



**FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS
TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

AGENDA

**Friendship Heights Transportation Management District
Advisory Committee Meeting – Teams Format
September 9, 2025**

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Staff Contact: Jim Carlson / (301) 318-0328
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| 8:30 | 1. Introductions | Jim Carlson/All |
| | 2. Review of Meeting Minutes
Minutes tabled | All |
| | 3. GEICO Redevelopment | Robert R. Harris
Principal-Lerch, Early & Brewer |
| | 4. TDM Marketing Outreach Update | Fernando Snellings
Sharron Lipford
TMD Outreach Staff |
| | 5. TMD/DOT/Other County Updates
FH Sector Plan Visioning Workshop – Sept 30 / 6:30-8:30 PM
Wisconsin Place Community Recreation Center | Jim Carlson |

10:00 Adjourn
Next meeting: Nov. 11, 2025

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Information Items

*Friendship Heights Sector Plan Visioning*  
*Annual Bike Drive, Oct 3 – Rockville*  
*County Exec FY26 Public Outreach Forums, Sep-Nov*  
*Dept of Environmental Protection H2O Summit, Oct 14*  
*No Right Turn on Red Law in Effect as of July*



# FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS

## SECTOR PLAN

Join the [Friendship Heights Sector Plan](#) team for an interactive workshop on how sector plans shape future development. The workshop will include an opening presentation, followed by facilitated discussion groups about sites in Friendship Heights that may present opportunities for future growth.

RSVPs are preferred, but not required.

#### Event Information

**Date:**

September 30, 2025

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**Time:**

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

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**Location:**

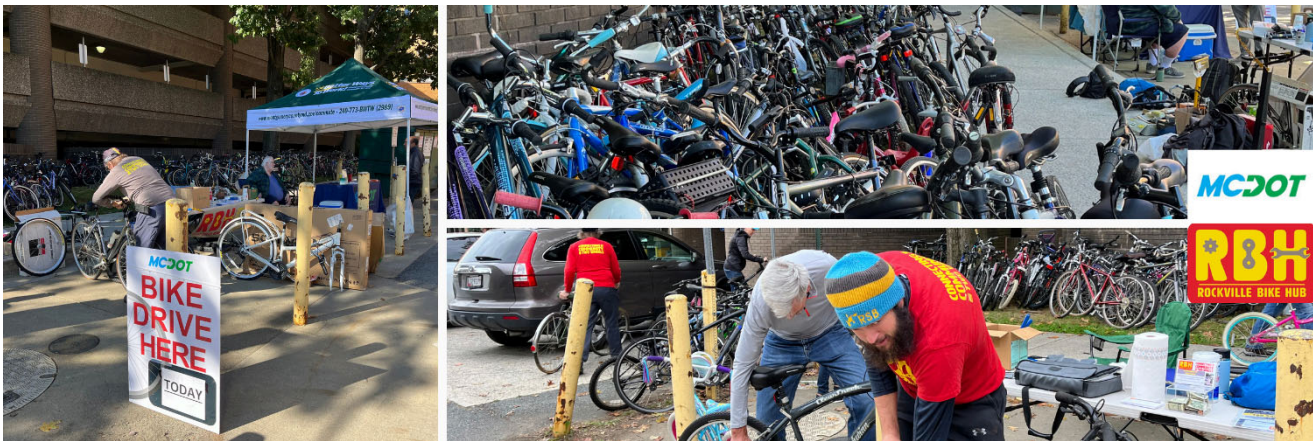
Wisconsin Place Community Recreation  
Center  
5311 Friendship Boulevard  
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

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## Annual Bike Drive to Repurpose Bicycles to be Held on Friday, Oct. 3 in Rockville

For Immediate Release: Tuesday, September 2, 2025



Donated bicycles can make a big difference for local community members. The Montgomery County Department of Transportation's (MCDOT) annual Bicycle Donation Drive from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 3, will make it easy to donate previously owned bikes and ensure they will have a continued impact. Bikes will be collected, rain or shine, outside of the Montgomery County Council Office Building Garage at the corner of E. Jefferson and Monroe St. in Rockville.

