MEETING AGENDA

• Plan Background and Context
• Conceptual Plan Approach and Framework
  • Corridor Wide
  • District Focused
  • Short-Term and Long-Term
• Brief Overview of Staff Recommendations
  • Land Use and Zoning
  • Urban Design
  • Transportation
  • Parks, Trails and Open Spaces
  • Community Facilities
  • Environment
• Open House Style Discussions by Topic Area
PLAN AREA TODAY
PLAN BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

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MD 586 / Veirs Mill Road
Bus Rapid Transit Study

September 2016
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

• Community Meetings:
  • 2/22: Community Kick-Off Meeting
  • 3/29: Visioning / Community Priorities
  • 5/15: Recreation, Parks and Potential Development
  • 10/4: Plan Vision and Approach
  • 10/24: Veirs Mill Vision Zero Initiative

• Neighborhood Events:
  • Stoneymill Square Outreach
  • Taste of Wheaton
  • Wheaton North Event
  • Viers Mill Baptist Church Carnival
  • Holiday Park Outreach
  • National Night Out
  • Connecticut Avenue Civic Association
  • Wheaton Arts Parade and Festival
PLAN BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT
PLAN APPROACH AND FRAMEWORK
PLAN VISION

• Preserve and strengthen the Veirs Mill Corridor communities by enhancing existing community resources, increasing connectivity and promoting safety in the public realm.
PLAN FRAMEWORK
CONNECTICUT / RANDOLPH DISTRICT
LAND USE AND ZONING RECOMMENDATIONS

• Preserve and maintain residential scale and character

• Retain majority of existing multi-family residential development

• Rezone select properties near the commercial center, Metrorail or future Bus Rapid Transit Stations

• Encourage partnerships to advance neighborhood development and revitalization.
URBAN DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS

• Implement a complete streets approach to create a safe, walkable and bicycle-friendly environment

• Promote short and long-term improvements on commercial properties to create neighborhood serving centers

• Utilize BRT station locations and frontage road areas to enhance neighborhood identity

• Maintain prevailing residential scale, but introduce higher density residential uses at strategic locations to support walkability and transit
TRANSPORTATION RECOMMENDATIONS

• Reduce speed and improve safety for all users of Veirs Mill Road

• Improve connectivity by introducing pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure along Veirs Mill Road and on residential streets which connect to community facilities

• Create new and improve existing pedestrian crossings

• Support existing buses and future bus rapid transit

• Eliminate / modify right-turn lanes, channelized right-turns and double-left turns
PARKS, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE RECOMMENDATIONS

• Improve the visual presence of community destinations (parks, trails, open space and community facilities) through enhanced connections and wayfinding

• Introduce Neighborhood Green Urban Parks with new development at commercial areas and areas near transit

• Redesign Parklawn Local Park to include additional park uses, improve the park frontage, and improve the relationship with Veirs Mill Road

• Improve the Matthew Henson trail crossing and identify opportunities to connect to Matthew Henson State Park from the east
COMMUNITY FACILITIES RECOMMENDATIONS

• Improve connectivity between transit and community facilities

• Provide an improved gateway to the Holiday Park Senior Center

• Expand the services provided at the Holiday Park Senior Center to accommodate activities for youth or other community members
ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS

• Retrofit underutilized right of way and private institutions / commercial properties with stormwater management.

• Integrate innovative stormwater management into design of bus rapid transit lanes and stations.

• Promote transit with improved pedestrian connections.
NEXT STEPS

• January: Planning Board – Preliminary Recommendations
• February: Planning Board – Working Draft of Master Plan
• March: Planning Board Public Hearing
• March - April: Planning Board Worksessions
• April: Approval of Planning Board Draft Master Plan
• June: County Council Public Hearing
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