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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 MR. THOMMANA: Good evening. It is
3 Wednesday, June 17, 2020, and the time is
4 approximately 7:00 p.m. My name is Jose Thommana,
5 designee at this hearing for the Montgomery County
6 Department of Transportation. Here with me this
7 evening to conduct this public hearing is Mr. Tim
8 Cupples, Chief of the Division of Transportation
9 Engineering for the Montgomery County Department of
10 Transportation, and Mr. Frank Kingsley, Manager of
11 the Annual Sidewalk Program in the Division of
12 Transportation Engineering. Mr. Cupples will be
13 providing the information and details regarding the
14 proposed project.

15 Tonight's hearing is our second public
16 hearing held virtually; we are happy that you are
17 able to join us in this forum. This hearing is being
18 recorded. The recording will be available for
19 viewing by 12 noon tomorrow, June 18, 2020. If you
20 would like a copy of the recording, please contact
21 Lori Main, who can be reached at
22 DTE.sidewalk@montgomerycountymd.gov.

23 Once the testimony portion of this hearing
24 begins, please be sure to raise your hand by clicking
25 on the Status Icon at the top of the screen. It is

1 the icon that looks like a person raising their hand.
2 You can click on the drop-down menu portion of the
3 icon and click Raise Hand. You may raise your hand
4 at any time during the testimony portion. You will
5 note your microphones have been muted. We will call
6 on you to provide your oral testimony and unmute your
7 microphone when it is your turn to speak. Written
8 testimony and comments may be submitted as well and
9 will be considered with the same weight as oral
10 testimony. Thank you.

11 This hearing is being held pursuant to
12 Section 49-53 of the Montgomery County Code. The
13 purpose of a public hearing is to obtain testimony
14 regarding the potential project to assist in
15 determining if the project is in the best interest of
16 the public, and whether or not it should be
17 authorized for construction in its entirety, or any
18 portion thereof. This forum allows you to provide
19 testimony either in support for or in opposition to
20 the project. Your comments should be focused entirely
21 on the project which is the topic of discussion. All
22 interested persons are entitled to be heard at this
23 hearing.

24 However, this is not a forum for dialogue,
25 questions and answers, or cross-examination. Please

1 direct your remarks to the specific project that is
2 the subject of this hearing. If comments stray into
3 areas not related to this project, I will ask that
4 you refocus your comments to the subject project.

5 Following the conclusion of this public
6 hearing, the record will remain open for three weeks
7 to allow any person who was unable to attend this
8 hearing an opportunity to have their comments
9 included into the public record and be fully
10 considered. The official closing date, by which all
11 comments must be received, is Wednesday, July 8,
12 2020, at 6:00 p.m. Submissions may be e-mailed or
13 sent via regular mail and must be received or
14 postmarked by the close of the hearing record.
15 Written submissions will be considered with the same
16 weight as oral testimony. Submissions should be sent
17 to Ms. Main, whose contact information is posted on
18 this webcast.

19 After the hearing is concluded and the
20 record is officially closed, I, as Hearing Officer,
21 will review and weigh all the information submitted
22 into the public record and make a recommendation to
23 the Director of the Department of Transportation, Mr.
24 Chris Conklin, for his final decision as to whether
25 the project has been shown to be in the best public

1 interest, and whether or not to authorize the project
2 as proposed or any portions thereof.

3 And now, to discuss the sidewalk proposal
4 for the Lutes-Briggs community, I present to you Tim
5 Cupples.

6 MS. MAIN: Tim, we can't hear you.

7 MR. CUPPLES: I did it to myself. I'm
8 sorry.

9 So I was just getting ready to let
10 everybody know before I started the testimony just
11 that we are recording when I'm -- when you're
12 unmuted, we are recording this, and it will be
13 available for download on our website. So that's one
14 of the things we do need to advise you under Maryland
15 State Law, that we are recording tonight's hearing.

16 And now I will prepare -- or -- or move to
17 offer a description of the proposal, to construct a
18 five-foot wide concrete sidewalk with a variable
19 zero-foot to three-foot greenspace along the
20 following roads: the north side of Briggs Road from
21 the existing sidewalk to Lutes Lane; the west side of
22 Lutes Drive from Briggs Road to Dressler Lane; the
23 west side of Wilton Oaks Drive from Briggs Road to
24 Mumford Driver; the east side of Ewood Lane from
25 Briggs Road to Victor Court; the west side of Ideal

1 Drive from Briggs Road to Victor Court; the south
2 side of Victor Court from Ewood Lane [sic] to Ideal
3 Drive; the west side of Disney Lane from Briggs Road
4 to the end of Disney Lane.

5 For your convenience, we have posted a few
6 downloadable displays that aid in the visual
7 description of this project.

8 They are: Display A, an aerial vicinity
9 map showing the location of the proposed sidewalks
10 relative to the nearby pedestrian attractions such as
11 religious centers, parks, public transportation, and
12 the existing network of sidewalks.

13 The proposed sidewalk is shown in red and
14 the existing sidewalks in blue. The total length of
15 the new sidewalk construction will be approximately
16 7,491 total linear feet.

17 Display B is a typical section of the
18 proposed sidewalks on Briggs Road, which has a 60-
19 foot public right of way; the roadway being 20 to 23
20 feet wide. Thus, there is approximately 18.5 feet of
21 public right of way available on either side of
22 Briggs Road.

23 Display C is a typical section of the
24 proposed sidewalks on Lutes Drive, which has 40 feet
25 of public right of way; the roadway being 16 to 26

1 feet wide. Thus, there is approximately 12 to seven
2 feet of public right of way available on either side
3 of Lutes Drive.

4 Display D is a typical section of the
5 proposed sidewalks on Wilton Oaks Lane, which has 60
6 feet of public right of way; the proposed -- or the
7 roadway being 26 feet wide. Thus, there is 17 feet
8 of public right of way available on either side of
9 Wilton Oaks Lane.

10 Display F is -- oh, I skipped one, didn't
11 I?

12 Display E is a typical section of the
13 proposed sidewalks on Disney Lane, which has 50 feet
14 of public right of way; the roadway being between 12
15 to 19 feet wide. Thus, there is 15.5 to 17 feet of
16 public right of way available on either side of
17 Disney Lane.

18 Display F -- somehow, I see the slides
19 aren't moving.

20 I'm sorry.

21 MS. MAIN: Oh.

22 MR. CUPPLES: Lori, if you wouldn't mind
23 moving the slides as I continue talking.

24 I apologize for that.

25 MS. MAIN: I mean, I -- oh. I -- I've

1 been clicking on this side card, but, apparently, it
2 wasn't changing. I'm -- I apologize, yeah.