"Donating your unused bike is a simple way to make a real difference in the life of someone in need," said Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich. "These bikes are provided to community members needing reliable transportation for work, school, and essential errands. We are improving our County infrastructure, including adding bike lanes and pedestrian safety measures, to provide safe links to public transportation. The Bike Match program is an important part of our plan to ensure all Montgomery County residents have safe and reliable transportation options."

Bicycles should be in good working condition or in need of only minor repairs. Rockville Bike Hub volunteers will refurbish the bikes and MCDOT will place them with children and adults in the County through the MCDOT Bike Match Program or through the Rockville Terrific Kids program. A portion of the bikes are also collected by Bikes for the World and donated to communities around the world. Bikes that are not salvageable are recycled.

"The Bike Match program has provided bikes to more than 870 Montgomery County residents since the program began in June 2020," said MCDOT Director Chris Conklin. "However, the need is still great. We currently have more than 400 people on our waiting list who are hoping to receive a bike. We are hoping to be able to collect enough bikes to fulfill these requests."

The bike donation event also will be accepting donations by check. Checks can be made out to the Rockville Bike Hub and left with staff at the donation site. Donations are tax-deductible and receipts will be available.

Community members can organize a bike collection at their school, place of worship or within their neighborhood and bring the bikes to Rockville on Friday, Oct. 3.

For information on MCDOT programs and services, visit [montgomerycountymd.gov/mcdot](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/mcdot), follow @MCDOTNow on X, Bluesky, Instagram, Facebook and subscribe to MCDOT's "Go Montgomery!" newsletter.

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# Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich to Hold the First of 12 'Community Conversations' to Seek Input on Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget on Monday, Sept. 8

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For Immediate Release: Friday, August 15, 2025



Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich, along with the County's regional services offices and community partners, will host 12 "Community Conversations" from September through November to seek input on the Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) Operating Budget. The first conversation will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 8, in the East-West Room at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Office.

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Office is located at 4805 Edgemoor Lane in Bethesda.

Ten of the 12 conversations will be conducted in English, including one each for the residents of the African-Caribbean diaspora and the Black/African American community, one dedicated to the concerns of educators, parents and students and two focusing on issues for older adults. Two non-English language forums will be held, one in Spanish and a multi-lingual forum conducted in English with interpretation services provided in Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese. Eleven of the 12 forums will be hybrid, so residents also have the option to participate virtually. The Community Conversation at The Beacon 50+ Expo will be in-person only.

The County is in the early stages of formulating the FY27 operating budget. County Executive Elrich is required to submit a recommended budget to the County Council by Monday, March 16, 2026. The Council will then have two months to review the budget. It must adopt a final budget no later than June 1. The FY27 operating budget will go into effect on July 1.

"I urge every resident to participate in these discussions; your feedback shapes our future," said County Executive Marc Elrich. "We host these community conversations to garner input and feedback on how tax dollars are spent. We gain valuable insights from these conversations that help guide our decisions and priorities for the upcoming fiscal year. The budget reflects our community's goals and values. With one forum in each of the five regions of the County, along with conversations conducted in multiple languages, there are multiple opportunities to participate and be heard."



