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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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PLEASE NOTE:

You are receiving this packet in an effort to gather feedback on a possible proposal. There are NO plans to construct. A decision will be made based on your feedback. Please send only one Comment Form. Multiple and duplicate comments will not be counted.

Dear Property Owner(s):

This letter is to notify you that the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) has received a request from the Cloverly Forest Homeowners' Association to construct sidewalks along **Rainbow Drive** from the **existing sidewalk** near Snider Lane to **Valencia Street**. The sidewalks will *not* impact your side of the road, however, I wanted to alert you to the sidewalk proposal in your neighborhood.

The Division of Transportation Engineering manages and administers the County's Annual Sidewalk Program for MCDOT. Providing safer access for the disabled and improving pedestrian access to schools and nearby public transportation or public facilities is the major goal for the Annual Sidewalk Program.

Enclosed, please find a project location map that identifies the limits for the *proposed* sidewalk installation, the County Arborist's tree reports for each proposed roadway, as well as a *Comment/Survey form*. Your comments are beneficial to our office for addressing issues or concerns prior to the public hearing process. *Please review the enclosed and submit all comments to the Annual Sidewalk Program by **Friday, December 6, 2019**.*

As you can see, the Arborist's Report discloses what trees will need to be removed to make way for the proposed construction, as well as any protective measures that may be taken to maintain existing trees during construction. Please know, the County does not take tree removal lightly; *for each tree removed by the County, three new trees are planted*. The County's Arborist oversees placement of the new trees; the goal being to place as many trees as possible back into the community from which they were removed.

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A public hearing may be required to decide on the sidewalk proposal. However, since there are only three property owners that would be impacted by the sidewalk installation, if all three residents agree to the sidewalk installation and submit their agreement in writing, the County can install the sidewalk without a public hearing, shaving many months from the process.

You may see our Field Supervisor and/or Construction Representative in your neighborhood. Please note, though your comments regarding the proposal are welcome and encouraged, MCDOT field meetings are reserved only for those whose property will be directly impacted by the potential sidewalk construction.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions concerning the enclosed proposal, please contact my assistant, Lori Jean Main at 240-777-7271 or Lori.Main@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Sincerely,



Frank Kingsley, Manager
Annual Sidewalk Program

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Enclosures