3 MR. CUPPLES: I tell you what, I will go
4 through a couple -- I'll go back to the beginning of
5 the display testimony, just so that folks can see.
6 And, hopefully, that will resolve the issue there.

7 Okay, so just to repeat, Display A is a
8 typical -- go back one. Display A is an aerial
9 vicinity map. Display B is a typical section on
10 Briggs Road, which has a 60-foot public right of way.
11 The roadway is 20 to 23 feet wide. Thus, there's
12 approximately 18 and a half public feet -- feet of
13 public right of way on the other side of Briggs Road.
14 Display C is a typical section of the proposed
15 sidewalk on Lutes Drive, which is 40 feet wide with
16 12 to seven feet of public right of way available on
17 either side, with the roadway being 16 to 26 feet.

18 Display D is a typical section of the
19 proposed sidewalks on Wilton Oaks Lane, which has 60
20 feet of public right of way, the roadway being 26
21 feet side. Thus, there is 17 feet of public right of
22 way available on either side of Wilton Oaks Lane.

23 All right. This is where we left off.
24 Okay.

25 Display E is a typical section of the

1 proposed sidewalks on Disney Lane, which has 50 feet
2 of public right of way, the roadway being 12 to 19
3 feet wide. Thus, there is 15.5 to 17 feet of public
4 right of way available on either side of Disney Lane.

5 Display F is a typical section of the
6 proposed sidewalks on Ewood Lane, which has 50 feet
7 of public right of way; the roadway being 14 feet
8 wide. Thus, there is 18 feet of public right of way
9 available on either side of Ewood Lane.

10 Display G is a typical section of the
11 proposed sidewalks on Victor Court, which has 60 feet
12 of public right of way; the roadway being 24 feet
13 wide. Thus, there is 18 feet of public right of way
14 available on either side of Victor Court.

15 And Display H, which is a typical section
16 of the proposed sidewalks on Ideal Drive, which has
17 60 feet of public right of way; the roadway being 26
18 feet wide. Thus, there is 17 feet of public right of
19 way available on either side of Ideal Drive.

20 I will now review the project
21 justification.

22 MCDOT evaluates requests for pedestrian
23 facilities based on their ability to serve a public
24 use, as well as their ability to enhance public
25 safety. The main goal for installing a sidewalk is

1 to remove pedestrians from the path of vehicular
2 traffic and create a separation between the
3 pedestrian and the roadway. New sidewalks on Briggs
4 Road, Lutes Drive, Wilton Oaks Lane, Disney Lane,
5 Ewood Lane, Victor Court, and Ideal Drive will remove
6 pedestrians, as well as disabled persons, from the
7 roadway.

8 The sidewalks will establish safer access to
9 all areas of the community, including religious
10 centers, schools, parks, the existing network of
11 sidewalks and public transportation. Pedestrian
12 safety will be improved for the entire community.

13 I will now discuss tree removal and
14 replacement.

15 The removal of 62 trees is anticipated to
16 facilitate the construction of this entire project.
17 Three trees will be planted to replace each one tree
18 removed. Placement of the new trees is selected by
19 the county's arborist. The Tree Protection Report
20 for each proposed roadway can be downloaded from the
21 webcast platform. So there they are on the
22 downloadable displays on the bottom left.

23 Copies of the Tree Protection Report were
24 mailed to residents on or about August 27th, 2019.

25 I will now discuss costs and assessments.

1 The estimated cost for installing this
2 entire project is \$930,612.60. This includes
3 construction, inspection, and administrative costs.

4 Funding for this project will be provided
5 under the county's Annual Sidewalk Program, CIP
6 Project Number 0506747. There are no properties
7 which are considered to be specially benefited by the
8 proposed improvement. Therefore, no properties are
9 expected to be assessed.

10 I will now review the exhibits.

11 As previously discussed, several exhibits
12 are incorporated into the Public Record binder for
13 your information and consideration.

14 These exhibits include, one, the Office of
15 Management and Budget; Sidewalk Program Minor
16 Projects P506747; two, the Project Location map;
17 three, Construction Impacts; four, Cost Estimates;
18 five, the Arborist's Tree Evaluation Reports; six,
19 Proof of Publication from the Washington Post and
20 Montgomery County Press Release, each advertising
21 this Public Hearing; seven, Correspondence and
22 Comment Forms supporting the proposed sidewalks;
23 eight, Correspondence and Comment Forms opposing the
24 proposed sidewalks; nine, Written Testimony Received
25 Prior to Hearing; 10, a List of Attendees which will

1 be added following this hearing; 11, the Hearing
2 Transcript, which will also to be added following
3 this hearing.

4 Project-related data and files can be
5 downloaded from this virtual platform. The files
6 will be continue to be available to the public until
7 the record for this hearing -- public hearing is
8 officially closed.

9 If the proposed sidewalks are approved,
10 MCDOT will utilize a work order contract currently in
11 place with the Division of Transportation Engineering
12 to construct the sidewalk. If this project is
13 authorized, we anticipate construction in the fall of
14 2020. The construction is anticipated to take
15 approximately three to four weeks to complete, if
16 authorized as presented.

17 As previously stated, here with us this
18 evening is Mr. Frank Kingsley, manager of the Annual
19 Sidewalk Program. We will be available after the
20 hearing to answer any questions regarding the
21 construction aspects of this project.

22 And now I will turn things back over to Mr.
23 Thommana.

24 MR. THOMMANA: Thank you, Mr. Cupples.

25 We will now hear comments from those in

1 attendance who wish to testify.

2 To testify, please click on the status icon to
3 raise your hand. This is the icon that looks like a
4 person with their hand in the air. You should see it
5 towards the top of the screen.

6 Once given speaking rights, please clearly
7 provide your name and address for the record, prior
8 to beginning your testimony.

9 So with that, I'll leave it open to
10 anybody to raise their hand.

11 MS. MAIN: We have a list, actually, of
12 those that pre-signed up. I had e-mailed it. Let me
13 just grab that, really quick.

14 MR. CUPPLES: Okay. Tell you what, why
15 don't we do this while -- while you're looking that
16 up, Lori. Folks can --

17 MS. MAIN: Mm-hmm.

18 MR. CUPPLES: -- raise their hand to
19 testify.

20 Why don't we work off the list of -- of
21 folks who preregistered and then --

22 MS. MAIN: Okay. I have it.

23 MR. CUPPLES: And then once -- once we get
24 through that, if -- if you have your hand raised up
25 and we call on you, go ahead and lower it after your

1 testimony is complete. And then anyone who still has
2 their hand raised after we get through this, the
3 folks that signed up in advance, we'll give them an
4 opportunity.

