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VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING
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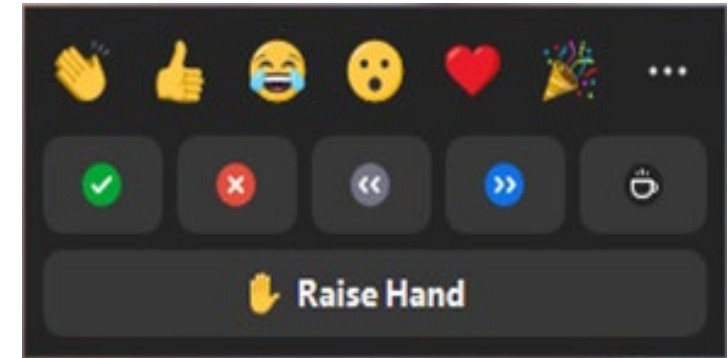
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Zoom Meeting Controls

- All microphones have been muted and cameras turned off.
- **To reduce the bandwidth of tonight's meeting, please do not turn on your video camera.**
- Following tonight's presentation, you will have the opportunity to provide testimony. There will also be a Question-and-Answer session after the testimony portion if time allows. Please wait until the presentation ends to raise your hand to testify or ask a question. Alternatively, you may type your question into the chat box any time during tonight's hearing.
- To raise your hand following the presentation, please click on the "Reactions" icon at the bottom of your screen, and then click "Raise Hand."
- If you called into tonight's meeting via telephone, press *9 to raise your hand and *6 to unmute yourself.



PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Hearing held pursuant to Section 49-53 of the Montgomery County Code

- Obtain testimony regarding the potential project
- Comments/testimony should be focused entirely on the Hallowell Community Sidewalk Proposal
- 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.

Recorded Public Hearing will be posted on The Sidewalk Program website:

<https://montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dte/sidewalk/OldBaltimoreRd.html>



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PUBLIC HEARING RECORD

The Public Hearing Record will remain open for four weeks 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
Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Submissions can be made via email:
Lori.Main@montgomerycountymd.gov



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WHAT'S NEXT?

Written Testimony carries the same weight as oral testimony.

**Deadline for Comments:
Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.**

**You may email submissions to:
Lori.Main@montgomerycountymd.gov**

Once the Record closes, Hearing Officer Jose Thomanna will thoroughly review the full Hearing Record, including all testimony, comments and exhibits, and make his Recommendations to the Director of MCDOT, Christopher Conklin. Notifying correspondence will be mailed to you once a decision has been made.





