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Department of Transportation**

**Leland Street Access Restriction
Under Consideration Public Hearing
December 6, 2023**

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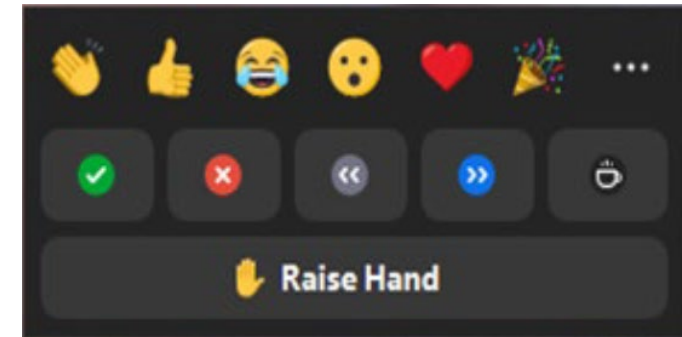
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• Zoom Meeting Controls

- All microphones have been muted and cameras turned off.
- **To reduce the bandwidth of tonight's meeting, please do not turn on your video camera.**
- Following tonight's presentation, you will have the opportunity to provide testimony. There will also be a Question-and-Answer session after the testimony portion if time allows. Please wait until the presentation ends to raise your hand to testify or ask a question. Alternatively, you may type your question into the chat box any time during tonight's hearing.
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PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Hearing held pursuant to Executive Regulation 17-94AM, Through Traffic Volume Access Restrictions in Residential Areas.

- Obtain testimony regarding the potential project
- Comments/testimony should be focused entirely on the Leland Street Access Restriction Under Consideration
- All interested persons are entitled to be heard at this hearing; however, the testimony portion of this hearing is not a forum for dialogue, questions and answers, or cross examination.
- Recorded Public Hearing will be posted on the project website:

[www.Montgomerycountymd.gov/Leland`](http://www.Montgomerycountymd.gov/Leland)



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PUBLIC HEARING RECORD

The Public Hearing Record will remain open for 30 days to allow any person an opportunity to have their comments included.

Written Testimony carries the same weight as Oral Testimony.

Official Closing Date for Comments and Testimony

Friday, January 5, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Submissions can be made via email:

trafficops@montgomerycountymd.gov



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WHAT'S NEXT?

Written Testimony carries the same weight as oral testimony.

Deadline for Written Testimony:
Friday, January 5, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

You may email submissions to:
trafficops@montgomerycountymd.gov

Once the Hearing Record closes, the County Executive will issue a Statement of Decision. The Statement of Decision will be communicated to all who have engaged in this process.