5 That just would help us keep track of --
6 of, you know, muting and unmuting folks, if we did it
7 that way. And then, you know, we'll proceed like
8 that.

9 I will say that just as -- as we get ready
10 to start the -- the testimony part, I just want to
11 point out that this is really to hear from you.

12 We don't answer direct questions during
13 the testimony part. But don't worry, that doesn't
14 mean we're not going to answer your questions, just
15 that this is a -- a public hearing, and we're --
16 we're documenting the comments that we get back.

17 We will stay on after the -- the testimony
18 portion to do our best to answer all your questions.
19 So just, you know, if any -- no one's ever been to a
20 public hearing before and wonders how come you're not
21 answering the questions, that's -- that's why. It's
22 just kind of the design at this kind of -- of
23 hearing.

24 So with that, Lori, do you want to work
25 through the list of folks --

1 MS. MAIN: Yes.

2 MR. CUPPLES: -- who signed up?

3 MS. MAIN: I do. Thank you.

4 The first resident on our list tonight is
5 Arquilla Ridgell.

6 MR. CUPPLES: Okay. Let me unmute.
7 Arquilla, let's see here.

8 MS. MAIN: She is our first -- in the
9 status, she's the first resident.

10 MR. CUPPLES: Enable microphone. All
11 right. Arquilla.

12 MS. MAIN: And now she's the third.

13 MR. CUPPLES: You should be able to speak
14 now. Welcome.

15 Arquilla Ridgell? You may go ahead and
16 testify.

17 MS. MAIN: Hmm. It doesn't --

18 MR. CUPPLES: Okay. We might be having
19 some -- he's in here twice. I may have done the
20 wrong person. Let's just see here.

21 MR. THOMMANA: Her phone is still showing
22 muted. Is that the reason we don't hear her?

23 MS. MAIN: Oh, yeah. Let me -- I'll
24 unmute this one.

25 MR. CUPPLES: Yeah, and I'll -- I'm unable

1 to mute that one. Darn it.

2 MS. MAIN: All the way at the bottom.

3 MR. CUPPLES: Yeah. I'm unable to mute
4 it.

5 MS. MAIN: All right. It won't let me do
6 it, either.

7 MR. CUPPLES: Okay. Why don't we do this?
8 Lori, why don't you post the --

9 MS. MAIN: Why don't we take it --

10 MR. CUPPLES: -- the directions to -- to
11 dial-in for Arquilla Ridgell --

12 MS. MAIN: Okay.

13 MR. CUPPLES: -- and we will -- don't
14 worry, we will come back to you. I will find a way
15 to make it work.

16 And we'll go to the -- temporarily go to
17 the next person online. I do apologize for this.
18 Okay.

19 MS. MAIN: Okay. Next person is John
20 Gallahan.

21 MR. CUPPLES: Okay. And we will enable
22 Mr. Gallahan's microphone. All right, Mr. Gallahan,
23 are you able to speak?

24 MS. MAIN: Hmm.

25 MR. CUPPLES: Huh. Unmute attendee. All

1 right, let's try again. All right, Mr. Gallahan --

2 MS. MAIN: Oh, there he is.

3 MR. CUPPLES: -- we can hear you there.

4 MR. GALLAHAN: Okay. Now you can hear me.

5 Okay. Yes, I'm John Gallahan. I'm at 13212 Lutes
6 Drive, which is the very bottom of Lutes.

7 And just a couple points, I am basically,
8 yes, we do need a sidewalk. I mean, especially after
9 the repaving of Lutes and Briggs. We have increased
10 traffic and the traffic can go faster, so they do.
11 And also the street is quite narrow.

12 Also, I believe on Lutes, I think that we
13 would be better served by a sidewalk being on the
14 west side rather than the east. There are fewer
15 homes affected and there are several areas of
16 undeveloped land, which I don't believe can be
17 developed because it is stream valley buffer.

18 And parts and -- parts or all of that are,
19 I believe, owned by WSSC. So having a sidewalk there
20 would open this to more public -- I mean, I tend to
21 walk in there, but it's -- I've been -- and opening
22 it up, I mean, I'm sorry, excuse me.

23 Putting a sidewalk on that side would tend
24 to open this, I believe, public land, although it's
25 quasi-government land, I guess, to actually use by

1 residents. And it would seem to open up the street,
2 too. It would make -- if we -- even if we don't
3 widen the street, it would widen the area, because it
4 would cut back some of the brush that's there and a
5 few of the trees.

6 So I -- I think, you know, I think those
7 are good reasons to move it. Also at the other end
8 of Briggs -- or of Lutes, which would be the south
9 end, the west side, when they did redo the street,
10 they had to do a little bit of curb work. And adding
11 a sidewalk, I'm afraid, it's going to cause drainage
12 problems into the yard. So -- but, I mean, that's a
13 minor thing.

14 Yeah. And pretty much, that's the -- the
15 main things I wanted to say. I have a few issues
16 local, but this isn't probably the place to do that.

17 So, I guess, basically, I'm really done
18 with my test -- of what I have to say.

19 MR. CUPPLES: Okay. Well, thank you.
20 Thank you for your testimony. I'm going to mute your
21 phone.

22 MR. GALLAHAN: I don't want to get --

23 MR. CUPPLES: And we'll move on to the
24 next.

25 All right. We'll just give one more shot

1 to try with Arquilla Ridgell. Let's see -- enable
2 microphone.

