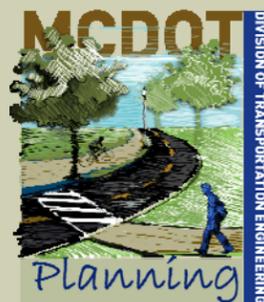




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Tuckerman Lane Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements Facility Planning Study in Progress

The safe and efficient accommodation of pedestrians and cyclists on public road facilities is just as important as accommodating cars and vehicles. The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) believes sidewalks and bike facilities enrich the livability of a community and serve as critical links in the transportation network by providing pedestrian and bicycle access to neighborhoods, transit, commercial districts, schools, parks and other recreation areas.

Accordingly, MCDOT's Division of Transportation Engineering (DTE) initiated a Facility Planning, Phase I Study to evaluate the need for sidewalks and bike facilities along Tuckerman Lane from Gainsborough Road to Old Georgetown Road (MD 187).

The Tuckerman Lane Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements was initiated as a result of requests from Congressman Chris Van Hollen, Councilmember Roger Berliner, Windermere Community, and Luxmanor Citizens Association for a safe pedestrian link between existing sidewalks in the study area.

TUCKERMAN LANE

Tuckerman Lane, from Gainsborough Road to Old Georgetown Road approximately 2.7 miles, is an undivided two-lane two-way roadway with a posted speed limit of 35 mph. The roadway is located in a primarily residential community in Potomac and North Bethesda, consisting of mainly low-density

single family homes, some medium-density residential townhomes, Cabin John Regional Park, Tilden Woods Stream Valley Park, and Cabin John Mall. There is limited pedestrian connectivity in select locations and no marked or signed bike facilities along the corridor. Bus stops are located throughout the study area, served by RideOn Route 37. I-270 spans over Tuckerman Lane near the middle of the study area. Cabin John Creek, Old Farm Creek and Snakeden Branch either cross or run adjacent to Tuckerman Lane.

MASTER PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

Tuckerman Lane, from Gainsborough Road to Old Georgetown Road, is identified in the 2002 Potomac Subregion Master Plan and 1992 North Bethesda/Garrett Park Master Plan as a two-lane undivided arterial (A-71). The 2005 Countywide Bikeways Functional Master Plan proposes bike route BL-23 with on-street bike lanes or shared roadway along the corridor.

PUBLIC MEETING

This newsletter is to provide a brief overview of this project and to invite you to attend the public meeting where you can learn more information regarding this project and provide us with your input.

TUCKERMAN LANE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS PUBLIC MEETING

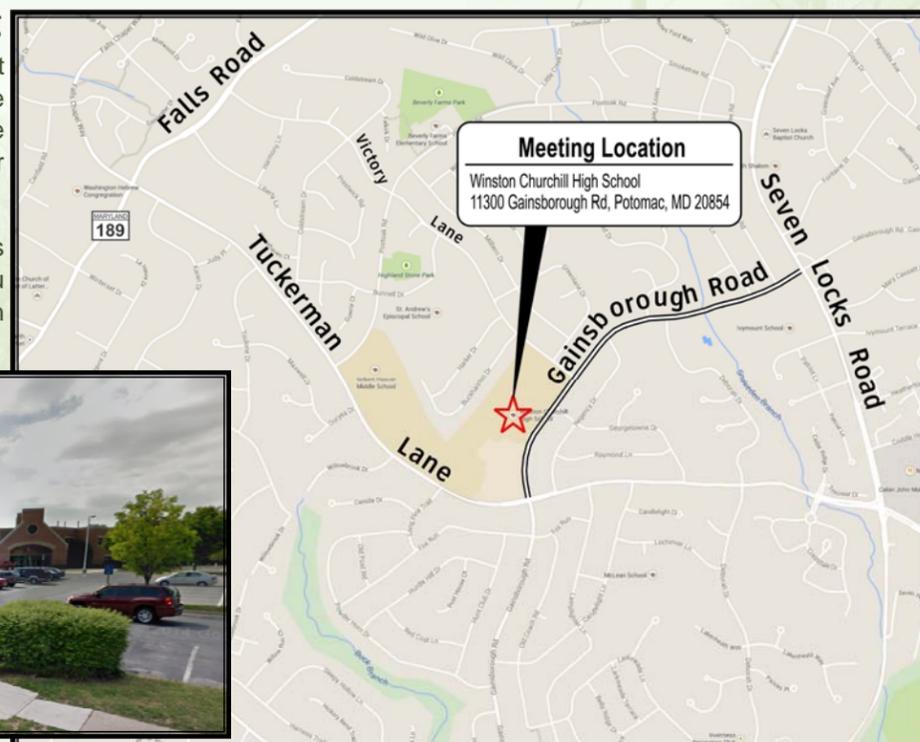
April 30, 2015
 7:15 PM - 9:15 PM

Winston Churchill High School, Cafeteria
 11300 Gainsborough Road, Potomac, MD 20854

Directions to the Public Meeting

Winston Churchill High School is located at 11300 Gainsborough Road in Potomac. The parking lots can be accessed through the driveway entrances on Gainsborough Road or Victory Lane.

