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Montgomery County
Department of Transportation

Leighton Avenue Access Restriction
Under Consideration Public Hearing
April 28, 2025

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Leighton Ave at Franklin Ave



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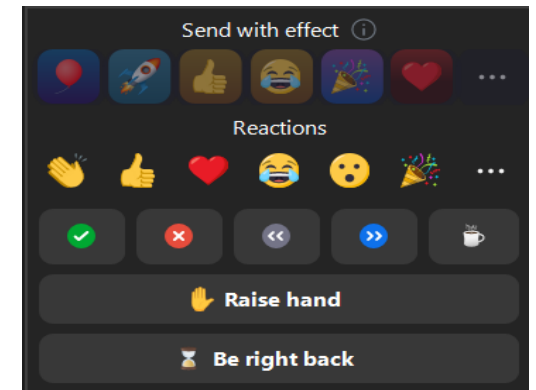
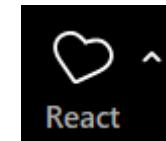
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• Zoom Meeting Controls

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PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Hearing held pursuant to Executive Regulation 17-94AM, Through Traffic Volume Access Restrictions in Residential Areas.

- Obtain testimony regarding the potential project
- Comments/testimony should be focused entirely on the Leighton Avenue Access Restriction Under Consideration
- All interested persons are entitled to be heard at this hearing; however, the testimony portion of this hearing is not a forum for dialogue, questions and answers, or cross examination.
- Public Hearing will be posted on the project website:
www.Montgomerycountymd.gov/Leighton



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PUBLIC HEARING RECORD

The Public Hearing Record will remain open for 30 days to allow any person an opportunity to have their comments included.

Written Testimony carries the same weight as Oral Testimony.

Official Closing Date for Comments and Testimony

Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Submissions can be made via email:

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WHAT'S NEXT?

Once the Hearing Record closes, the County Executive will issue a Statement of Decision. The Statement of Decision will be communicated to all who have engaged in this process.

Based on the information received during the hearing process the executive may revise the plan.



The representative of residents along Leighton Avenue has requested that Access to Leighton Avenue from Franklin Avenue be Restricted.

Why is the
Access
Restriction
Under
Consideration?





FIGURE 2: LOCATION MAP (NOT TO SCALE)



MCDOT will ask the applicant to petition the residents of the area where the access restriction plan will be implemented before it is implemented.

To adopt the plan, a signature on the petition from a simple majority of households (one adult per household) within the area must be received.

Implementation Petition



To determine whether Leighton Avenue met the eligibility criteria set in the regulation, MCDOT conducted a number of studies including:

1. Determine Roadway Classification

2. Conduct Traffic volume Count

3. Conduct License tag survey sample

4. Look at Impact on roadway network

5. Determine Access restriction to be considered

Eligibility



Access volume restrictions are limited to tertiary, secondary, and primary residential streets.

Leighton Avenue near Franklin Avenue is classified as a secondary residential roadway and is a candidate for access restriction.

No. 1 Roadway Classification



No. 2

Measured Traffic Volumes

Leighton Avenue is a 24-foot-wide roadway with on-street parking allowed on both sides. It has one unobstructed travel lane serving both directions. For access restriction, the measured traffic volumes must exceed 100 total two-way vehicles per hour. A traffic volume count was conducted during peak hours on January 30, 2025.

Leighton Avenue Traffic Volume between Colesville Road (MD 29) and Franklin Avenue		
	AM	PM
Eastbound	149	80
Westbound	36	54
Total	185	134



No. 3 Estimated Non-Local Traffic -or- Cut-Through Traffic

Non-local or cut-through traffic is through traffic diverted from arterial streets onto local residential streets to avoid congestion and/or longer trips, with both an origin and destination external to the neighborhood.



For Access Restriction to be considered, the Non-Local traffic should exceed 50% of total traffic.



A license tag survey was conducted on Leighton Avenue between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. A total of 118 license plates collected.



46 license plates, or 39%, originated from within the 3/4-mile boundary. 72 license plates, or 61%, of vehicles had originated from outside the 3/4-mile boundary.



No. 4. Impact on Roadway Network



Intersection	Level of Service	
	Existing Condition	Diverted Traffic (Evening)
Leighton Ave at Colesville Rd	A	B
Franklin Ave at Colesville Rd	B	C
Leighton Ave at Franklin Ave	A	A

Intersection Level of Service:

A – Very Low Delay

B – Short Delay

C – Significant number of vehicles stopping

D – Congestion is Noticeable

E – Moderate to Excessive Delay

F – Excessive Delay

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4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
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Community Discussion Paper

A community discussion paper was prepared and submitted to the representative of residents along Leighton Avenue as well as posted to the project website.