3 Arquilla, are you able to speak?

4 All right. We haven't been able to solve
5 that yet. Okay.

6 We'll continue to work on that. I do
7 apologize for -- for the technical difficulty there.

8 Next on the list?

9 MS. MAIN: Our next (inaudible) is John
10 Silva.

11 MR. CUPPLES: Okay.

12 MS. MAIN: He is --

13 MR. CUPPLES: How do I --

14 MS. MAIN: -- responding -- is it there?

15 MR. CUPPLES: Okay. Here we go. All
16 right.

17 Hello, Mr. Silva. You should be able to
18 speak now.

19 Hmm.

20 MS. MAIN: Hmm.

21 MR. CUPPLES: All right.

22 This is -- I'm going to try something
23 here. Just going to go to the -- let's see if we can
24 leave the -- this mode, Lori. There's 18 folks I
25 think that we can --

1 MS. MAIN: That --

2 MR. CUPPLES: Let's give it a try. And --

3 MS. MAIN: Yeah.

4 MR. CUPPLES: -- we're going to try
5 unmuting everyone's microphone and see if that solves
6 this problem. And if you --

7 MR. SILVA: Okay. Now it -- mine's been
8 turned on, I hear.

9 MS. MAIN: Okay. Hello?

10 MR. CUPPLES: Okay, yeah. All right.

11 MS. MAIN: Great.

12 MR. CUPPLES: All right. Okay. Who's
13 speaking?

14 MR. SILVA: This is John Silva. I live at
15 13 --

16 MS. RIDGELL: Arquilla speaking.

17 MR. SILVA: -- 13012 Wilton Oaks Drive.

18 MR. CUPPLES: Okay.

19 MS. MAIN: Oh.

20 MR. CUPPLES: Great. Great. Thank you.

21 So what we had to do, if you wouldn't mind me just
22 pausing for just a second, we had to unmute
23 everybody. So with 18 folks on the line, we'll --
24 we'll kind of prompt you to speak.

25 Just recognize that every mic is open

1 right now, and -- and so, please, you know, do us a
2 favor, we're unable to manage it anymore. So if you
3 -- if you wouldn't mind, you know, just speaking when
4 -- when you're called on, and then we'll move on to
5 the next one at the completion of your testimony.
6 That would help us out.

7 MAN: Well, also we can mute our own
8 phone, too --

9 MR. CUPPLES: I'm sorry.

10 MAN: We can mute our -- mute our own
11 phone, too.

12 MR. CUPPLES: Okay.

13 All right. So --

14 MR. SILVA: Okay.

15 MR. CUPPLES: -- I'm sorry, Mr. Silva. Go
16 ahead.

17 MR. SILVA: Okay, yeah. It's John Silva
18 at 13012 Wilton Oaks Drive. I've lived here for 40
19 years. And many, many years ago, I tried to get a
20 sidewalk program going here, unsuccessfully. And,
21 fortunately, we have a dedicated resident named Mary
22 Ahern (phonetic), who was able to get this ball
23 rolling. And I think a number of us really
24 appreciate what she has been able to accomplish.

25 I've met personally with Frank Kingsley,

1 and I understand the issues with where the sidewalks
2 are going because of right of way concerns. And
3 there -- I think the plan that exists right now is
4 the way to go. For the safety of the kids, you know,
5 who -- who walk on our street, and even now,
6 afterhours, we have many people walking up and down
7 Wilton Oaks who are just out for an evening stroll or
8 kids trying to -- to play.

9 We really need these sidewalks, and I am
10 so, so happy that finally the county is considering
11 doing this.

12 And I think that -- that wraps it up. I -
13 - I just had one question about when was this going
14 to happen. I had -- had a blank out on the speaker
15 audio. I think you said it would actually start this
16 year.

17 So thank you very much.

18 MR. CUPPLES: All right. Well -- we'll,
19 we'll answer questions at the end.

20 Arquilla Ridgell, I think I heard you,
21 that you're able to speak now.

22 MS. RIDGELL: Yes, finally.

23 MR. CUPPLES: Yes. Okay. I apologize for
24 the -- the earlier technical difficulties.

25 MS. RIDGELL: No, I understand.

1 Well, hello. I'm Arquilla Ridgell --

2 MR. CUPPLES: Good evening.

3 MS. RIDGELL: -- and I've lived on -- with
4 my family on Disney Lane for 35 years. I'm also a
5 member of the Glenmont Exchange Civic Association,
6 which, I think, attended the first hearing.

7 Josh Goodman is our president, and he
8 attended on behalf of us, because we don't really
9 have -- formally have an HOA, so I kind of attend the
10 Glenmont Exchange Civic Association meetings.

11 Anyway -- all of the residents that live
12 in my house are elderly residents that are aged 50
13 and older. And some things that I've noticed -- I
14 had to do pipe repairs, water pipe repairs, and I
15 noticed that the plumbing, electrical, and cable
16 wires are all in my front yard, about where you're
17 going to put the sidewalk. And that would make
18 repairs very expensive.

19 And I -- they're going to be more repairs
20 needed, because there is an issue with WSSC and
21 pinhole leaks in copper pipes. So because of the
22 chemicals that they're using in the water supply,
23 they've put another chemical in the water supply to
24 reduce pinhole leaks, but they're still existing.
25 And so that means that all of the yards will probably

1 have to eventually be dug up because there's going to
2 be pinhole leaks in the copper pipes, because most of
3 the homes in that area do have copper pipes.

4 My neighbor across the street also
5 experienced a leak, and in the same area, in the
6 front of her yard shortly after I experienced my
7 leak.

8 So it's going to make repairs very
9 difficult if you have slabs of concrete covering our
10 front yards. And although we met with WSSC at the
11 Glenmont Exchange meeting and they basically told
12 everybody to get HomeServe and insurance, but the
13 insurance only covers so much. It only covers about
14 \$3,000 per year. And that only covered, like,
15 replacing some of the pinhole leaks. It doesn't --
16 it would not have recover -- it would not have paid
17 for the -- like, if a sidewalk was there. So it
18 makes repairs very expensive when you start putting
19 sidewalks.

20 And I happen to live on a street -- Disney
21 Lane -- 13003 Disney Lane, which is a very short
22 street. It's a cul-de-sac that doesn't really have a
23 lot of traffic -- it has no traffic. I've sat there
24 for days and the only cars that come in sometimes are
25 the people that actually live there. So there -- the

1 traffic is kind of slow or it's no traffic at all.

2 And, also, I think that sidewalks, when
3 you sent out your (inaudible), you did not say who
4 would be responsible for shoveling the sidewalks. I
5 know (inaudible) maintains them. But I think that
6 would be an additional expense and burden on a street
7 such as mine, where there's not a lot of traffic and
8 it's a cul-de-sac, and it's not really going
9 anywhere. And it's a short street.

10 And I would -- that would mean you would
11 be putting the burden on me and the elderly residents
12 who live there to shovel the sidewalk every winter,
13 and we do get a lot of snow.

14 Sometimes when I don't shovel my driveway
15 all the way or -- leave part of my driveway, and
16 that's fine. But I know the county has -- will fine
17 me if don't shovel sidewalks. So that's another
18 issue.

