



Ashton Village Center Implementation Advisory Committee

Meeting: July 15, 2025, 7 PM

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Agenda

- 1) Approve agenda
- 2) Review and approve May 20, 2025, minutes
- 3) Welcome new members
- 4) Elections of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary
- 5) Reorganization of Montgomery Planning and hand-off to East County Division
- 6) Discussion of transportation updates from Aaron Kraut (see next page) on:
 - a. WMATA Elimination of Z2 Route
 - b. Crosswalk at MD 108 at Ashton Club Way/Hidden Garden Lane
 - c. Speeding on MD 650
- 7) 2025-2026 meeting dates [proposed: Sept. 16, Nov. 18, Jan. 20 (MLK day is Jan. 19), Mar. 17, May 19, July 21]
- 8) Any Other Business (AOB)
- 9) Adjourn



July 10, 2025 email from Aaron Kraut, Chief of Staff for Councilmember Dawn Luedtke:

Here are updates on each from Councilmember Luedtke, and I'm happy to discuss in further detail. Unfortunately, I cannot attend the July 15 meeting:

WMATA Elimination of Z2 Route

- See attached a letter Councilmembers Luedtke and Mink sent to WMATA in July 2024 urging them not to eliminate the Z2 route.
- Obviously, WMATA moved forward with the elimination – citing low ridership and as part of their regionwide bus route redesign. Our office has been working directly with Montgomery County Ride On to push for Ride On service in the area to at least partially backfill the service lost by the elimination of the Z2. We do not yet have a concrete way forward from Ride On.
- Advocacy from the AVCIAC could absolutely be helpful to this effort!

MD 108 at Ashton Club Way/Hidden Garden Lane

- In October 2024, Councilmembers Luedtke and Jawando organized an on-site visit and walk-through of MD 108 and nearby crosswalks to Sherwood High School frequented by students. This meeting included community leaders (thank you, Nadine!) and the District 14 State delegation.
- State Highway Administration (SHA) eventually approved a pedestrian-activated Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB), warning signs, geometric improvements, and required ADA improvements at the intersection of MD 108 and Ashton Club Way/Hidden Garden Lane.
- The District 14 State delegation (State Sen. Zucker, Delegates Kaiser, Queen, and Mireku-North) secured funding in the 2025 General Assembly for the project, and there has been work going on behind the scenes with County DOT (in addition to SHA) to expedite the project. We are trying to get the improvements done before the start of the 2025-2026 school year.
- On May 12, 2025 (our last update) we were advised by County DOT (who has been working with SHA) that the SHA design of the project would be completed in 6-9 months. Construction would start shortly thereafter.
- We'll continue pushing SHA, along with County DOT and the District 14 State delegation, to expedite this as much as possible.

Speeding on MD 650

- In April, we received the AVCIAC/community request about speeding concerns on New Hampshire Avenue approaching the MD 108 intersection – and reached out to Montgomery County Police 4D Commander David Smith about enforcement needs. I will ensure we closed the loop on that request with Commander Smith and forward any details on what we learned before next week's AVCIAC meeting.



- There are parts of New Hampshire near MD 108 that have a 30 mph speed limit. This, per the State law, would make these sections eligible for a speed camera, which can be requested through the Police Department here:
<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/pol/howdoi/request-speed-camera.html>

