

Major Projects Update – September 26, 2018

Project	Status	Lead Entity	Comments
<i>Livable Community</i>			
Residents Survey	In preparation	City	Focus groups underway. Problem with one focus group may delay start of surveying process; likely to proceed this fall.
Housing component of draft Housing and Economic Dev Strategic Plan	Under Council consideration in October and subsequent months	City	Council to discuss in October and move to adopting policies and implementation steps this winter.
MCPS Elem School Site Selection	Unknown	MCPS	City was involved in earlier MCPS school site; staff working with MCPS on assessing other sites, particular WAH site, for new elementary school.
ADA Sidewalk Retrofit	Underway	City	\$109,000 to be part of Flower Avenue Green Street work; once WSSC done on Philadelphia Avenue, \$200,000 for work along State Highways can begin.
Public Land & Open Space Mgmt Plan	Underway but delayed	City	Staff is updating data and identifying community engagement tools for next step which is expected this fall.
Parking Study	Underway but delayed	City	Staff is updating data and identifying community engagement tools for next step, which is expected next year.
New Sidewalks	Underway	City	Work on Larch Avenue is completed; Lincoln Avenue has kickoff meeting Sept. 27 th , with construction starting around Oct. 1; Glenside Avenue is in the process of stormwater plan development.
Street Repaving	Underway	City	Close to completing Crescent and Holt, then will do Linden Alley and Circle, then Winding Hill Way.
Cultural Plan	Scheduled for Council consideration	City	Scheduled for Nov. 28 th Council meeting.
Racial Equity	Underway	City	Workshops being scheduled for Committee members and others.
<i>Financially Sustainable Government</i>			
Sustainable Investment and Banking Policy	Underway but delayed	City	

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Modify Budget Document to earn GFOA award	Submitted to GFOA, awaiting decision	City	Looking forward to comments from reviewing committee to see if we earn the award or what more we need to do to refine the document.
Adopt Reserves Financial Policy	COMPLETED	City	Other financial policies also are being reviewed.
<i>Environmentally Sustainable Community</i>			
Sustainability efforts	Underway	City	Renewable Energy Challenge ending Dec. 31; working on assistance to multifamily properties
LED Conversion	Under Council consideration	City/Pepco	Second test of light fixtures planned for next week; hope to do a walk through with Pepco; then, consideration by Council.
Flower Ave Green Street	Underway; construction delayed until spring	City	Awaiting final sign-off from SHA, then will do contract award to E&R Services; there will be several months of materials approval; in February would have preconstruction walk through and community meeting; construction to begin in the spring.
Stormwater Mgmt Fee Structure	In preparation	City	Study has been moving slowly but is proceeding; will have information before budget discussions.
Increase Tree Canopy	Underway	City	Lidar data has been collected but is in quality-control phase with Montgomery County; our consultant will then prepare Takoma Park-specific information for consideration.
<i>Engaged, Responsive and Service Oriented Government</i>			
Police/Comm Relations	Ongoing	City	Chief is in process of evaluating departmental structure, meeting with community stakeholders, etc to implement Council's goals for the Department.
MOUs with area Police Agencies	Under review	City	As part of the larger Department review, the Chief is considering different options for cooperative work with adjacent police agencies.
Communications Improvements	Ongoing; some increase in additional languages for Newsletter	City	Staff is working with the Newsletter Editor on options to expand information in languages other than English.
Improve Notification re SHA / Utility Work	SHA quarterly mtgs help, but mostly little progress	City	Discussions continue about how to best learn information and then share it.

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Review/Improve Tree Ordinance	Just beginning review	City	Councilmembers beginning to identify information they have heard from constituents; Ordinance is very complex.
Improve Process requesting Sidewalks and Traffic Calming	Not begun	City	
Improve Process for Dealing with Res/Comm Boundary Conflicts	Being done on a case by case basis	City	Fewer complaints have been received; does new Noise Ordinance help?
Police Dept Renovation	Detailed drawings in preparation	City	Depending on status of Library project, Police project may go first.
IT Switches/ Next Gen Firewall	Work on switches is underway	City	Next Gen Firewall improvements will take place this fiscal year once work on switches is complete.
Planning for Changed Date of City Elections	On hold	City/County	On hold until after November elections.
<i>Community Development for an Improved and Equitable Quality of Life</i>			
Takoma Junction Intersection Improvements	SHA intends to undertake the project; not sure of timing	SHA	
Takoma Junction Dev Project	Beginning County review process	City/NDC	NDC preparing information for submittal to County review process
Purple Line Preparation	Construction hasn't directly affected Takoma Park yet	State/Purple Line Partners/City	While the project is a State one, City staff and Councilmembers have been monitoring progress and working to provide protections to businesses when construction begins to affect them.
JNA Property – Advocate for Appropriate Reuse	Property owners looking for new purchaser	Property owner/City	Where we can, staff and Council is advocating for appropriate reuse; discussions with community are planned.
Washington-McLaughlin Property – Protect Dorothy's Woods	Dorothy's Woods purchased by City	City	Dorothy's Woods purchase was finalized; little action being taken regarding school property, still being partially used.

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Library Renovation/ Expansion Project	Awaiting approval of County flood plain study	City	Just received letter regarding initial findings of the flood study are; will need to identify implications for Library project and City property.
Econ Dev Along NH Ave	Awaiting action on DHEDS and hiring of ED Manager	City	Staff has been working with interested parties on grant applications and meeting with property owners to discuss plans.
Redev of NH Ave Rec Center	Land transfer process underway	City	Information should be coming to Council soon about schedule for land transfer activities.
Contracts with OTBA & CDA	Underway	City	
Wash Adventist Hospital	Working to identify appropriate site reuse	WAH/City	Staff has been coordinating meetings between WAH and MCPS officials to consider use of site for new elementary school.
Ethan Allen Streetscape	Construction nearly complete	City	Most work is done; lighting and some other elements yet to be installed.
Montgomery College Projects; Math Science Bldg	Planning underway	Montgomery College	Two more design charrettes are scheduled for October 2 and 16; presentation coming to Council in late November.