19 And, also, I think that putting sidewalks
20 on my particular street will disturb the wildlife.
21 This week, I had about four rabbits in my yard. I
22 had deer. And I can't see them -- I've had deer have
23 babies in my back yard. And I cannot see the
24 wildlife coming up on the sidewalk, because that's
25 their -- that's kind of their part of the front yard.

1 And even the maple tree that I have in my front yard,
2 deer used to come and rub their antlers on it, and
3 that's why I put protections around it. So I think
4 it would also disturb some of the wildlife on my
5 particular street.

6 And, let's see, I think that's it.

7 And, also, I -- I don't like to see trees
8 removed. Yeah, ever since I've lived there, I've had
9 a problem with (inaudible) the yard.

10 Pepco had to cut down a tree in my back
11 yard because it was touching the wire -- well, while
12 we were on vacation, the trees caught fire because
13 Pepco's wire burned one of our trees.

14 So I had to have that tree cut down, and I
15 planted the tree in the front yard on my aunt's
16 birthday to preserve my tree life in the area. And
17 even my neighbor said to me, they said, Why did you
18 cut down the tree in the back yard? And I said,
19 Well, I'll plant another one in the front yard.

20 And I know that you plant three trees per
21 every, like, for every tree you remove, but, I mean,
22 that made -- that tree -- all trees are not equal. I
23 mean, that tree is kind of special to me -- and the
24 other trees in our neighborhood.

25 So I think we have a pretty street, and I

1 don't -- I really don't want to see it paved over
2 with concrete sidewalk. And, like I said, I live on
3 a short street that's a cul-de-sac. So if I -- I
4 don't really want to see sidewalks on Disney Lane.

5 Thank you.

6 MR. CUPPLES: Thank you very much. And I
7 apologize for mispronouncing your name earlier.

8 MS. RIDGELL: Yeah, that's okay.
9 Everybody does. Even the people I work with, it
10 takes them two years, they'll finally start saying
11 Arquilla.

12 So thank you.

13 MR. CUPPLES: Okay. All right, Lori,
14 who's -- who's next?

15 MS. MAIN: Up next, we have -- well,
16 that's actually it, because Mr. Gillman wrote in the
17 question section that he was happy with his written
18 testimony.

19 MR. CUPPLES: Okay, so there are -- that's
20 all that preregistered. We have a couple folks with
21 their hands raised.

22 I will go to Mark Rother first.

23 Mr. Rother -- let's see, enable
24 microphone.

25 All right, Mr. Rother, are you able to

1 speak?

2 Oh, boy.

3 MR. ROTHER: I'm here.

4 MR. CUPPLES: Okay. Mr. Rother may be
5 having some technical difficulties. Let's see if we
6 can work on that one.

7 The next person who has their hand raised
8 is Edward Hogg. Okay, I see your text in there, Mr.
9 Rother. We'll try and give you an opportunity.

10 Mr. Hogg, go ahead.

11 MR. HOGG: Hi. Edward Hogg, and it's
12 okay, everybody does that as well.

13 MR. CUPPLES: Sorry.

14 MR. HOGG: That's all right. I heard it,
15 like I said, everybody does it. I'm right there with
16 Arquilla.

17 So, yeah, 13208 Lutes. I'm a firm
18 supporter of sidewalks. I have more personal
19 complains about my own property as drainage has been
20 an issue, but I would definitely like to see these go
21 in.

22 I've also -- when originally the -- the --
23 the -- some individuals in the community were coming
24 around and proposing or -- or talking about the
25 possibility of this, I had initially asked if anybody

1 had done a feasibility study on turning the
2 Lutes/Briggs connection into a -- into a one-way,
3 because that would also prevent -- or also allow us
4 to eliminate the need to expand the street, make it
5 wider, and therefore remove those trees.

6 It would also allow us a little bit more
7 of a margin of safety, as, right now, when we drive
8 on Lutes and on Briggs, it -- it can get a little bit
9 dicey when you're passing another vehicle,
10 particularly if there are people who are walking on
11 the street.

12 So I suppose it's more of a question than
13 anything else as to whether or not anybody has looked
14 into the possibility of combining these two -- these
15 -- these two particular projects or if anybody's even
16 thought out that.

17 But I -- I -- I land -- no matter what
18 happens, I land on the side of -- of adding the
19 sidewalks to Lutes, Briggs, specifically.

20 And thank you.

21 MR. CUPPLES: Okay. All right.

22 I don't see anyone else who has their hand
23 raised. Oh, here comes some folks. Oh, they're
24 raising and lowering them.

25 I know Mr. Rother tried to send some

1 directions to -- to dial in via the -- the 800
2 number. Were you able to do so? Are you able to
3 speak?

4 MR. THOMMANA: I think Mr. Rother has put
5 his testimony in the text box where people type
6 questions.

7 MR. CUPPLES: Okay. All right.

8 Thank you. We're -- we're certainly happy
9 to -- to accept that, and if there's anything else
10 that -- that you would like put in terms of written
11 testimony and -- and e-mail that to Lori Main, that's
12 great. Also, I'm sorry we're having the technical
13 difficulties with the microphones tonight.

14 Okay, Mr. Johnson -- well, he had his hand
15 raised and didn't have it raised. Mr. Johnson, do
16 you have a -- any testimony you'd like to offer?

17 MR. JOHNSON: Well, yeah. Thanks.
18 Actually, I have -- this is Robert Johnson. I live
19 on Ideal Drive -- 13117. And I'd like to suggest
20 there could be some cost savings here for what you're
21 proposing.

22 For one thing, there is an existing
23 sidewalk on the north side of Briggs from Ideal --
24 from Ideal down to Layhill. Your drawing shows
25 there's new sidewalk needed there. I believe it's a

1 five-foot-wide sidewalk.

2 And looking at the diagram, this maybe
3 accounts for about 20 percent of the -- I mean five
4 percent of the work. So, potentially, you can
5 achieve a savings there by keeping the existing
6 sidewalk.

7 Another suggestion I would make is that
8 you seem -- I keep hearing a five-foot-wide sidewalk
9 being talked about, yet the sidewalk segment at the
10 top of our driveway aprons in this area, and also
11 from what I've observed over on Hathaway and across
12 over on the other side of Layhill, is only about four
13 feet wide.

14 So if you put in a four-foot-wide
15 sidewalk, you could save, perhaps, 20 percent on the
16 concrete as opposed to putting in a five-foot-wide
17 sidewalk. And it would then be consistent with
18 everything else that seems to be in this area, as
19 opposed to being a foot wider than the rest of the
20 ones in the area.