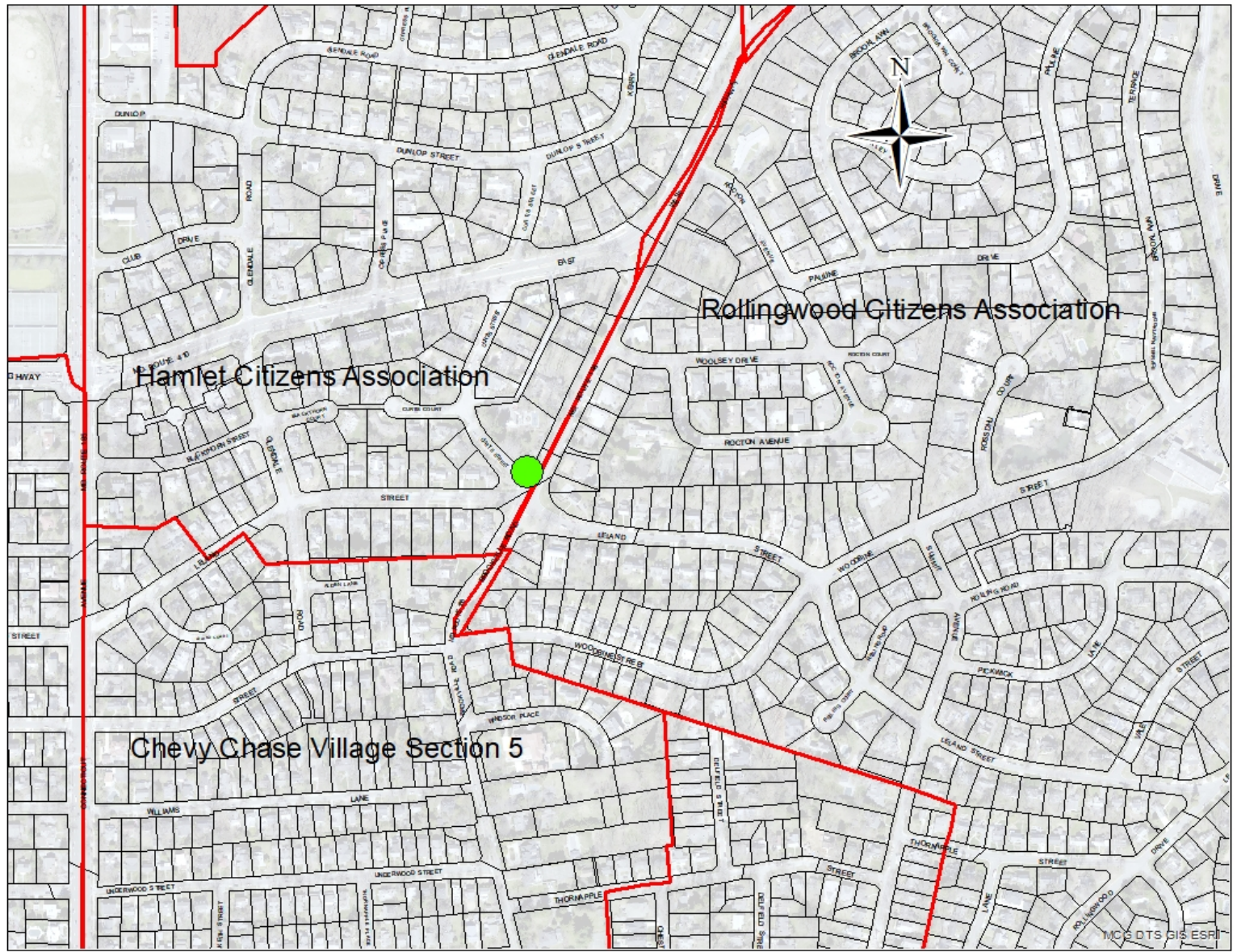
Based on the information received during the hearing process the executive may revise the plan.



The Hamlet Citizens Association, representative of residents along Leland Street west of Brookville Road, has requested that Access to Leland Street from Brookville Road be Restricted.

Why is the Access Restriction Under Consideration?





AREA MAP



Before the implementation of the access restriction plan, MCDOT will ask the applicant to petition the residents in the area where the plan will be implemented.

A signature on the petition, simple majority, of households (one adult per households) within the area must be received to adopt the plan.

Implementation Petition



To determine Leland Street met the eligibility criteria set in the regulation MCDOT conducted a number of studies including:

1. Determine Roadway Classification

2. Conduct Traffic volume Count

3. Conduct License tag survey sample

4. Look Impact on roadway network

5. Determine Access restriction to be considered

Eligibility



Access volume restrictions are limited to tertiary, secondary, and primary residential streets.

Leland Street near Brookville Road is classified as a secondary residential roadway and is a candidate for access restriction.

No. 1
Roadway
Classification

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No. 2

Measured Traffic Volumes

Leland Street is a 26-foot-wide roadway with on-street parking allowed on both sides. It has one unobstructed travel lane serving both directions. For access restriction, the measured traffic volumes must exceed 100 total two-way vehicles per hour. A traffic volume count was conducted during peak hours on March 30, 2022.

Leland Street Traffic Volume between Brookville Road (MD 186) and Glendale Rd		
	AM	PM
Eastbound	34	42
Westbound	142	52
Total	176	94



No. 3
Estimated
Non-Local
Traffic
-or-
Cut-Through
Traffic

Non-local or cut-through traffic is through traffic diverted from arterial streets onto local residential streets to avoid congestion and/or longer trips, with both an origin and destination external to the neighborhood.



For Access Restriction, the Non-Local traffic should exceed 50% of total to be considered.



A license tag survey was conducted on Leland Street between 8 and 9:00 a.m. A total of 86 license plates collected.



35 license plates or 41% had originated from within the 1-mile boundary. 51 license plates or 59% of vehicles had originated from outside the 1-mile boundary.



No. 4. Impact on Roadway Network



Intersection	Level of Service	
	Existing Condition	Diverted Traffic (Morning)
East-West Highway at Brookville Road	A	A
East-West Highway at Connecticut Avenue	E	E
Leland Street at Brookville Road	A	A
Leland Street at Connecticut Avenue	A	A
Bradley Lane at Brookville Road	A	A
Bradley Lane at Connecticut Avenue	D	D

Intersection Level of Service:

- A – Very Low Delay**
- B – Short Delay**
- C – Significant number of vehicles stopping**
- D – Congestion is Noticeable**
- E – Moderate to Excessive Delay**
- F – Excessive Delay**

No. 5.
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7:00 to 9:00 AM
On Leland Street
EXCEPT BUSES



Community Discussion Paper

A community discussion paper was prepared and submitted to the Hamlet Citizens Association as well as shared with other nearby associations and posted to the project website.

