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DOT Develops Preliminary Design for Seven Locks Road Sidewalk & Bikeway Project

Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) is in the process of developing the preliminary design (35%) plans for the Seven Locks Road Sidewalk and Bikeway Project (SLRS&B). The SLRS&B project is currently in Facility Planning Phase 2.

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a brief overview of the project and invite you to attend the SLRS&B public workshop scheduled for:

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The Heights School

Chesterton Hall

10400 Seven Locks Road

Potomac, Maryland 20854

The proposed project will provide pedestrian and bicycle improvements along Seven Locks Road from Montrose Road to Bradley Boulevard. There are existing intermittent pedestrian facilities along this corridor but there are no off-road facilities that meet current County standards. The improvements include a "Dual Bikeway" which provides for both on-road and off-road bicycle facilities.

Improvements include:

- Two 11-foot wide travel lanes plus 5-foot wide bike on-road lanes along both sides of Seven Locks Road;
- An 8-foot off-road shared use bike path on the west side of Seven Locks Road;
- A 5-foot wide sidewalk on the east side of Seven Locks Road;
- An 8-foot off-road shared use path along Montrose Road between Seven Locks Road and the I-270 ramp;
- Northbound and eastbound auxiliary through lanes at the intersection of Seven Locks Road and Tuckerman Lane.

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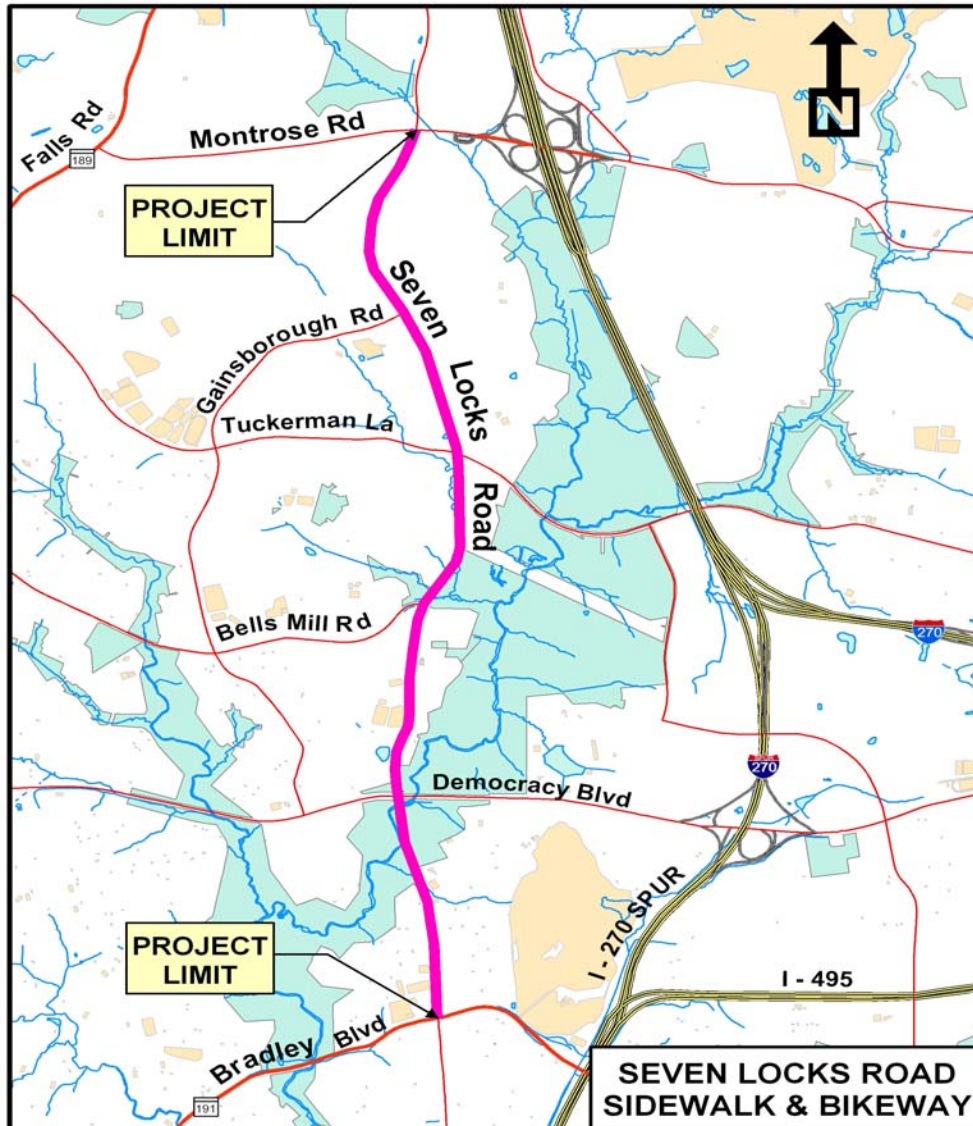
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The Plan Ahead is a project newsletter published by the MCDOT to encourage community participation.