21 And then, I guess, another question I have
22 is, is there any possibility for routing the sidewalk
23 to go around some of the mature trees?

24 I know one of my neighbors, who's not on
25 this call, that -- that lives on Victor Court,

1 there's, you know, at least one mature tree in the
2 right of way that (inaudible). The sidewalk could be
3 routed around that like a semicircular diversion or
4 something, that might save that tree.

5 I don't know whether that's feasible or
6 not, though, but -- that's my -- that's about all I
7 have for you right now.

8 Thank you.

9 MR. CUPPLES: Okay. Thank you. And we're
10 happy to address questions after we've heard
11 everyone's testimony.

12 Susan -- I'm going to -- forgive me, I
13 might mispronounce this one also -- Susan --

14 MS. ERIM: Erim.

15 MR. CUPPLES: Erim?

16 MS. ERIM: Erim.

17 MR. CUPPLES: Forgive me.

18 MS. ERIM: Yes.

19 MR. CUPPLES: Has raised her hand.

20 MS. ERIM: Thank you. Thank you.

21 I'm Sue -- Sue Arum, and I'm at 13016
22 Wilton Oaks Drive.

23 And my thoughts on the sidewalk project is
24 definitely Briggs Road and Lutes need sidewalks. My
25 concern with both of those roads with the sidewalk is

1 that they're very narrow, and I'm concerned about
2 people already going so fast on those roads -- it's a
3 cut-through -- that having sidewalks, it makes me
4 nervous, because there are people always walking, and
5 it's always like they're almost having to go into the
6 woods at -- at the bottom part of Lutes as it is
7 anyway.

8 So and I was curious as to why, if the
9 sidewalk on Briggs isn't -- if the road isn't widened
10 -- or maybe they're planning to do that, and it's not
11 on the same side as the church, which, you know, had
12 that -- all that wooded area, so they wouldn't be
13 taking up people's -- going onto people's properties
14 on -- on Briggs.

15 But as far as Wilton Oaks, the street I
16 live on, I -- I feel like once you put the sidewalk
17 in, we have a lot of people who -- have a lot of cars
18 and they park in their driveways. I think they will
19 be blocking the sidewalk with their driveway, which
20 is, from what I understand, is not permissible
21 anyway, but I think it will happen.

22 And I think what will end up happening is
23 more cars will -- will be parking on -- on the -- on
24 the streets, which will make the street even more
25 narrow as you're going back and forth.

1 And -- and I, too, don't want to spend
2 more money to have my sidewalk shoveled, either, as
3 far as that goes. And I think --

4 MR. THOMMANA: Okay.

5 MS. ERIM: -- you know, it's a quiet
6 neighborhood back here with -- where people are aware
7 of walking on Wilton Oaks, you know, and -- and being
8 cautious of cars coming down. It is a dead-end
9 street as well, as Disney is, too.

10 So those are kind of my thoughts and my
11 opinions, and -- and -- and I, too, don't like to
12 have trees cut down as well, either.

13 So that's -- that's -- that's all I have
14 to test -- for my testimony.

15 MR. CUPPLES: Thank you --

16 MS. ERIM: You're welcome.

17 MR. CUPPLES: -- for your testimony.

18 So I'll give one more opportunity for
19 anyone who hasn't testified to --

20 MS. ROTHER: Hello? Can you hear me?

21 MR. CUPPLES: -- raise their hand. Yes.

22 MS. ROTHER: Can you hear? This is Lisa
23 Rother.

24 MR. CUPPLES: Hi.

25 MS. ROTHER: I had typed what I need to

1 say, but now I'm on the phone, and I would just
2 reiterate -- and I see a couple of my neighbors have
3 agreed, I think.

4 It would be really beneficial to have
5 sidewalks on Briggs and Lutes, as those are through
6 streets and a lot of non-neighborhood traffic
7 traverses those roads, getting between the
8 subdivision behind us and Layhill Road.

9 On the other streets, including, and most
10 importantly to me, Wilton Oaks, I think the sidewalk
11 would destroy the character of the neighborhood that
12 currently exists. And I walk my dog twice a day, and
13 I do have to be alert, but the street is rarely
14 crowded with cars driving up and down, maybe a couple
15 in -- in an hour. And I just really think that the -
16 - removing all those trees along Wilton Oaks, part of
17 the character here is all these trees, and it would
18 be unfortunate to -- to take them down.

19 Anyway, and -- and Disney and Ideal are so
20 short and kind of dead-end, and Ewood dead ends also.
21 I -- so I -- anyway, my bottom line is I think it
22 would be terrific to have sidewalks on Lutes and
23 Briggs, but not the other smaller residential streets
24 within the neighborhood.

25 Thanks for your time.

1 MR. CUPPLES: Thank you. I'm glad that
2 you were able to connect and offer your verbal
3 testimony.

4 Okay. I don't see anyone with their hands
5 up right now -- oh, here comes Shane. Come on in.

6 Shane, you're up.

7 MR. DUGGAN: Yeah, my name is Shane
8 Duggan. I live at 13013 Wilton Oaks, and I am in
9 support of the sidewalk program.

10 My -- my wife and daughter live here. My
11 daughter is about 20 months, and so, you know,
12 realizing how unsafe the roads are taking a stroller
13 on the road to -- to go to the park or to -- to go
14 for walks.

15 So any -- any additional safety measures
16 for pedestrians would be, you know, greatly
17 appreciated. And we are in full support of the
18 sidewalk program.

19 MR. CUPPLES: Okay. Thank you for your
20 testimony.

21 We'll give a -- a second for anyone else
22 who hasn't testified, the opportunity to raise their
23 hand. Right now, I don't see anyone with their hand
24 raised.

25 Okay.

1 MR. THOMMANA: Robert Johnson.

2 MR. CUPPLES: Okay. Go ahead.

3 MR. JOHNSON: I -- am I on? Can you hear
4 me?

5 MR. CUPPLES: Yes.

6 MR. JOHNSON: Okay. I -- I've lived here
7 for many years, since 1972, and I would say that the
8 most dangerous, hazardous point in this project that
9 a sidewalk would help is where Briggs and Ideal, the
10 top of that hill, there's virtually no place on the
11 west side of Ideal on Briggs Road for someone to walk
12 and -- and -- and stay out of the traffic -- out of
13 the traffic lane, out of the westbound traffic lane.
14 And cars come over that blind hill, and it can be a
15 hazardous spot for pedestrians.