The Community Conversations are scheduled as follows:

- **Bethesda-Chevy Chase Community Conversation.** Monday, Sept. 8. 7-8:30 p.m. Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Office, East-West Room, 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda. Click [here](#) to participate virtually.
- **UpCounty Community Conversation.** Monday, Sept. 15. 7-8:30 p.m. BlackRock Center for the Arts, 12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown. Click [here](#) to participate virtually.
- **Older Adults Community Conversation at The Beacon 50+ Expo.** Sunday, Sept. 28. 3-4:30 p.m. Silver Spring Civic Center Building, 1 Veterans Place, Fenton Room, Silver Spring. **In-person only.**
- **African-Caribbean Diaspora Community Conversation.** Monday, Sept. 29. 7-8:30 p.m. Montgomery College, East County Education Center, Community Event Room, 2221 Broadbirch Drive, Silver Spring. Click [here](#) to participate virtually.
- **East County Community Conversation.** Monday, Oct. 6. 7-8:30 p.m. White Oak Community Recreation Center, Social Hall, 1700 April Lane, Silver Spring. Click [here](#) to participate virtually.
- **Mid-County Community Conversation.** Monday, Oct. 13. 7-8:30 p.m. Wheaton Community Recreation Center, Social Hall, 11701 Georgia Ave., Wheaton. Click [here](#) to participate virtually.
- **Spanish Language Community Conversation.** Monday, Oct. 27. 7-8:30 p.m. Gaithersburg High School, Auditorium, 101 Education Blvd., Gaithersburg. Click [here](#) to participate virtually.
- **MCPS Educators, Parents and Students Community Conversation.** Monday, Nov. 3. 7-8:30 p.m. Carver Educational Services Center, Auditorium, 850 Hungerford Drive, Rockville. Click [here](#) to participate virtually.
- **Black/African American Community Conversation.** Monday, Nov. 10. 7-8:30 p.m. Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Family Life Center, 608 North Horners Lane, Rockville. Click [here](#) to participate virtually.
- **Older Adults Community Conversation.** Thursday, Nov. 13. 12:30-2 p.m.
- Leisure World, 3701 Rossmore Blvd., Clubhouse 1 Crystal Ballroom, Silver Spring (Only Leisure World residents may attend in-person at Leisure World)
- Satellite viewing location: Damascus Community Center, 25520 Oak Drive, Damascus
- Satellite viewing location: Wheaton Community Recreation Center/Senior Center, 11701 Georgia Ave., Social Hall, Wheaton.
- Riderwood Senior Living Community residents in Silver Spring can view the presentation in their homes on Riderwood TV.
- Click [here](#) to participate virtually.
- **Multi-lingual Community Conversation.** Monday, Nov. 17. 7-8:30 p.m. Chinese Culture and Community Service Center (CCACC), 9318 Gaither Road, Suite 215, CCACC Art Gallery, Gaithersburg. This forum will be conducted in English with interpretation services provided in Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese. Click [here](#) to participate virtually.
- **Silver Spring Community Conversation.** Tuesday, Nov. 18. 7-8:30 p.m. Silver Spring Civic Center Building, 1 Veterans Place, Buffalo Soldiers Great Hall, Silver Spring. Click [here](#) to participate virtually.

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- Montgomery College Television (MCTV): Comcast channels 998 and 10; Verizon channels 10; and RCN channels 10 and HD 1059
- Montgomery County Public School (MCPS TV): Comcast channels 34 and HD 1071; Verizon channel 36; RCN channels 89 and HD 1058
- Montgomery Community Media (MCM): Comcast channels 21 and HD 995; RCN channels 21 and HD 1055; and Verizon channel 21
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- Takoma Park City TV: Comcast channel 13; RCN channels 13 and HD 1060; and Verizon channel 28

The County will provide sign language interpreters and other auxiliary aids or services upon request -- with as much advance notice as possible, preferably at least three business days before the event. For more information, contact Mark Roper at 240-962-1743 or send a request to [mark.roper@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:mark.roper@montgomerycountymd.gov). In all situations, a good-faith effort (up until the time of the event) will be made to provide accommodation. TTY users can use Maryland Relay 711.

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# Registration is Now Open!

The Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection's 2025 H2O Summit is a dynamic event that brings together environmental professionals and advocates from across the county. This event offers a unique opportunity to learn from leading local experts in various fields, connect with like-minded individuals to advance protections for our precious water resources, and explore innovative ways to make our waterways more resilient.

