluation Study. (A similar study was completed last summer for the Central Avenue routes, including the C-28 and C-29 routes through Bowie.) Information on the WMATA studies can be found at www.metrobus-studies.com.