



Ashton Village Center Implementation Advisory Committee
Meeting: July 15, 2025

Members Present

Amy Medd – Chair
Nadine Mort – Secretary (dropped off meeting before elections due to poor connection)
Marty Blackwood
Leianne Clements
Ali Azimi Bolourian
James Meehan
Randy Nittoli
Jessica Sidar Roth
Kathleen Wheeler

Members Absent

Stephen Faehner

Other Attendees:

Jamey Pratt – Montgomery County Planning Department
Carrie Sanders – Montgomery County Planning Department
Jewru Bandeh - Director of the Montgomery County East County Regional Services Center

Meeting came to order at 7:03

The meeting began with attendees each briefly introducing themselves.

Meeting Agenda and Discussion

1. Approval of Agenda

The committee accepted the agenda without changes

2. Approval of May 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes

The committee reviewed and approved the minutes from the May 20, 2025 meeting. Topics discussed in the previous meeting included crosswalk updates on Route 108, changes to bus routes in Ashton, and a development application near the Sandy Spring store. Jewru informed the group that he has more information regarding the transportation items discussed in May.

3. Welcoming of New Members

New members were welcomed during the introductory part of the meeting.



4. Election of Committee Officers

New officers were elected for the committee:

- Chair: Randy Nittoli
- Vice Chair: Amy Medd
- Secretary: Ali Azimi Bolourian

The nominations were motioned, seconded, and unanimously approved by the committee.

5. Montgomery Planning Reorganization

Carrie Sanders introduced herself as the new liaison from the East County Division. She explained the reorganization of Montgomery Planning, which now places Ashton and Sandy Spring under the East County region. The committee discussed the implications of this change and the importance of continued support for development review and community engagement. Amy mentioned how helpful it was to have Jamey flag development and other activity nearby.

6. Transportation and Safety Updates

Updates were provided on several transportation issues:

- Z2 Bus Route Elimination: Committee members were encouraged to advocate for a replacement Ride On route. Public forums are scheduled to begin in September to support funding in the FY27 budget.
- Crosswalk at Ashton Club Way & Hidden Garden Lane: Approved improvements include pedestrian-activated flashing beacons and geometric upgrades. Target completion is before the 2025–2026 school year.
- Speeding on MD-650 (New Hampshire Ave): Residents raised ongoing concerns. The State Highway Administration is conducting studies and planning improvements. Committee members were encouraged to continue advocacy and share personal experiences.

See Notes below for email from SHA via Jessica discussed during meeting. See meeting agenda for more details.

7. 2025-2026 Meeting Dates

The committee voted to hold at least one in-person meeting per year. The next meeting on September 16, 2025, will be held in person at the East County Regional Services Center. Jamey Pratt was recognized for his contributions and support to the committee.

The committee confirmed the upcoming meeting dates:

- September 16, 2025 (in person)



- November 18, 2025
- January 20, 2026
- March 17, 2026
- May 19, 2026
- July 21, 2026

These dates will be posted on the committee website. The committee will decide in November if the January meeting should be moved due to being the day after a holiday.

8. Any Other Business

The committee discussed potential venues for in-person meetings and the challenges of hybrid meeting formats. The September 16 meeting will be hosted at Jewru's office. The committee also discussed the possibility of using community grants to support meeting logistics and community engagement events.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Notes

Email Jessica Sidar Roth July 13, 2025 and discussed as part of item 6:

RE: MF-A343 MD 650 From MD 108 to Tree Lawn Drive:

Dear Ms. Sidar:

This is in further response to your traffic and safety concerns at the above subject location in Montgomery County. The State Highway Administration (SHA) District Three traffic staff appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance.

In response to your pedestrian and traffic safety concerns, there are upcoming projects planned along MD 650 near MD 108. These projects include significant improvements such as signal upgrades, installation of pedestrian signals, pedestrian-activated warning devices, video detection, lane reconfigurations, new sidewalks and ADA-compliant ramps, construction of a shared-use path, and improvements to signing and pavement markings. The projects are currently in the design phase.

In response to your concern about speeding, please note that illegal driving practices associated with speeding and aggressive driving are best addressed through enforcement. If you observe such behavior, please contact the Montgomery County Police 1D Station, at [240-773-6070](tel:240-773-6070) or via email at 1DCommander@montgomerycountymd.gov and request enforcement. Additionally, speed camera requests are handled by the Montgomery County Automated Traffic Enforcement Unit (ATEU), which can be reached at [240-773-6046](tel:240-773-6046).

Thank you again for sharing your concerns. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at [301-513-7300](tel:301-513-7300) or [1-800-749-0737](tel:1-800-749-0737). We will be happy to assist.



QH/RS/SK

Sincerely,



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