MCDOT completed the Phase I Facility Planning study in 2007. The project is now in Phase II Facility Planning which is scheduled for completion in winter of 2011. DOT recently completed survey work and is moving forward with preliminary engineering.

Seven Locks Road Sidewalk and Bikeway Project Limits



Your Feedback is Important to DOT

MCDOT encourages you to provide your comments on the postage-paid *Projects Comments Form* that is included with this newsletter or you may directly email your comments to:

jon.hutchings@montgomerycountymd.gov

Download the newsletter at:

<http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-DTE/Common/Home.aspx>

Choose Seven Locks Road Sidewalk (Montrose Road– Bradley Blvd.) from the projects list. The newsletter can be chosen from The Project Documents window.

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Frequently Asked Questions



FACILITY PLANNING PHASE I

Evaluate and select preferred alternative and/or improvements (completed May 2007).

FACILITY PLANNING PHASE II

Collect data, develop concept plans, obtain public input, develop 35% design plans, cost estimate and project schedule. Scheduled completion in winter 2011.

Submit to County Council for approval to include in Capital Improvement Program .

FINAL DESIGN

Engineering, design documents, permits and final cost estimate.

LAND ACQUISITION

Acquire right-of-way and easements.

RELOCATE EXISTING UTILITIES

PEPCO, Verizon , WSSC and others.

CONSTRUCTION

Q: Why is it important for me to attend this meeting?

DOT believes that public input is the key to an effective planning process because it allows decision makers to understand the needs of their community. DOT always encourages the public to attend any of our public information meetings. The public meeting will allow a forum in which you can learn more about the project and how it may directly impact you or your property, and provide an opportunity to voice your concerns.

Q: What should I expect at the public meeting?

At the public meeting you will get an opportunity to meet the project manager and representatives from the County who are involved with the project. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

Q: What if I can not attend the meeting? Is there any other way that I can be certain that you will receive my input?

We certainly understand that your schedule may not permit you to attend the public meeting. You may, however, share your comments through various means with the Project Manager, Jon Hutchings:

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Q: What is the Design process for transportation projects?

The first stage of the design process is facility planning. Facility planning for transportation is an evaluation process that furnishes design plans which are approximately 35% complete. It is managed in two phases.

Phase I addresses two essential questions:

- What will the improvements be?
- Why are these improvements necessary?

Phase II addresses:

- How will these improvements be implemented?
- How long will the design/construction take?
- How much will the improvements cost?

The results of both Phase I and II provide enough information for elected officials to determine whether or not the project is justified to be fully funded for design and construction.

Q: What study stage is Seven Locks Road Sidewalk & Bikeway project in?

The project has completed Facility Planning Phase I and is in the early stage of Facility Planning Phase II. At this time, we need to obtain additional public input which will enable us to move ahead with design.

Q: What happens after this meeting?

Your comments from the public meeting will be considered as the design moves forward (additional public meetings may be scheduled). The preliminary design will go to a Public Hearing. The Hearing Officer will make a recommendation to either reject, revise, or approve the project. The County Executive will then determine if the project should move forward. Funding approval will be requested from the County Council. If approved by the County Executive and County Council, final design will be completed, and a construction schedule will be developed.

Q: Who receives this newsletter?

The newsletter is mailed to Homeowner Associations representing the subject study area and property owners directly abutting the subject roadway whose names appear on the County's Geographical Information System's (GIS) database.

If you would like to receive future newsletters on the Seven Locks Road Sidewalk and Bikeway project, DOT will be pleased to have your name added to the project's mailing list. Please contact Gaila Lescinskiene at 240-777-7237 or e-mail her at gaila.lescinskiene@montgomerycountymd.gov.

- Complete

- Current Phase

-Future



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