The representative of residents along Leighton Avenue reviewed the paper and approved the plan.



Community Assessment

The main purpose of the community assessment is ensuring public disclosure and access to information

We posted signs on Franklin Avenue at Leighton Avenue with information about the access restriction under consideration





NOTICE

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7:00 AM – 9:00 AM

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Right Turn Restriction

Westbound Franklin Avenue to Leighton Avenue

For More Info or to Provide Input

Montgomerycountymd.gov/Leighton

240-777-2190



Public Comment Summary

(4 Total Responses)

**Favor Access
Restriction**

3 or 75%

**No
Objection**

1 or 25%

Oppose Restriction

0 or 0%



1. Concerns with diverted traffic along Worth Avenue

2. Speed Humps installation along Worth Avenue

3. Exempt local traffic

Most comments were received from residents of Worth Avenue.

**Main
Topics
Raised by
Public in
Comments**

Notice of Public Hearing Provided:

**Email Notification
Sent to the
representative of
Leighton Avenue
residents & All
Who Commented**

**Notifying Roadway
Sign Erected in
Community**

**Legal
Advertisement
Published Twice in
the Washington
Times & MCG Press
Release Circulated
Twice**

**Public Hearing &
Registration
Information Posted
to MCDOT's Project
Website**

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Exhibits included in the Public Record:

1. Area Map
2. Implementation Petition
3. Eligibility Studies (Roadway Classification, Traffic Volume Count, License Tag Survey, and Impact on Roadway Network)
4. Community Discussion Paper
5. Montgomery County government press release circulated April 4th and 25th, 2025, and posted to various social media sites, including *NextDoor*, *X*, *Facebook*, *BlueSky*, *Instagram*, *Reddit*, *YouTube*, *Threads*, etc.; The Washington Times newspaper and online advertisement published April 17th and 24th, 2025;
6. Comments & Testimony
7. List of Attendees; to be added following this Public Hearing
8. Hearing Transcript; to be added following this Public Hearing

Project related data and files are on the Project Website: www.Montgomerycountymd.gov/Leighton



Following this Public Hearing . . .

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- ❖ Once the Hearing Record closes, the County Executive will issue a Statement of Decision
- ❖ The Statement of Decision will be communicated to all who have engaged in this process and submitted comments.



Is the Access Restriction Permanent if Approved?

If within 90 days of the permanent installation of the plan, a significant, unexpected problem develops as a direct result of the access restriction, or if at any time a documented safety problem develops, the Division of Traffic Engineering & Operations (DTEO) may suspend the plan and re-open the Access Consideration process. All residents who engaged in this process will be notified via mailed correspondence.

Reassessment

After 3 years, DTEO may reassess, remove, or alter the access restriction. If DTEO decides to reassess, new traffic studies will be conducted and the Access Restriction Under Consideration process will start anew.



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PUBLIC TESTIMONY

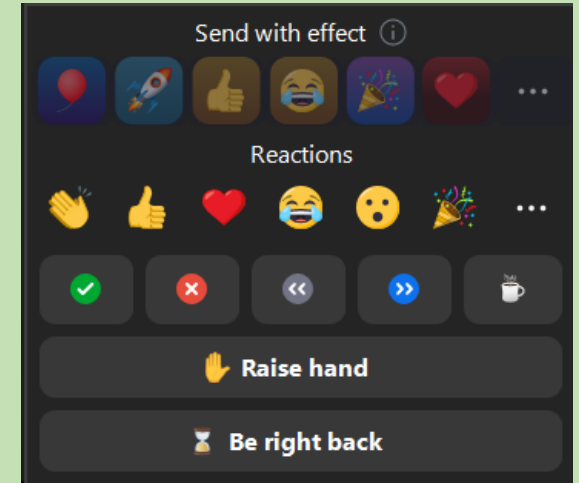
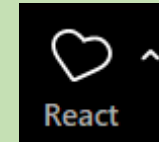
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- We will first call on those who signed up to testify. If you did not sign up, but wish to testify, please use the **“raise hand” feature by clicking “React” on the icon bar at the bottom of your screen and then click “raise hand”**. If you dialed in by **telephone**, press ***9 to raise your hand** and ***6 to unmute** yourself once called on. You will be called on to testify in the order that hands are raised.
- You will be asked to unmute when it is your turn to speak
- **Once given speaking rights, please unmute yourself and clearly provide your name and address for the record prior to beginning your testimony.** Please reserve all questions for the **Question-and-Answer** session following the testimony portion of this hearing.
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Question-and-Answer Session

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 - Email your questions to trafficops@montgomerycountymd.gov



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THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

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For any traffic safety and operational issues along Maryland State roadways, please contact: SHAD3TrafficTeam@mdot.maryland.gov

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