16 So I'd just like to testify that I think
17 that's the most hazardous place in this whole
18 project, based on my experience of living here many
19 years, that sidewalks would help.

20 MR. CUPPLES: Okay.

21 Thank you for your testimony.

22 Okay.

23 MR. THOMMANA: Okay. If there's nobody
24 else that wishes to testify at this time, this
25 concludes the speakers who have expressed an interest

1 in speaking tonight.

2 If there's anybody else who did not sign
3 in as a speaker or who now wishes to speak, please
4 raise your hand for the last chance, I guess, before
5 we complete the testimony.

6 So nobody -- no other testimony, correct?

7 Okay. Well, thank you, everybody. Seeing
8 that everybody who wishes to speak has had an
9 opportunity to do so, this concludes the oral
10 testimony portion of this public hearing. We will
11 keep the record open for three weeks, until Wednesday
12 July 8th.

13 Additional written testimony may be
14 submitted by e-mail or regular mail and must be
15 received or postmarked by the close of this hearing
16 record. Submissions should be sent to Lori Main,
17 Annual Sidewalk Program, Division of Transportation
18 Engineering, MCDOT. And our address is 100 Edison
19 Park Drive, 4th Floor, Gaithersburg, Maryland, 20878.

20 Our fax number is 240-777-7277, or if you
21 would like to e-mail your testimony, the e-mail
22 address is DTE.sidewalk@montgomerycountymd.gov.

23 Again, Lori's contact information is
24 posted. Thank you and this public hearing is now
25 concluded.

1 MR. CUPPLES: Okay. Thank you, everyone.

2 And, as promised, we're happy to hang
3 around after the public hearing and -- and now that
4 we've -- we've done the listening part, you know,
5 there were -- there were some of you that had
6 questions, they were typed in the chat pod. We were
7 trying to keep up with them as we'd go. We're happy
8 to stick around and try and answer those as best we
9 can.

10 And then a couple of -- I jotted down a
11 couple of questions that I did hear in the testimony.
12 So why don't we go with those first, and then I'll
13 jump over to the chat pod.

14 Frank, the first one that I noted in the -
15 - in the written testimony was, was it possible to
16 route sidewalks around trees?

17 MR. KINGSLEY: It is possible. It is a
18 case-by-case scenario. It is something that we have
19 to look at. It also needs to be reviewed and
20 approved by the county arborists. Those are the
21 folks that dictate to us, based on construction,
22 whether that tree can survive if the sidewalk is
23 placed close to it.

24 So it's something that we would need to
25 look at specifically to see whether we could go

1 around it or not.

2 MR. CUPPLES: Okay. Going -- going to the
3 chat pod, let's see, I'm trying to keep up with ones
4 that have been answered.

5 Display A, a new sidewalk on the north
6 side of Briggs, why is it shown there when there's
7 already an existing sidewalk in excellent condition?

8 I think that answer -- was answered lower.
9 It doesn't comply with ADA requirements today. Is
10 that correct, Frank?

11 MR. KINGSLEY: Yes, that is correct.

12 MR. CUPPLES: Okay. All right.

13 And that calls to mind another one that I
14 didn't jot down during the oral testimony. But folks
15 were asking, you know, could we save money by making
16 the side -- new sidewalks narrower to match the
17 existing sidewalks elsewhere in the neighborhood. Do
18 you want to address that question, Frank?

19 MR. KINGSLEY: Sure. We have to follow
20 Maryland State Highway and Americans with
21 Disabilities Act. Those are the folks that dictate
22 the width of the sidewalk. So we do have to maintain
23 any new sidewalks at five feet wide.

24 MR. CUPPLES: Okay. Okay. Susan had a --
25 oh. I'm sorry.

1 MR. THOMMANA: This is Jose. I think
2 there was one question about when this was actually
3 going to happen.

4 MR. CUPPLES: Yes. That was in the -- in
5 the testimony and that -- that gentleman couldn't
6 hear that part of the testimony. That -- if it is
7 approved, it's slated for fall of 2020, correct,
8 Frank?

9 MR. KINGSLEY: Yes.

10 MR. CUPPLES: Okay.

11 MR. THOMMANA: Okay.

12 MR. CUPPLES: Okay. Susan has a question
13 -- several questions.

14 Who is responsible for maintenance,
15 especially shoveling snow? And she has questions
16 about losing driveway space. And, you know, what
17 happens -- will your taxes go up? And then the
18 fourth question is specific to her particular lot
19 about some -- a Japanese Maple.

20 Why don't I handle the tax one. That --
21 you guys may not have noticed that during the
22 testimony, that was the section on assessments. And
23 -- and that's where, when we say that no property is
24 specifically benefited, that's specifically for the
25 tax purpose.

1 And so there is, when we say no -- no
2 property specifically benefitted and there are not
3 anticipated to be any assessments, that -- that's the
4 government speak for, no, your taxes aren't -- aren't
5 going to be raised as part of this.

6 Frank, would you handle the question on
7 snow?

8 MR. KINGSLEY: Yep. The -- the shoveling
9 of the snow is the responsibility of -- of the
10 residents. I'm looking at the rest of her questions.

11 The driveway space is a possibility.
12 Having loss of it, but, typically, if there is space
13 for people to walk around the back of the car and
14 still not go into the roadway, that typically doesn't
15 cause an issue.

16 You got the taxes.

17 Japanese Maple -- will remain and not be
18 damaged. That, I would have to take a look at.

19 Lori, I don't know if you have the
20 arborist's report handy.

21 MS. MAIN: Yes. Let me just grab it
22 quickly.

23 Can I get back to you on that? And I will
24 --

25 MR. KINGSLEY: Yeah. Yeah.

1 MS. MAIN: -- (inaudible.)

2 MR. KINGSLEY: Yeah, that -- that
3 question, we will have to get back to -- to that
4 resident and provide a response.

5 Lutes and Briggs be the standard width?
6 Yes. Five feet wide.

7 MR. CUPPLES: Okay, Frank. The -- the
8 next question, oh, will we be putting in curbs in --
9 on streets like Ewood between Briggs and Victor where
10 there are none at this time?

11 MR. KINGSLEY: No, we don't have any plans
12 to put curb in unless the community, based on the
13 zero to five -- zero to three feet of greenspace, if
14 the curb -- if the sidewalk is adjoining the roadway
15 and there is no greenspace between the sidewalk and
16 the roadway, we need to put up a curb to make a
17 delineation between the roadway so folks just can't
18 drive off the road onto the sidewalk.

