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Some things you should know about the Corridor Cities Transitway (CCT)

1. The CCT is not a bad project but it is being used by Johns Hopkins and the other developers as an excuse to add 50,000 more people to an already-congested area around Shady Grove Hospital and Belward Farm.
2. When each segment of the CCT is built, additional density will be available to the developers through the master plan staging requirements.
3. The Gaithersburg West Master Plan (aka the Great Seneca Science Corridor plan) proposes 17.5 million square feet of commercial space and 9 million square feet of residential space on about one and a half square miles.
4. 26.5 million square feet of space is equivalent in size to FOUR PENTAGONS between Shady Grove and Muddy Branch Roads, five miles from the nearest Metro station.
5. The CCT is projected to carry only 12% to 15% of the additional people leaving over 40,000 more people in their cars on the roads.
6. To accommodate 40,000 more cars, the plan calls for widening the roads to six- and eight-lanes with twelve- to sixteen-lane multilevel highway interchanges, many of which will be adjacent to residential neighborhoods.
7. The proposed CCT alignment across Belward Farm will compromise the historic property and cause pedestrian and automobile havoc at the corner of Muddy Branch Road and Great Seneca.
8. Neighborhoods along the CCT route, including Mission Hill and Washingtonian Woods could face the addition of railroad bridges, gates and horns.
9. The additional infrastructure required to handle the incoming hordes will cost up to \$2 billion.
10. The traffic is projected to move at an average of 9 to 11 mph on roads now posted at 50 mph even after the CCT is built, the roads are widened and the interchanges have been constructed.
11. The county execs assure us the infrastructure will be built to carry the additional people but the infrastructure "improvements" will wreck the neighborhoods and the overwhelming congestion will pollute the air and water.
12. The infrastructure required for four Pentagons would far exceed the capacity of the roads and the CCT. Using the CCT as an excuse to add 50,000 people is simply absurd.
13. **The CCT should not be funded** until a comprehensive, accurate traffic analysis is completed and Montgomery County develops a rational approach to additional development that will protect existing neighborhoods and historic properties.

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