Hallowell Community Sidewalk Proposal

New Sidewalk



Existing Sidewalk

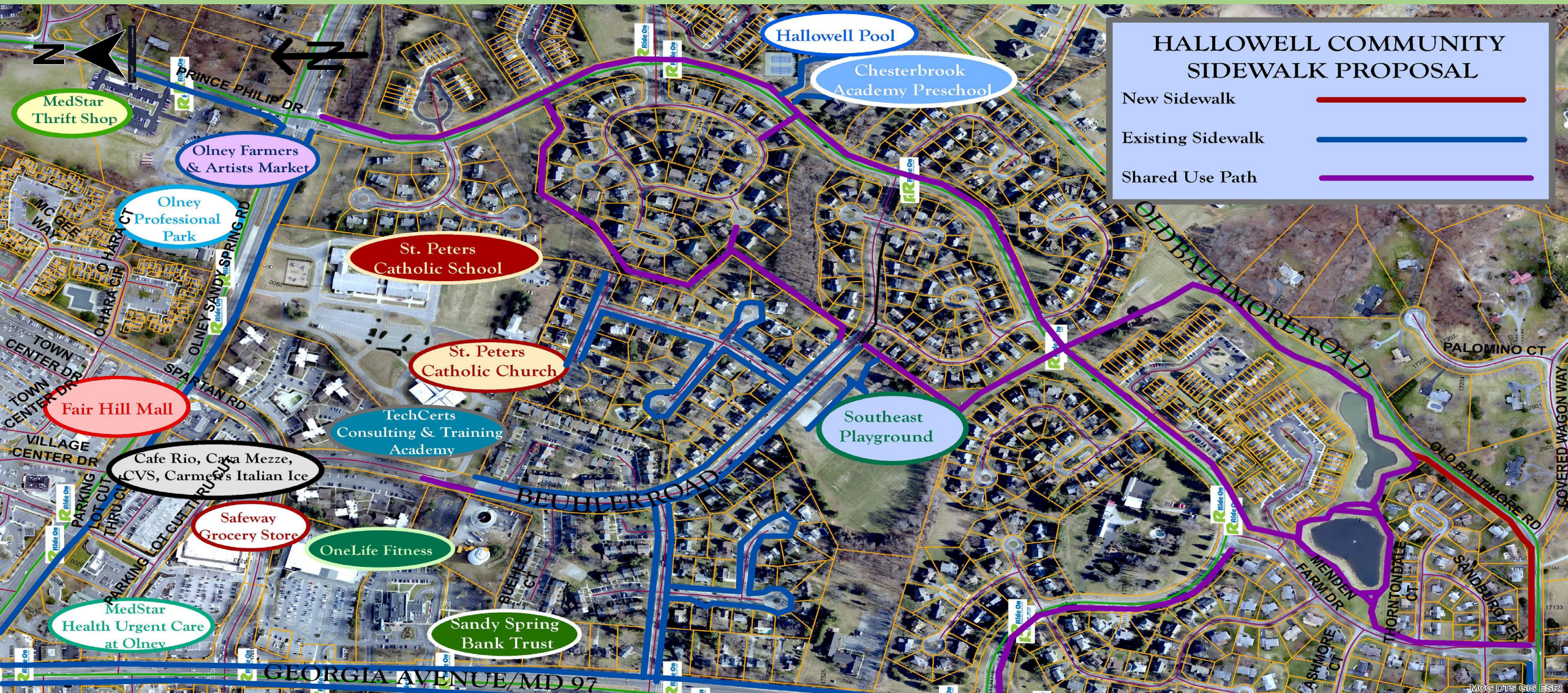


Asphalt Path



HALLOWELL COMMUNITY SIDEWALK PROPOSAL – Display A2

Total Linear Feet: 1,439



Display B

Cross-Section of Old Baltimore Road

Old Baltimore Road has 50-feet of total public right of way. The roadway is 21-foot-wide, leaving 29-feet of total available right of way or 14.5-feet of right of way on each side of the road.



0 to 3-foot variable
Greenspace

5-foot-wide Concrete
Sidewalk



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PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

- MCDOT evaluates requests for pedestrian facilities based on their ability to serve a public use and enhance public safety.
- Sidewalk Program Goal: To remove pedestrians from the path of vehicular traffic and create a separation between the pedestrian and the roadway, setting up the infrastructure to promote walking to short distance destinations and public transportation in furtherance of the County's Climate Action Plan.
- Sidewalks will connect to existing network of sidewalks and provide safer pedestrian access to schools, public transportation and other pedestrian attractions.



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TREE REMOVAL & REPLACEMENT

- The removal of 0 trees is anticipated to facilitate the construction of sidewalks. One tree will be removed due to poor condition and extensive trunk decay.
- 3 trees will be planted for every 1 tree removed or **3 trees will be planted back into the public right of way** on Old Baltimore Road.
- Placement of the trees is selected by the County Arborist.
- The Tree Protection Report can be downloaded from the Sidewalk Program website:
<https://montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dte/sidewalk/OldBaltimoreRd.html>
- Residents may request a tree be planted on private property via the TreeMontgomery.org website.



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COSTS & ASSESSMENTS

- The estimated cost for installing the Hollowell community sidewalk is approximately \$172,680. Costs include construction, inspection, and administrative costs.
- Funding for this project will be provided under the County's Sidewalk Program, CIP No. 0506747
- Although sidewalk installation is statistically proven to augment property values, there are no properties considered to be specially benefited by the proposed improvement. Therefore, no properties are expected to be assessed.



HALLOWELL COMMUNITY SIDEWALK PROPOSAL PUBLIC RECORD

- Exhibits included in the Public Record:
 1. Office of Management & Budget; Annual Sidewalk Program Minor Projects P506747
 2. Project Vicinity Maps (2) – Hallowell Community Sidewalk Proposal
 3. Public Right of Way Construction Impacts
 4. Arborist's Tree Protection Report
 5. Montgomery County government press release circulated November 30th and December 6th, 2022; Washington Times newspaper and online advertisement circulated November 30th and December 5th, 2022; and *Go Montgomery!* Newsletter circulated December 1st, 2022.
 6. Comments Supporting the proposed sidewalks
 7. Comments Opposing the proposed sidewalks
 8. Written Testimony received prior to this public hearing.
 9. List of Attendees; to be added following this Public Hearing
 10. Hearing Transcript; to be added following this Public Hearing
- Project related data and files are on the Sidewalk Program's Website:
<https://montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dte/sidewalk/OldBaltimoreRd.html>



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If the Hallowell community sidewalk proposal is approved and authorized, construction is anticipated to take 2 to 3 weeks, weather permitting, during the Spring or Summer of 2023.



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PUBLIC TESTIMONY

- Cameras and microphones have been turned off to reduce the bandwidth of the meeting
- Verbal Testimony
 - 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 “Reactions” 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 unmuted 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.**
- Written Testimony will be considered with the same weight as oral testimony and can be submitted via email to Lori.Main@montgomerycountymd.gov or via regular mail: Sidewalk Program, ATTN: Lori Jean Main, 100 Edison Park Drive, 4th Floor, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878



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QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

- Cameras and microphones have been turned off to reduce the bandwidth of the meeting
- To ask a Question
 - Raise your hand by clicking “Reactions” icon at the bottom of your screen and then “raise hand,” or by pressing *9 on your telephone keypad and then *6 when asked to unmute. You will be called on to ask your question in the order that hands are raised; or
 - Type your question into the chat. If time does not allow for all questions to be answered during this evening’s hearing, all questions in the chat will be answered via email in the days to come;
 - Email your questions to Planning Specialist, Lori Jean Main, via email at Lori.Main@montgomerycountymd.gov



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