The Hamlet Citizens Association reviewed the discussion paper and approved the plan.



Community Assessment

The main purpose of the community assessment is ensuring public disclosure and access to information

We posted signs on southbound Brookville Road at Leland Street with information about the access restriction under consideration

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NOTICE

Under Consideration

7-9AM Turn Restriction

Brookville Road to Leland Street

For More Info or to Provide Input

Montgomerycountymd.gov/Leland

240-777-2190



Public Comment Summary

(57 Total Responses)

Favor Access
Restriction

7 or 12%

No
Objection

2 or 4%

Oppose Restriction

48 or 84%



1. Traffic safety and operational improvements at other locations such as East-West Highway and Connecticut Avenue

2. All-way stop control at Brookville Road and Leland Street

3. Concerns with diverted traffic along streets south of Leland Street such as Woodbine Street

Main Topics Raised by Public in Comments

Most Objections were received from residents in Chevy Chase Village Section 5 and Rollingwood Citizens Association. A few comments were received from residents along Leland Street.

Notice of Public Hearing Provided:



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Exhibits included in the Public Record:

1. Area Map
2. Implementation Petition
3. Eligibility Studies (Roadway Classification, Traffic Volume Count, License Tag Survey and Impact on Roadway Network)
4. Community Discussion Paper
5. Montgomery County government press release circulated Nov. 28, 2023 and Dec. 5, 2023; Washington Times newspaper and online advertisement published Nov. 15 and 20, 2023; and posted to various social media sites including *NextDoor*, X, Facebook, etc.
6. Comments & Testimony
7. List of Attendees; to be added following this Public Hearing
8. Hearing Transcript; to be added following this Public Hearing

Project related data and files are on the Project Website:

www.Montgomerycountymd.gov/Leland



Following this Public Hearing . . .

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- ❖ Once the Hearing Record closes, the County Executive will issue a Statement of Decision
- ❖ The Statement of Decision will be communicated to all who have engaged in this process and submitted comments.



Is the Access Restriction Permanent if Approved?

If within 90 days of the permanent installation of the plan, a significant, unexpected problem develops as a direct result of the access restriction, or if at any time a documented safety problem develops, the Division of Traffic Engineering & Operations (DTEO) may suspend the plan and re-open the Access Consideration process. All residents who engaged in this process will be notified via mailed correspondence.

Reassessment

After 3 years the DTEO may reassess, remove or alter the access restriction. If DTEO decides to reassess, new traffic studies will be conducted and the Access Restriction Under Consideration process will start anew.



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PUBLIC TESTIMONY

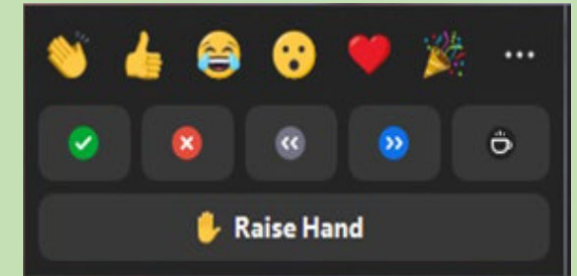
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- We will first call on those who signed up to testify. If you did not sign up, but wish to testify, please use the **“raise hand” feature by clicking “Reactions” on the icon bar at the bottom of your screen and then click “raise hand”**. If you dialed in by telephone, **press *9 to raise your hand and *6 to unmute** yourself once called on. You will be called on to testify in the order that hands are raised.
- You will be unmuted when it is your turn to speak
- **Once given speaking rights, please unmute yourself and clearly provide your name and address for the record prior to beginning your testimony. Please reserve all questions for the Question-and-Answer session following the testimony portion of this hearing.**
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Question-and-Answer Session

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- Type your question into the chat. If time does not allow for all questions to be answered during this evening’s hearing, all questions in the chat will be answered via email in the days to come;
- Email your questions to the plan at trafficops@montgomerycountymd.gov



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THANKYOU FOR ATTENDING

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For any traffic safety and operational issues along Maryland State roadways, please contact:

SHAD3TrafficTeam@mdot.maryland.gov

For any traffic safety and operational issues along Montgomery County maintained roadways, please contact:

240-777-2190 or trafficops@montgomerycountymd.gov