The meeting will be held in the school's cafeteria. Signs will be provided to direct you to the cafeteria from the school's main entrance.



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TUCKERMAN LANE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS, FACILITY PLANNING STUDY - PHASE I

Public input is the key to an effective planning process.
Let MCDOT hear from you!

For more information, please contact Greg Hwang - Project Manager
Phone: 240. 777. 7279 Email: Greg.Hwang@montgomerycountymd.gov
Project Website: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dte/projects/tuckermanlane/index.html>



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why is it important for me to attend this meeting?

MCDOT believes that public input is the key to an effective planning process because it allows the Study Team and decision makers to understand the needs of the community. The public meeting will also allow you to learn more about the project and provide an opportunity to voice your concerns.

What should I expect at the public meeting?

At the public meeting you will get an opportunity to meet the representatives from different agencies who are a part of the Study Team. Displays will be arranged where you can learn about the Facility Planning process and the need of the project. You may ask questions of the Study Team and offer any suggestions that would meet the objectives of the project.



What if I cannot attend the meeting? Is there any other way I can be certain that you will receive my input?

We certainly understand that your schedule may not permit you to attend the public meeting. After the public meeting, the meeting materials will be available on the project website at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dte/projects/tuckermanlane/index.html>. You will have two weeks (through **May 14, 2015**) to submit any comments. MCDOT encourages you to stay involved! You may forward comments to MCDOT by:

- The attached postage-paid Public Comments Form;
- Regular mail to the Project Manager, Greg Hwang at 100 Edison Park Drive, 4th Floor, Gaithersburg, MD 20878; and
- E-mail to Greg.Hwang@montgomerycountymd.gov

What is Facility Planning?

Facility Planning for transportation improvements is an evaluation process that furnishes design plans which are approximately 35% complete. It is managed in two phases. Phase I addresses two essential questions:

- What will the improvements be?
- Why are the improvements necessary?

Phase II addresses:

- How will the improvements be implemented?
- How long will the design/construction take?
- How much will the improvements cost?

Components of both Phases I and II provide enough information for elected officials to determine whether or not the project is justified to be fully funded for design and construction.



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MCDOT WANTS YOUR FEEDBACK

The MCDOT encourages you to provide your comments on the postage-paid Public Comments Form included with this newsletter. You may also e-mail your comments directly to the project manager at: Greg.Hwang@montgomerycountymd.gov. Public input is the key to an effective planning process. It allows decision makers and elected officials to understand the concerns of the community. Once they are received, your comments become part of the public records. Additionally, your comments may be included and/or summarized in the Tuckerman Lane Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements Project Prospectus and other project documents. Due to the high volume of comments we receive, we regret that we are unable to respond to each inquiry. The MCDOT thanks you in advance for taking the time to provide your written comments and/or e-mail and assures you that all comments will be read and evaluated.

What stage is the Tuckerman Lane Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements Project?

The Tuckerman Lane Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements Project is in Phase I of the Facility Planning Process, which is the beginning of the analysis. Phase I generally involves:

1. Collecting background data, reviewing Master Plans and identifying pending developments within the project limits;
2. Obtaining public input;
3. Developing concept plans (15% design);
4. Preparing preliminary cost estimates; and
5. Selecting a Recommended Alternative.

What happens after this public meeting?

Your comments and concerns will be taken into consideration as the Study Team develops alternatives and concepts. The concept that best addresses the project's purpose and need and the concerns of the community will be selected as the Recommended Alternative. A newsletter informing the community of the Recommended Alternative will be mailed to those on the project's public mailing list.

Who receives this newsletter?

The newsletter is mailed to Home Owner Associations representing the subject Study Area and property owners directly abutting the subject roadway whose names appear on the County's Geographical Information System (GIS) database. If you would like to receive future newsletters on the Tuckerman Lane Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements Project, MCDOT would be pleased to have your name added to the project's mailing list, please contact the **Project Manager, Greg Hwang**.

The Life of a Transportation Project

FACILITY PLANNING - PHASE I

Collect data, obtain public input, develop concept plans, evaluate and select preferred alignment/cross section. **We are here**

Obtain Director's and Montgomery County Council's Transportation Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee (T&E) approval.

FACILITY PLANNING - PHASE II

Develop preliminary (35% level of completion) design plans, cost estimates and project schedule.

Submit to County Executive and County Council for final decision and construction funding in Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

FINAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

If approved for full funding and is included in CIP, complete final design and construction.

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