

Bike & Pedestrian Safety in Silver Spring & Takoma Park

Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board

Transportation, Energy, & Environment (TREE) Committee

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Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- What we are trying to accomplish and why
- The Bike Master Plan and what it means to the area
- The Pedestrian Master Plan
- Crosswalks
- Open floor for questions and comments from the public

Welcome & Introductions

- Members of the TREE committee
- County employees
- Elected officials
- Other people to be acknowledged

What are we trying to accomplish and why

- The charter of the SSCAB is to advise the County Executive and the County Council
 - To do this, we provide the public with a topic and a forum from which we can draw information and provide informed advice
 - As the urban ring of Montgomery County becomes more bikeable and more walkable, safety becomes a very significant issue
 - Tonight we hope to provide you with some important information and to hear from you about what our message to County government should be

The Bicycle Master Plan (1 of 2) (and what it means to you)

- In 1978 and 2005, the county produced bicycle plans
- The 2018 Bicycle Master Plan was adopted in Nov. 2018
 - The goal of this system is to ensure cyclists of all ages and abilities are comfortable and safe riding to transit stations, employment centers, shops, public facilities and other destinations in Montgomery County. It proposes a new bikeway classification system that organizes bikeways based on their level of separation from traffic. Long-term bicycle parking stations are recommended at all Metrorail Red Line and many MARC Brunswick Line, future Purple Line and Corridor Cities Transitway stations to encourage bicycling to transit.
- Learn more about it and download it from <https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/functional-planning/bicycle-master-plan/>

The Bicycle Master Plan (2 of 2) (and what it means to you)

- <https://mcatlas.org/bikeplan/>
- Online interactive map showing existing and proposed bike lanes
 - 5 different types of lanes
 - Silver Spring and Takoma Park are mostly planned
- We have with us tonight Peter Gray of WABA
- Now hold your bicycle thoughts for a couple of minutes....

Pedestrian Master Plan

October 2019 (Kickoff) – October 2021 (Adoption)

Main Plan Elements

- Infrastructure Prioritization
- Policy Recommendations
- Design and Accessibility Guidance
- Programming Recommendations

Current efforts

- Vision Zero Crash Analysis
- Existing Conditions Data Collection (MNCPPC/MCDOT)

Getting Involved

- October Kickoff Meetings
 - Existing conditions and Issue Identification
- Additional Opportunities to Come



Crosswalks

- Crosswalks fall into 5 groups:
 - At intersections:
 - Signalized/Beaconed
 - Unsignalized
 - Mid-block crossings
 - Signalized/Beaconed
 - Unsignalized
 - Unmarked crosswalks
- With us tonight is Michael Paylor, chief of Traffic Engineering and Operations for Montgomery County
- We know that many of our crosswalk issues involve state highways and we are working with state officials on these

Open floor / Contact Info

- Questions and Comments from the public on the topics at hand
- Contact
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 - Peter Gray – WABA – peter@waba.org

Next Steps – Follow Up

- SSCAB will send this PPT to all attendees
- Contact info provided
- SSCAB personnel will set up Google Forum to record comments
- We hope you will tell all your neighbors about this
- We will hopefully get lots of input and categorize it
- We will plan to meet again in the winter