

**RE: 70669\_Right of Way abandonment request - Portions of Westbard Ave and Ridgefield Road in Bethesda**

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Good afternoon Eric:

Below are the comments the Division of Traffic Engineering and Operations has regarding the portions of Westbard Avenue and Ridgefield Road to be abandoned.

- The areas to be abandoned include large portions of existing road pavement. Ensure that underground utilities will be relocated accordingly or access to the utilities for repair or maintenance is still possible.
- The future realigned intersection of Ridgefield Road and Westbard Avenue may be a signalized intersection. Ensure that an easement will be possible should the placement of signal equipment be necessary within the area to be abandoned.

Thanks,

Vincent Ho, P.E.

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All,

Please be advised that the Montgomery County Department of Transportation has received a request from Miles & Stockbridge, P.C., on behalf of their client, Equity One (Northeast Portfolio), LLC to abandon portions of Westbard Avenue and Ridgefield Road in Bethesda. As part of a redevelopment of the surrounding area, the Applicant will be constructing a realignment of Westbard Avenue which will result in the subject portions of Westbard Avenue and Ridgefield Road being excess rights of way. The Applicant's letter and corresponding exhibits requesting this abandonment is attached for your review.

Please review and submit any comments you may have concerning the subject abandonment request to me (contact information below) by December 8, 2020.

Thank you. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Eric Willis

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