



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – February 13, 2019 Agenda Item 2

Voting Session:

Resolution Amending Resolution 2018-63 (Regarding the Montgomery College Math and Science Building) to Clarify that No Change in the Width of the Fenton Street Right of Way is Needed by the City

Recommended Council Action

Approve the Accompanying Resolution

Context with Key Issues

On December 5, 2018, the City Council adopted Resolution 2018-63 approving the Montgomery College Math and Science Building Mandatory Referral application as proposed, with specified provisions. In the County staff review, it was noted that the Takoma Park Master Plan (2000) classifies Fenton Street as an arterial roadway, with an 80' right-of-way and two travel lanes (Table 6). Due to this classification, County staff suggested the City may wish to have 15' of additional right-of-way dedicated on Fenton Street to obtain a width closer to that outlined in the Master Plan.

The Takoma Park Master Plan (2000) recommends providing streetscaping and sidewalks on Fenton Street as well as accommodating the Metropolitan Branch Trail. As Fenton Street now has sidewalk on the College side and the Metropolitan Branch Trail, an off-street bike and pedestrian path, on the other side, City staff has not identified a need for additional road, bicycle or pedestrian facilities. Further, acquiring additional right-of-way will add staff time and maintenance costs for the City. For these reasons, City staff recommends forgoing any additional right of way dedication. The City Council discussed this option on February 6, 2019.

Council Priority

A Livable Community for All
Fiscally Sustainable Government

Environmental Considerations

Maintaining the City right-of-way as is and not expanding the roadway will aid in stormwater management concerns by not increasing the amount of impervious surface.

Fiscal Considerations

Acquiring a wider right-of-way on Fenton Street will increase City staff time and costs for maintenance.

Racial Equity Considerations

There are no known impacts on racial equity as a result of this action.

Attachments and Links

- [City of Takoma Park – Montgomery College Math and Science Building Project Page](#)
- [Montgomery College - Catherine and Isiah Leggett Math and Science Building](#)
- [Takoma Park Master Plan \(2000\)](#)
- Fenton Street ROW Line Image
- Draft Resolution

Introduced by: Councilmember

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

Resolution No. 2019-

Amending Resolution 2018-63 to Clarify that No Change in the Width of the Fenton Street Right of Way is Needed by the City of Takoma Park

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park City Council passed Resolution 2018-63 regarding the Montgomery College Math and Science Building on December 5, 2018 and the plan was submitted to Montgomery County Planning Department for Mandatory Referral review, as required; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County's staff review of the plan noted that the 2000 Takoma Park Master Plan Roadway Classification Table classifies Fenton Street as an arterial road with a recommended right of way width of 80'; and

WHEREAS, the Master Plan recommends streetscaping and sidewalks on Fenton Street, including accommodation of the Metropolitan Branch Trail; and

WHEREAS, despite having variable right of way widths, those improvements have been installed on Fenton Street so that it now contains dedicated bike and pedestrian infrastructure on both sides of the street, with sidewalks on the Montgomery College side and the Metropolitan Branch Trail on the other side; and

WHEREAS, during this Mandatory Referral process, the City could request that the width of the right of way of Fenton Street adjacent to the project be increased; and

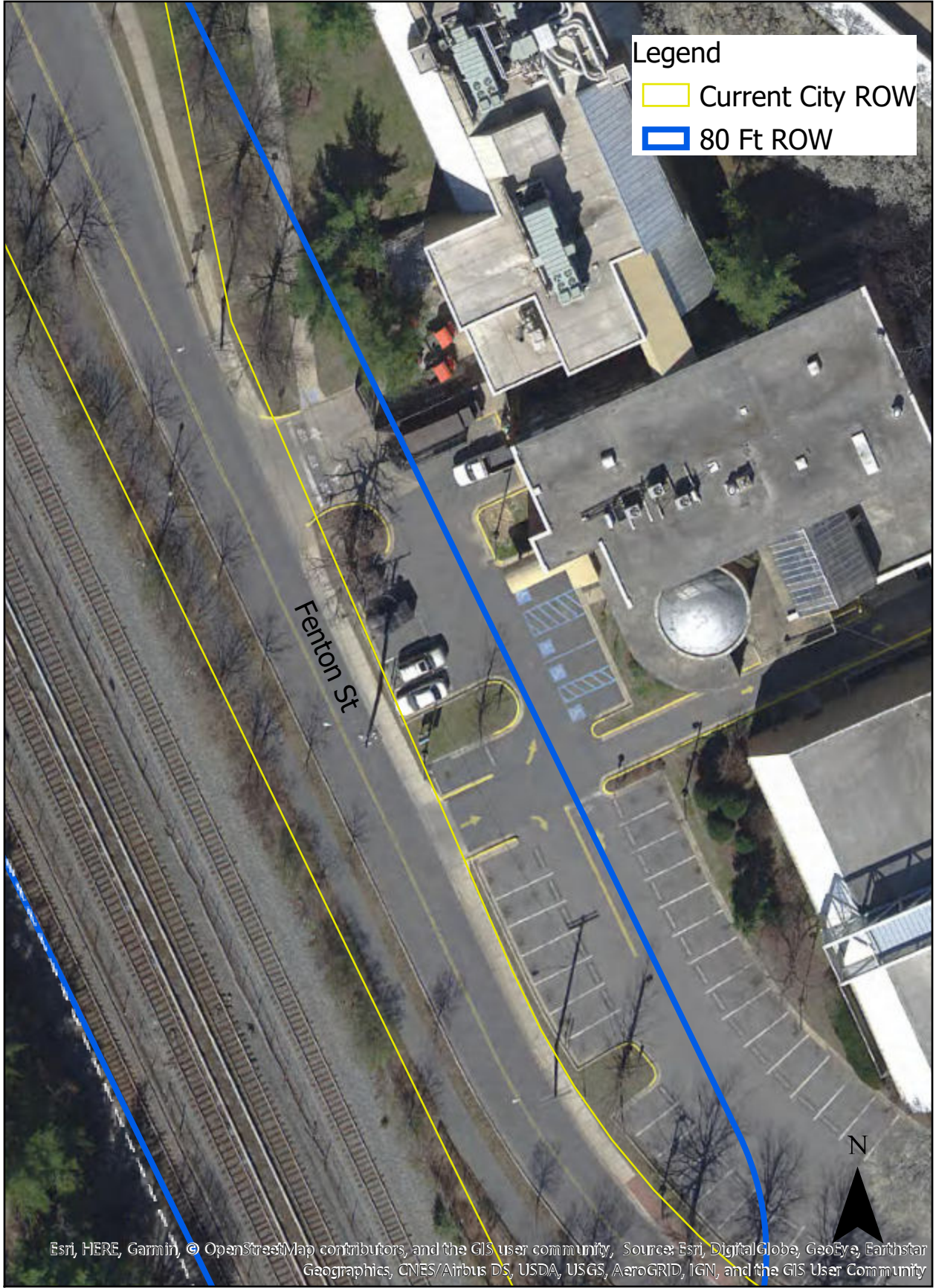
WHEREAS, while acquiring additional right of way is not needed for additional bike and pedestrian improvements, any additional right of way land will increase the City's right of way maintenance costs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council declines to request an increase in the right of way width of Fenton Street as part of the Montgomery College Mandatory Referral process.



Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2019.

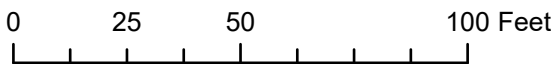
Attest:

Jessie Carpenter City Clerk



Legend

-  Current City ROW
-  80 Ft ROW



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