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## **Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce Applauds Gov. O'Malley's Investment In Purple Line**

ROCKVILLE, MD – The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce applauds Gov. Martin O'Malley and Transportation Secretary John Porcari for their inclusion of \$100 million in this year's state budget to fund the final design and preliminary engineering of the Purple Line.

"The Purple Line is vital to relieve East-West traffic congestion and spur economic growth in southern Montgomery County," said Edward Hall Asher, Chairman of the Chamber's Board of Directors and President and COO of The Chevy Chase Land Co. "The Governor's investment in the Purple Line will improve traffic flow and improve our quality of life."

"We're glad to see the Purple Line taking the next step toward completion," said Georgette "Gigi" Godwin, Chamber President and CEO. "While there is still a long way to go, including obtaining Federal funding, it is reassuring to the business community to see our elected officials making the necessary investments in infrastructure to ensure a vibrant economy."

### **About the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce**

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce serves its business membership by providing members with the opportunity to connect with one another and by advocating for an improved local and Maryland-wide business climate through effective legislative and political action.

The Chamber has more than 600 business members, ranging from Fortune 500 multinationals to sole proprietorships. The current Chairman of the Board is Edward Hall Asher, President and COO of the Chevy Chase Land Company. For more information about the Chamber, visit <http://www.montgomerycountychamber.com>.