

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **MD 355 Clarksburg Bike path**

Capital Improvement Project No. 501744

November 7, 2018 8:00 p.m.

## **GREETING**

Thank you, Mr. Dorsey. Good evening ladies and gentlemen. My name is Timothy Cupples. I am the Chief of the Division of Transportation Engineering for the Montgomery County Department of Transportation.

The purpose of this evening's public hearing is to present to you a proposal to construct the MD 355 Clarksburg bike path project, located in the Clarksburg planning area within the 2nd (Clarksburg) Election District of Montgomery County, Maryland.

## **PURPOSE AND NEED**

The purpose of this project is to provide a pedestrian and bikeway connection along Frederick Road (MD 355) between Stringtown Road and Snowden Farm Parkway. The project along MD 355 is located in the Clarksburg Historic district. The pedestrian connection at the north end is to the little Bennett Regional Park Trail Connector, a proposed recreational trail by M-NCPPC. The pedestrian connection at the south end is the Frederick Road Bike path, a 10-foot-wide shared use path along western side of Frederick Road that will be constructed by MCDOT under a separate CIP # 501118.

The existing public facilities do not support safe travel for pedestrian, bicyclists, or other non-drivers. The project is an off-road facility with a curb and a green buffer, where ever the space is available, to separate users from vehicular traffic and provide a more protected travel way. In addition, the project will improve access for people walking and bicycling to Clarksburg town center, Clarksburg high school and Little Bennett regional park.

This project also includes stream restoration at south west corner of MD 355 and Clarksburg Road for approximately 400 feet to satisfy storm water management requirements.

## **PROJECT ELEMENTS**

Two displays are provided to aid in the visual description of this project.

## **Display 1**

For orientation purpose, please refer to the first display that shows intersection of the MD 355/ Frederick Road and Clarksburg Road.

This display presents the project plan which proposes the new shared use path along east side of MD-355/ Frederick Road from Snow Snowden Park Drive to approximately 690 feet north of intersection of MD 355/Fredrick Road & Clarksburg Road. The southern portion of the path will be constructed from south of Spire street to the intersection of the Stringtown Road & MD 355/ Fredrick Road. The total length of project is approximately 2, 450 linear feet.

Please note that the central section of proposed path along Frederick Road will be constructed under Clarksburg Road at MD 355 (Intersection Improvements) CIP Project No. 508000.

## **Display 2**

The second display shows the existing and proposed typical sections, for the portions of the path that are both north and south of the intersection at MD 355.

## **COST**

The total cost of the project is currently estimated at \$8,140,000 including engineering, land acquisition, utilities, construction, and construction inspection. County funds will be used for this project. These funds include , \$523,00 in State/Federal- grants match that were used to fund design. It is anticipated that additional State/Federal grants will be pursued to partially fund construction.

## **EXHIBITS**

Several exhibits are incorporated into the public record for your information and consideration.

### **List of Exhibits:**

1. The mailing list of adjacent property owners.
2. Copies of the newspaper and website publication of the hearing notice from
  - (a) the Washington Post issue dates of October 24<sup>th</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

(b) The Montgomery County Website:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dte/index.html>

3. A copy of the project Description Form entitled "MD 355-Clarksburg Shared Use Path- No. 501744" from the Fiscal Year 2019-2024 Capital Improvement Program approved by the County Council
4. Copy of the project construction drawings

The plans showing the proposed work are available for examination in the offices of the Montgomery County Department of Transportation on the fourth floor of the Public Safety Headquarters at 100 Edison Park Drive, Gaithersburg, Maryland.

### **Conclusion**

This project has not been funded for construction however It is anticipated that State/Federal grants will be pursued to partially fund construction of this project.

The current project schedule anticipates the final design to be completed by summer of 2019.

The following project representatives are here with us this afternoon from Montgomery County Department of Transportation: Mr. Dan Sheridan, Ms. Gaila Compton with the Engineering Design Section and Mr. Mark Terry, with Traffic Engineering. In addition, Mr. Mark Bodmann and Mr. Scott Rose from the consultant engineering firm Wallace Montgomery are here as well.

We will all be available to answer questions relating to the engineering, right -of -way acquisition process after this meeting.

This concludes the presentation of the project description by the Department of Transportation. I will now turn the hearing back to Mr. Dorsey, Thank you.