



## Takoma Park City Council Meeting – June 9, 2021 Agenda Item 1

### **Presentation**

Presentation on Maple Avenue Complete Street Project (Toole Design Group)

### **Recommended Council Action**

Listen to the presentation.

### **Context with Key Issues**

In May 2020, the City was awarded \$50,000 in the form of a Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Technical Assistance Grant to develop an initial design concept for a Complete Street redesign of Maple Avenue from the Sligo Creek Trail to Carroll Avenue at the boundary with Washington, DC.

Maple Avenue is a well-traveled neighborhood street that connects residents and visitors to schools, places of employment, dense housing, transit, the Community Center and library, and recreational opportunities. Due to its context and prominence, the City is looking at strengthening transportation connections on Maple Avenue by prioritizing pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users to provide safer, more convenient, and more comfortable travel for all roadway users.

Toole Design Group was selected as the contractor for this project to develop a preliminary design concept for a Complete Streets redesign of Maple Avenue. The consultant did a survey of the area and held four community meetings from January to March, with a feedback survey. The final products are preliminary design drawings and cost estimates for implementation.

### **Council Priority**

A Livable Community for All

Community Development for an Improved & Equitable Quality of Life

### **Environmental Considerations**

Not applicable for this presentation; however, any improvements or redevelopment that may occur as a result of a Maple Avenue Complete Street project would be evaluated on their environmental impacts and opportunities to address climate change.

### **Fiscal Considerations**

Not applicable for this presentation; however, in order to achieve final designs and construction, the City will need to appropriate budget funds and/or receive grant funds.

### **Racial Equity Considerations**

Not applicable for this presentation; however, the area of Maple Avenue that is the focus of this initiative is part of Wards 4 and 5. The three Census Block groups that include this area have the following demographics: in Block Group 2, Census Tract 7017.01, 47.42% are people of color; in Block Group 2, Census Tract 7018, 83.67 percent are people of color; and in Block Group 1, Census Tract 7018, 72.96 percent are people of color.

**Attachments and Links**

Maple Avenue Complete Street Redesign Webpage:

<https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/housing-and-community-development/planning-and-community-development/maple-avenue-complete-streets-redesign/>