



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – September 5, 2018

Agenda Item 1

Presentation

Takoma Park Middle School Expansion

Recommended Council Action

Presentation and Discussion Only

Context with Key Issues

Due to increasing enrollment, Montgomery County Public Schools is constructing an addition to Takoma Park Middle School, located at 7611 Piney Branch Road in the City of Takoma Park. Changes to buildings, facilities, and properties owned by public entities are subject to the Mandatory Referral process. Preliminary Plans were presented to the City for comment prior to the Montgomery County Planning Board's review on September 13, 2018. The preliminary plans report was approved by the Board of Education in January and the current Capital Improvement Plan includes funding for the expansion with construction set to begin in FY 2019. Preliminary plans will be presented by the project lead and project manager with Montgomery County Public Schools.

A Resolution providing comment on the planned expansion is scheduled for Council's consideration on September 12, 2018.

Council Priority

A Livable Community for All; Engaged, Responsive, and Service Oriented Government

Environmental Considerations

The Takoma Park Middle School addition will be designed and constructed with a focus on environmental sustainability. This will be accomplished through a variety of measures including using recycled and regionally constructed construction materials, installing water conserving plumbing features, and managing stormwater run-off.

The site design aims to minimize impacts to the layout of the current site to preserve as many trees as possible, and maintain a portion of the existing hillside along the back of the school; however some trees will be lost.

Fiscal Considerations

There is no fiscal impact of this action for the City of Takoma Park.

Racial Equity Considerations

Takoma Park Middle School demographic characteristics for students enrolled during the 2017-2018 academic year were 31.7% African American, 29.6% White, 17.7% Asian, 15.5% Hispanic, and 5.4% two or more races. Expansion of the school's facilities can better serve Takoma Middle School's diverse student body and accommodate the school's future enrollment.

Attachments and Links

- City of Takoma Park Project Page [Takoma Middle School Expansion](#)
- Montgomery County Public Schools [Project Page](#)
- City of Takoma Park [Development Review](#)