19 And, again, that would be a case-by-case
20 basis, but we don't have any plans to put curbs
21 throughout the neighborhood. That would cause a
22 whole drainage issue and a whole other construction.

23 MR. CUPPLES: Okay.

24 MS. MAIN: I do have an answer about the
25 Japanese Maple now.

1 MR. CUPPLES: Okay.

2 MS. MAIN: The -- the Japanese Maple will
3 be safe. It will require air excavation with --
4 Frank, can you explain that?

5 MR. KINGSLEY: Yeah. Air excavation is --
6 is pretty much that. I mean, they use an air
7 compressor, which blows the dirt and earth away from
8 the roots so the roots can be trimmed properly, if
9 needed to be, and it also tells us what's under the
10 grass, if you will. So it doesn't cause damage like
11 putting a shovel into the ground. We can blow the
12 dirt away and look to see what -- what is underneath.

13 MR. CUPPLES: Okay. We have a few
14 questions about microphones and how to testify.
15 Folks letting you know I've muted myself.

16 Let's see here. The next project-related
17 question, will sidewalks be aligned with the top of
18 the driveway apron or in some other arrangement?

19 Mr. Johnson asked that question.

20 MR. KINGSLEY: It really depends on the
21 placement and the exact location of where the
22 sidewalk runs through an apron. Again, if we go back
23 to zero to three feet of greenspace, if it is closer
24 to the road than the sidewalk section, we'll be
25 closer to the road.

1 So there's no definite answer, there's no
2 exact pattern for each driveway. They differ.

3 MR. CUPPLES: Okay.

4 Okay. Some folks just pointing out
5 correct street names. Again, I apologize for
6 flubbing them as I was trying to read the script and
7 not get distracted by looking at myself on the little
8 webcam.

9 Let's see here.

10 Okay. It -- again another question
11 related to snow removal -- is there a program to
12 shovel sidewalks?

13 I'm not aware of any county program to
14 shovel sidewalks for -- for folks.

15 MS. MAIN: A lot of the homeowners civic
16 associations, I've found, have put village programs
17 together where people sign up to help or volunteer to
18 assist in shoveling.

19 MR. CUPPLES: Okay.

20 MS. MAIN: That might be something that
21 can (inaudible.)

22 MR. CUPPLES: Yeah. A nice -- nice
23 approach.

24 Okay. This is a testimony. Let me scroll
25 on through that and see.

1 Questions. More testimony.

2 Okay. Here's a question; who does own the
3 undeveloped land on the west side of the 13200 block
4 of Lutes?

5 MR. KINGSLEY: There are a couple of
6 different owners' parcels in there. One is Park and
7 Planning Commission owns a large portion of it. And
8 then WMATA -- Washington Metropolitan Transit
9 Authority [sic], owns another section in there.

10 MR. CUPPLES: Yes.

11 All right. And I see, you know, there
12 might be another question or two being typed in. I
13 see some folks might be typing. We'll -- we'll give
14 it a second, if another question pops up.

15 MR. KINGSLEY: I guess there was a comment
16 or a question regarding putting the sidewalk on that
17 opposite side of Briggs. Our justification for the
18 side that was proposed was that folks would be
19 walking out of the streets -- Disney, Ideal Drive --
20 out to Briggs, and we couldn't have a mid-block
21 crossing at each one of those locations to cross the
22 street to the other side of Briggs.

23 That would have caused numerous issues if
24 we led people down just say Ideal Drive on a sidewalk
25 and stopped it on the, I guess that would be east

1 side of Briggs and they had to cross Briggs to get to
2 another sidewalk.

3 MR. CUPPLES: Okay.

4 All right. And then I guess we could get
5 one more question, which is actually just a -- a very
6 good suggestion and maybe something we ought to
7 consider is, when we send out information on future
8 sidewalk proposals, that -- that we get just outline
9 the snow and legal responsibilities and stuff like
10 that.

11 MR. KINGSLEY: Sure.

12 MR. CUPPLES: Okay. We did have an ADA
13 question come in.

14 I've seen sidewalks at the bottom of a
15 driveway apron which make an uneven transition from a
16 flat sidewalk to crossing a driveway. How are these
17 concerns reconciled?

18 Frank, you want to mention, you know, what
19 the requirement on the slope is -- the crosswalks?

20 MR. KINGSLEY: Yeah. We have a specific
21 cross slope that the sidewalk has to meet for ADA
22 purposes. And whatever adjustments need to be done
23 for the apron is -- is our responsibility also, so it
24 all transitions properly. So it wouldn't be a -- a
25 bump-up, if you will. They all would be transitioned

1 properly.

2 MR. CUPPLES: And, I believe, is that two
3 percent cross slope perpendicular to the direction of
4 the sidewalk?

5 MR. KINGSLEY: Yeah. Yes.

6 MR. CUPPLES: All right, that would be,
7 you know, two inches and a hundred inches would be
8 the -- the maximum slope that you could -- could tilt
9 side to side.

10 Okay. I don't see anyone else typing in
11 the question pod.

12 So if -- if that's all the questions we
13 have, thank you very much for attending this one. As
14 -- as you mentioned at the onset, this is the second
15 time we've done it. And we're -- we're still in the
16 learning process. We apologize for some of the
17 technical glitches on -- on the audio. I'm glad that
18 -- that we were able to get that squared away and
19 have everyone who -- who wished to speak speak.

20 And, you know, as Jose mentioned, the --
21 the hearing record does remain open. And, you know,
22 if -- if you, you know, something comes to mind in
23 the next several weeks that -- that you wished you
24 thought of and wished you said, please go ahead and
25 send that in to us and -- and we'll get that included

1 into the hearing record.

2 Okay.

3 MAN: Thank you.

4 MR. CUPPLES: Thank you, everybody. Have
5 a -- have a great evening and thank you for joining
6 us virtually.

7 MS. MAIN: Thank you.

8 MAN: Thank you.

9 WOMAN: Thank you.

10 WOMAN 2: Thank you.

11 MR. CUPPLES: Jose, thank you very much.

12 Oh, he's gone before I could say thank you.

13 And Frank's gone.

14 Lori, thank you.

15 Juan, thank you. You're the only ones
16 left to thank.

17 MS. MAIN: Thank you.

18 MR. CUPPLES: Appreciate you guys working
19 late tonight.

20 MS. MAIN: Happy to do it.

21 MR. CUPPLES: All right. I'm going to go
22 ahead and sign off, then.

23 MS. MAIN: Okay.

24 Thank you.

25 MR. CUPPLES: Take care, everybody.

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