

RUSTIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

4th Thursday of the month

7:00-9:00 PM



Meeting Notes - Virtual Meeting June 26, 2025

Attendees:

Members:

Sandy Heiler
Mason Hopkins
Barbara Hoover
Aren Johnson
Tom Linthicum
Jamey Pratt, non-voting
Elena Shuvalov
Billy Willard

Guests:

Erin O'Connor, MCG Ethics Commission
John Stuart
Laura Van Etten, Member Emeritus

MCDOT Staff Coordinator: Chris Van Alstyne

MCDOT Executive Administrative Aide: Tawanda Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Action Items

Approval of Agenda

Committee revised agenda to remove 40 Bryant's Nursery Road Access Permit from discussion as the application was withdrawn. Committee members approved the amended agenda.

Approval of Minutes of May 22, 2025, Meeting

Committee members approved the minutes.

Discussion Items

Ethics Training Key Points and Q&A

Erin O'Connor, with the MCG Ethics Commission, presented an abbreviated training course to the committee members, who are deemed public employees.

Discussion of RR and culvert maintenance practices

The Highway Services Division was invited to attend the RRAC meeting to present rustic roads and culvert maintenance practices but were unable to attend. The Committee was briefed on PCI scores and their meaning. The Committee discussed road maintenance, but did not vote on a specific outcome. Staff Coordinator will schedule Highway Services to attend an upcoming meeting to answer outstanding questions and concerns over road and culvert maintenance.

Gregg Road – One-Lane Bridge Sign Request

DOT staff presented concept for a one-lane bridge sign for the small bridge on Gredd Road. RRAC passed motion to abstain from making a recommendation.

Planning Updates

Department is undergoing internal reorganization with some staff possibly to be reassigned roles.

MCDOT Updates & Status of Action Items

- 11750 Stoney Creek issued a letter for the applicant to update the driveway information to the Department of Permitting Services. Tree removal was needed to make sight distances safe for egress and ingress of the driveway.
- Historic wall on Wasche Road has been damaged. The wall is maintained by Maryland Environmental Services, and they are aware of the issue and are hiring a contractor to repair.
- Letter regarding temporary signs to be reviewed by the committee before sending it out.
- Rustic Road Signage to continue once the new fiscal year begins on July 1.

Further Discussion

RRAC brochures are available from Chris in Rockville. For requests regarding road condition repairs, please email at dot.dhs@montgomerycountymd.gov. Asplundh Tree Experts did a great job on Mullinix with tree pruning.

Confirm the date of the next meeting

August 28 is the next meeting date.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.