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**Memorandum**

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Subject: **Summary of Seven Locks Road Improvements meeting**

On July 24, 2002 staff of the Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT) met with representatives of Montgomery Square Citizens' Association - Robert Gross, and Regency Estates Citizens' Association - Bill Wydro. Present were: Steve Suprata of Montgomery County Division of Highway Services (DHS), Dave Loughbery - DPWT, Jeff Dunckle - Transit Services (DTS), Pat Bradley -Traffic and Parking (DTPS) and Monica Wraga - Potomac Gazette.

The walkthrough began at the intersection of Sever Locks Rd. and Postoak Rd - There, several potential improvements were identified:

- 1) Increase the radius of the NW corner to 50' to allow buses to make right turns from Seven Locks without driving onto curbs and into the oncoming left turn lane. Increase radius on SW corner, also (DHS construction)
- 2) Add ADA ramps and connecting, side-walks- on both the NW and SW corners. Adjust sidewalks as necessary to accommodate utility poles. (DHS) construction w/ DTSPS design)
- 3) Widen the asphalt sidewalk W side of the NW corner of Seven Locks. A short retaining wall may be needed to accommodate the slope and replace ground cover. (DHS construction & DTS policy)
- 4) Install painted crosswalks on all 3 legs of intersection.(DTSPS responsibility)
- 5) Install pedestrian signals to cross N side of intersection (DTH responsibility)
- 6) Reconstruct SW corner sidewalk to widen and correct slope. (DHS construction)
- 7) Install short retaining wall and bus pad at bus stop. Make retaining wall bench height to allow for seating if bench is not approved. (DHS construction).
- 8) Install asphalt curbs down to synagogue and elevate sw to eliminate ponding. (DHS construction)
- 9) Install "No Parking" signs in front of synagogue (DTSPS responsibility).

We continued the walkthrough south on the east side of Seven Locks Road and discussed improvements at several other locations:

At Fountain St.

- 1) Improve drainage structures on both corners. (DHS construction)
- 2) Remove weeds from ditch on NE corner. (DHS construction)

At Gainsborough Rd.

- 1) Widen NW shoulder to provide right turn onto Gainsborough. (DHS construction w/DTPS design)
- 2) Modify drainage inlet to traffic bearing grate. (DHS construction)
- 3) Install new and renew existing crosswalks (DTPS responsibility)
- 4) Install new pedestrian walk signals and pushbutton actuators. (DTPS responsibility)
- 5) West side sidewalk needs to connect to shopping center crossing. Jeff Reese – check development of W side below Ivymount. (DHS construction)

We also identified several other general improvements that could be made to Seven Locks Road:

- 1) Widen sidewalks to 4'. (DHS construction)
- 2) Connect sidewalks on W side between Tuckerman and N of shopping center (DHS construction)
- 3) Make part of south bound shoulder a bike path. (DPWT responsibility).

DPWT staff will be meeting within the next two weeks to discuss the feasibility of the actual improvements and the project's cost estimates. We hope to begin some of the improvements before the end of the construction season.

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