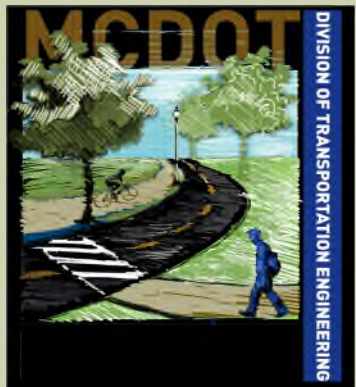


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The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT), Division of Transportation Engineering is currently developing the Preliminary (35%) Design of the short-term solution for the Lakeforest Transit Center Modernization project at the intersection of Lost Knife Road and Odendhal Avenue in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a brief overview of this project, summarize the project purpose and scope and to invite you to attend the public meeting scheduled for:

**LAKEFOREST TRANSIT
CENTER MODERNIZATION
PUBLIC MEETING**
Thursday, May 4, 2017
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
South Lake Elementary School
18201 Contour Road
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877

In order to better serve the needs of the community, MCDOT values and seeks public input throughout the planning and design process. At the public meeting, the Project Manager along with other MCDOT staff will present the latest project design and discuss any questions and concerns that citizens may have regarding the project.

If you will not be able to attend the public meeting, but would like to provide your comments and/or questions regarding the project, please contact:

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PROJECT PURPOSE

The project purpose is to improve the safety and operational deficiencies at the Lakeforest Transit Center. The short-term (Year 2020) and long-term (Year 2040) solutions are recommended for the project. The short-term solution is to provide a total of 12 bus bays

and a restroom facility within the existing right-of-way. The long-term solution is to construct the transit center off road.

PROJECT SCOPE

The project involves widening Lost Knife Road approximately 10 feet to the east at the location of the existing Lakeforest Transit Center and adding 4 parallel bus bays to the existing 2 bus bays from the Lakeforest Mall's parking lot entrance to the intersection with Odendhal Avenue. Odendhal Avenue will be shifted and widened approximately 25 feet to the south just west of the intersection. A total of 6 saw-tooth bus bays are proposed along west-bound Odendhal Avenue. Additionally, a station platform with a transit shelter and bus operator restrooms are proposed along Odendhal Avenue. The lane configurations will be kept the same for both roadways. Roadway drainage and 5 feet wide ADA-compliant concrete sidewalk improvements are also included as part of this project.

SCHEDULE

The Preliminary Engineering (35%) Design Submittal and Facility Planning Phase II is scheduled to be completed in summer 2017.

WHO IS RECEIVING THIS NEWSLETTER?

This newsletter is mailed to those citizens who properties are in close proximity to the project and to others affected by the construction of the project. If you know people who are interested in receiving newsletters and/ or want to be added to the mailing list for the project, please have them contact Ms. Gaila Lescinskiene in Division of Transportation Engineering at 240-777-7241.

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Existing Lakeforest Transit Center

The Division of Transportation Engineering (DTE) is responsible for planning, engineering, and constructing Montgomery County's infrastructure to the highest safety and performance standards possible while paying close attention to citizen's input, environmental and economic concerns. Today, DTE is responsible for more than 2,000 miles of primary and secondary roads and more than 253 bridges. DTE has three main sections: Transportation Planning and Design, Construction and Property Acquisition.

MCDOT wants your feedback: The MCDOT encourages you to provide your concerns on the Postage Paid Public Comments Form included with this newsletter. You can also e-mail your comments directly to the project manager at: rebecca.park@montgomerycountymd.gov or call at 240-777-7263.