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Sent: Friday, September 22, 2023 4:06 PM
To: Jarrod Gillam
Cc: Friedson's Office, Councilmember; Conklin, Christopher; Paylor, Michael L.; McCray, Tiara
Subject: re: APPROVE THE PERMANENT ROAD CLOSURE IN WESTBARD

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]



MARC ELRICH • COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Thank you for contacting me about the potential permanent closure of Westbard Drive at River Road.

As you know the closure was referenced in the Westbard Sector Plan:

- "This Plan endorses the permanent closure of the residential portion of Westbard Avenue between River Road and Ridgefield Road at the River Road end. The closure should not occur until the existing Westbard Road/River Road intersection is realigned to intersect River Road with a right-angled turn. The closed end should have a 3-inch-high mountable curb to allow emergency vehicles to access the block from River Road. The closed end should be reconstructed to create a turnaround. Action on this closure is predicated on the submittal of a formal neighborhood application for street closure in accordance with Chapter 49 of the County Code, and its subsequent approval by the County Council."
https://montgomeryplanning.org/community/westbard/documents/westbard_for_web9.1.pdf
(pg 37)

A petition, AB 786, was submitted and a public hearing was held on September 19th to consider the petition. All of the testimony presented at the hearing as well as the written testimony will be reviewed and considered. I have sent your correspondence to the hearing examiner to ensure that your views are considered. The record will be open for two weeks past the hearing date. Additional comments can still be sent to tiara.mccray@montgomerycountymd.gov

This hearing and review of all the materials is the standard process for a permanent road closure in order to be as comprehensive as possible. We have an obligation to look at all the various impacts and make

sure the process is adequate. The next step is to await the hearing examiner's review and recommendations. I hope this will provide an approach that works for the different communities.

Thank you for taking the time to write – please know I appreciate the importance of this issue.

Sincerely,

Marc Elrich
County Executive

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