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RE: CHRISTOPHER'S CROSSING WIDENING PROJECT PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Minutes from the December 10, 2019 Public Meeting

The purpose of this mailing is to provide the attached meeting minutes from the December 10, 2019 public meeting. Thank you to all of those who attended and provided questions and comments.

For more information, please contact Elbert Maravilla, Project Manager, at 301-600-3511 or email emaravilla@FrederickCountyMD.gov. Thank you for taking the time to attend the informational public meeting of this road improvement project.

By: Frederick County Division of Public Works
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Christopher's Crossing Widening Project Public Meeting Minutes

On Tuesday, December 10, 2019, staff from the Frederick County Office of Transportation Engineering conducted a public meeting concerning the Christopher's Crossing Widening Project.

The meeting began at approximately 7:00 pm and was held at the Bourne Building, 355 Montevue Lane, Frederick, Maryland. There were approximately 37 people in attendance from the community. The following were in attendance representing Frederick County government:

Division of Public Works:

Elbert Maravilla, Project Manager	(301) 600-3511
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Ian Selock, Engineer	(301) 600-1806
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Questions regarding the Christopher's Crossing Widening project should be directed to Elbert Maravilla, Office of Transportation Engineering, at (301) 600-3511 or email emaravilla@FrederickCountyMD.gov.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide a project overview, construction schedule, and opportunity from residents along Christopher's Crossing to ask questions and voice their concerns.

Attendees started to arrive around 6:30 PM. County staff was positioned around the room to welcome citizens and have them sign-in and take handouts. The formal presentation began shortly after 7:00 PM. Elbert Maravilla opened with introductions of staff and an overview of the road widening project. Elbert and their engineering consultant, A Morton Thomas & Associates (AMT) then presented a number of slides detailing each of the project contact information, project overview, design concepts, and project schedule. After the presentation was completed, time was allowed for questions and general comments from the group. Following the general question and comment portion of the meeting, staff was made available to answer any additional individual questions. The meeting concluded shortly after 8:00 PM.

Please see the following pages for questions and comments that were asked during the Public Meeting.

Questions and Comments

The summary of questions and comments includes questions discussed at the Public Meeting. Questions that pertained to the same issue were grouped together and may have been edited or reworded for clarity. Answers follow each question.

A. General Project Questions/Concerns

- 1. There are line of sight issues and speeding cars on Christopher's Crossing, making it unsafe when going into traffic.**

As part of the design process, we will be looking into all aspects of road design to ensure we follow guidelines from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Geometric Design of Highways and Streets. We will also evaluate existing conditions to determine if any interim solutions to these issues are feasible.

- 2. We recommend using stop signs in residential intersections for pedestrian safety.**

The County will conduct a warrant analysis to determine the feasibility of 4-way stops on the intersections for existing conditions.

- 3. There are drainage issues along the Fox Hunt Lane area.**

Drainage problems along Christopher's Crossing will be addressed in the design and development of the storm water systems and will be coordinated with the planned Clover Hill Drainage Improvements capital improvement program project which is currently in the study phase. This CIP project will increase drainage system capacity and reduce flooding in the Clover Hill neighborhood.

- 4. Who will shovel snow on the new sidewalk and multi-use path?**

According to current Frederick County Code 1-15-4, the adjoining land owner is responsible for maintaining such sidewalk in good repair, including snow removal. However, we understand the concerns about the wide trail and those portions of sidewalks that are difficult to access for adjoining land owners. Public Works will coordinate with the appropriate County officials to address this concern.

5. Will there be 2 lanes on the Yellow Spring roundabout?

Yes, the existing one lane roundabout will be upgraded to two lanes.

6. Will there be streetlights installed on the new roadway?

No. The County has no plans to construct streetlights as part of this project. The County, with a few rare exceptions for locations with substandard road geometry, does not typically install or maintain streetlights.

7. Can you put restrictions on big trucks using Christopher's Crossing?

The County does not intend to restrict any Maryland legal vehicles from using Christopher's Crossing.

8. Who do we contact to request the installation of stop signs on residential intersections?

In general, these requests can be made to our Traffic and Permit section (301)600-2930 or through our [Work Request System](#). For the Christopher's Crossing Project, you can contact the project manager, Elbert Maravilla. As noted earlier, we will assess the intersections and install additional signs if warranted.

9. When will the roundabout at Poole Jones Road open?

According to the City of Frederick, it is expected to re-open January 2020.

10. Will the trees be cut down due to the road widening project?

We are in the early stages of design and, at this point, we cannot determine for certain which trees, if any, will need to be cut down. As the design develops and potential impacts are identified, we will meet with impacted property owners to determine what mitigation solutions are available.

11. Vehicles entering the existing roundabout at Christopher's Crossing and Yellow Springs Road are not yielding to traffic in the circle. Can additional signage be added to this intersection to instruct drivers on who has the right of way?

We will review the existing conditions and applicable design standards to determine if additional signs at this intersection are necessary.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Public Meeting. We appreciated you taking the time to let us know your thoughts. Public announcements will be made for the next upcoming public meeting sometime next year.

As always, please feel free to contact Elbert Maravilla regarding this project, (301) 600-3511 or emaravilla@FrederickCountyMD.gov.

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