

Public Service Announcement - Fact Sheet

TFP – Waugh Chapel Road, H539611

Planning and Design

1. What are we building, reconstructing, realigning, expanding, replacing, etc.?

The scope of this project is for a planning-level study only with concept-level plans. However, a capital project may be initiated in the future to implement the recommendations of the study if deemed justified by the County.

We are proposing to upgrade conditions along Waugh Chapel Road from Maytime Drive to New Market Lane to improve travel conditions for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists. Lane use at several intersections is recommended to be changed to accommodate future traffic demand, but the existing through travel lanes will remain. Assessments are being considered incorporating planned roadways tied to developer projects to evaluate future travel patterns in the vicinity.

Upgraded bicycle facilities are recommended in the form of on-road bicycle lanes and/or off-road shared-use paths. Additional pedestrian facilities are proposed, including new sidewalks and designated crossings.

At this time, the only information prepared for this study involves existing conditions along the study roadway section. An evaluation of future conditions will follow once input from the public is received, compiled, and reviewed by the County.

2. What problem is this project going to solve or what benefit will the project provide for the public (and how)?

Growth in development in the area will result in increased travel demand, and existing operational and safety concerns have been noted by communities along the corridor. Pedestrian and bicycle facilities are below County standards. There are no marked crossings for pedestrians. The goals of the project are to address current roadway design deficiencies, improve travel level-of-service by reducing current and forecasted congestion, reduce crash potential, improve pedestrian and bicycle compatibility, and minimize impacts to the natural and built environment.

3. Where is this project to take place? (Include community, street names, ADC Map Coordinates.)

This project is to take place along Waugh Chapel Road from Maytime Drive to New Market Lane.

4. Who will be affected by this project? Who are the PAIs (Potentially Affected Interests)?

Those who will be affected by this project include local property owners, residents, business owners and consumers, commuters, and tourists. Local walking and bicycling advocacy groups, homeowners' associations, environmental advocacy groups, and those associated with local business entities will have potential interest.

5. What potential problems will this project cause for the PAIs?

Additional impervious surface may be proposed as part of this project, which could impact stormwater runoff and drainage in the area. Traffic will likely be impacted during construction, which will impact travel for nearly all road users and could have an adverse effect on the ability of non-motorized travelers to gain access to and use existing facilities. Access to/from local businesses and neighborhoods could become more difficult during construction with the potential for congestion, which could impact revenue for local businesses and quality of life for nearby residents.

6. How do you plan to communicate with, seek input from and work toward resolution of concerns with the PAIs?

Information on this project will be posted for public comment on the website of the Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works. Website visitors will be able to comment on the project and request responses from the County. Comments will be taken into consideration by the project team and will be incorporated into a future-conditions evaluation of the corridor with improvement recommendations.

7. What is the projected schedule? (Design NTP, Bids Open, Construction NTP, Completion)

A schedule is not available at this time for future stages of design and construction, as this is a planning-level study only, intended to achieve schematic design. The information being shared at this time is a review of existing conditions only along Waugh Chapel Road; an evaluation of future conditions and associated improvement recommendations will follow after all public input is received, compiled, and reviewed, including that from an open public meeting that will follow the comment period for the online posting. A schedule will be developed if a capital project is developed from the evaluations and pending recommendations.