**Location:**

M-NCPPC Wheaton Headquarters

2425 Reddie Drive

Wheaton, MD 20902

**Date and Time:**

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

12:00-4:00 PM

***Registration is required to attend the summit. Register by October 7, 2025 to secure your spot. Space is limited.***

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This years topics and speakers include:

**Maryland Native Plant Program** - *University of Maryland Extension*

**Sacred Grounds: Behavior Change in Action** - *National Wildlife Federation*

**Flood Modeling in Sligo Creek** - *Montgomery County DEP*

**20 Years of Watershed Restoration in Montgomery County -**  
*Montgomery County DEP*

**Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Updates -** *City of Gaithersburg, City of Rockville, Montgomery Parks, Montgomery County DEP*

**Spotted Lanternfly: Balancing Pest Management and Watershed Health -** *University of Maryland Extension*

# Event Registration Form

## No Right on Red Law in Effect for Downtown, Town Center Locations in Montgomery County

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**For Immediate Release: Thursday, September 4, 2025**

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) is alerting residents that as of Tuesday, July 1, drivers are prohibited from making right turns at red traffic signals in designated downtown and town center areas of Montgomery County.

Drivers who violate the ban on right turns at red lights may face a \$90 fine and 1 point on their driver's license, consistent with other locations within the State. In Maryland, a right turn on red is allowed unless there is a sign explicitly prohibiting it.

Designated intersections in high-density downtown areas, including Bethesda, Friendship Heights, Silver Spring and Wheaton, as well as town centers in Germantown, Glenmont, Twinbrook and White Flint, are marked with signs stating "No Right Turns on Red." Over 200 of these signs have been placed.

The no-right-on-red measure was passed as part of the Safe Streets Act of 2023 (Bill 11-23) to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety on Montgomery County roadways.

"We are eliminating right turns at red lights in our busy downtown areas where we know many residents walk, bike, or scooter to shops, restaurants, and other amenities," said County Executive Marc Elrich. "With the Safe Streets Act, we are taking action to ensure our streets are safe for pedestrians and cyclists when going to school, to work, or while enjoying our downtown areas. I was pleased to sign into law this bill, which was passed unanimously by County Council."

The Safe Streets Act also includes provisions enhancing walk times at crosswalks and requiring infrastructure reviews following incidents in school zones, walksheds and bus stops.

"This provision of the Safe Streets Act will decisively improve the safety of pedestrians and all road users in our downtowns and town centers by aligning with the best safety practices of our neighbors, including Washington, D.C.," said Council President Kate Stewart, who serves on the Transportation and Environment Committee. "I appreciate Councilmember Glass for leading this legislation and was pleased to join colleagues in supporting it."

Right turns at red lights are also banned in Washington, D.C. and in some intersections in Arlington, Va.

"Too many residents are being injured while lawfully crossing the street, with nearly 60% of all pedestrian- and cyclist-involved crashes occurring at intersections," said Councilmember Evan Glass, Chair of the Transportation and Environment Committee. "We have a responsibility to make our road areas safe for all users, which is the very reason why I passed the Safe Streets Act. By prohibiting right turns on red in our downtown areas and lengthening crosswalk times, we will reduce traffic deaths and injuries in Montgomery County."

The Safe Streets Act was passed to support the County's Vision Zero goal of eliminating serious and fatal crashes by addressing specific transportation initiatives.

"Right-turning vehicles at intersections increase risk for pedestrians, particularly for small children, people in wheelchairs and cyclists, who are not always visible to drivers," said MCDOT Director Chris Conklin. "Eliminating right turns at red lights provides pedestrians with an opportunity to cross with fewer conflicts with turning vehicles. A 2022 study by the Institute of Transportation Engineers has shown that banning right turns at red lights was effective in improving pedestrian safety."

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