

MEETING MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING: March 28, 2019

LOCATION AND TIME: City of Seat Pleasant Activity Center
5720 Addison Road, Seat Pleasant, MD 20743
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

REFERENCE: Martin Luther King Jr. Highway (MD 704) – City of Seat Pleasant Streetscape Enhancement

SUBJECT: Community Meeting

STV PROJECT NO.: 4019579

PURPOSE

The purpose of this meeting was to introduce the project to the community, share the project team’s findings to date, share precedents for transportation improvements that might occur in the area and receive input and feedback regarding community desires, opportunities and potential recommendations.

MEETING SUMMARY

The following was discussed according to the agenda of the meeting:

1. Team Introductions & Roles

- a. The project team was introduced to the community in the following order:
 - i. City of Seat Pleasant
 - ii. Prince George’s County Planning Department
 - iii. State Highway Administration
 - iv. STV, Inc.

2. Meeting Goals

- a. The following meeting goals were presented to the community:
 - i. Introduce the Project to the Community
 - ii. Share the findings to date
 - iii. Receive your input and feedback

3. Project Presentation (see PowerPoint for details)

- a. Project Goals
- b. Scope and Work Plan
- c. Project Limits
- d. Project Considerations
- e. Alternatives Investigated
- f. Recommended Alternative

g. Streetscape Amenities

4. Questions

- a. After the presentation the floor was open to questions from the Community. The following questions and responses were discussed:
- i. What is wrong with Martin Luther King Jr. Highway today that necessitates this project?
 1. Fred Shaffer responded that an important goal of the project is pedestrian and bicyclist safety. Improvements are required to help reduce pedestrian and bicyclist crashes in Prince George's County.
 - ii. What stormwater management improvements are proposed?
 1. Seth Young responded that in addition to the necessary modifications to the existing drainage system to accommodate the curb extensions, the micro-bioretenion facilities will provide additional storm water management and treatment above what is most likely required. There is potential for this additional treatment to be used for credit on future projects which may encourage development.
 - iii. Where is the funding for this project coming from?
 1. Fred Shaffer responded that the funds may come from various sources including Federal and State grants. These grants will most likely require a small percentage of local funding from the City.

5. Working Groups

- a. The Community and Team Members moved to the following four separate stations with roll plots, typical sections, comment pads and streetscape amenity photos:
- i. Eastern Avenue to Addison Road North
 - ii. Addison Road North to 65th Avenue
 - iii. 65th Avenue to Greig Street/Cabin Branch Drive
 - iv. Greig Street/Cabin Branch Drive to Booker Drive
- b. The following comments are noted from the Working Groups:
- i. Would like to see bus shelters lighted and covered.
 - ii. Please address concerns about security, cameras, abuse
 1. Seat Pleasant Police role
 2. Prince George's County Police role
 - iii. Can charging benches be solar powered?
 - iv. Park & Planning is not taking care of their property at 829 Carrington Avenue (Eunice Barner)
 - v. Add blinking light stop signs
 - vi. Alternate parking and travel lanes with rush hour traffic.
 - vii. Include a beautification plan
 - viii. The corridor should be well lit
 - ix. Include lighting USB benches

- x. Include more bus stop amenities
- xi. Reduce trees in median to improve sight distance
- xii. Ideas to fund maintenance:
 - 1. Lease space for cell phone towers to pay for ongoing cost and maintenance of streetscape.
- xiii. Include planters and flower beds for beautification
- xiv. Local businesses Adopt-A-Spot for maintenance
- xv. More realistic amenities
- xvi. Amenities near hot spots
- xvii. Weather protection for bus stops
- xviii. Carrington Avenue is out of scope. How can we benefit from nearby improvement concepts? Do we have to wait for the next improvement concept/plan?
- xix. Several community members identified areas where ponding is occurring which may require drainage improvements including:
 - a. Southeast corner of the intersection with Cabin Branch Drive
- xx. Community members expressed concern with sight distance for turning movements from stop-controlled roadways intersecting Martin Luther King Jr. Highway. The community stated that the planted medians install in the MDSHA Safety and Resurfacing Project (PG6995176) block sight distance to turn onto Martin Luther King Jr. Highway
- xxi. SHA stated that the parking spaces must be 8' wide.
- xxii. Eastern Avenue to Addison Road North
 - 1. Nice amenities
 - 2. Moving in the right direction
 - 3. Good to protect bicyclists and pedestrians
 - 4. This is good for senior citizens
 - 5. Beautify the entrance to Seat Pleasant
 - 6. Encourage everyone to walk or bike
 - 7. Like the bio-retention but it must be maintained
- xxiii. 65th Avenue to Greig Street/Cabin Branch Drive
 - 1. Sight distance is limited for vehicles turning left from 69th Place

ACTION ITEMS WITH FOLLOW-UP:

- 1. STV will review the Community Meeting comments with M-NCPPC to identify any necessary revisions to the recommended alternative.
- 2. STV will prepare the 30% Design Plans, Report and Construction Cost Estimate.