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VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING
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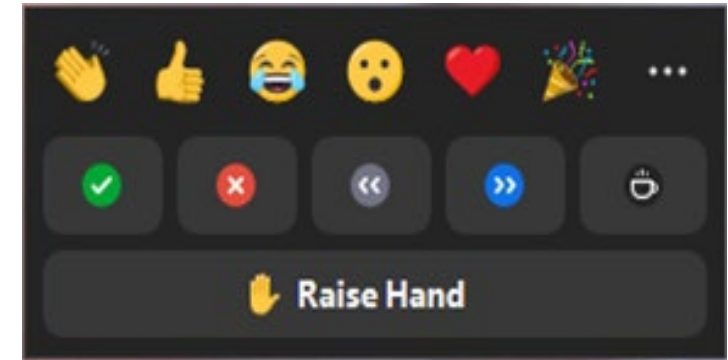
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Zoom Meeting Controls

- All microphones have been muted and cameras turned off.
- **To reduce the bandwidth of tonight's meeting, please do not turn on your video camera.**
- Following tonight's presentation, you will have the opportunity to provide testimony. There will also be a Question-and-Answer session after the testimony portion if time allows. **Please wait until the presentation ends to raise your hand to testify or ask a question.** Alternatively, you may type your question into the chat box any time during tonight's hearing.
- **To raise your hand** following the presentation, please click on the **"Reactions"** icon at the bottom of your screen, and then click **"Raise Hand."**
- **If you called into tonight's meeting via telephone, press *9 to raise your hand and *6 to unmute yourself.**



PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Hearing held pursuant to Section 49-53 of the Montgomery County Code

- Obtain testimony regarding the potential project
- Comments/testimony should be focused entirely on the Kenwood Park Community Sidewalk Proposal
- All interested persons are entitled to be heard at this hearing; however, the testimony portion of this hearing is not a forum for dialogue, questions and answers, or cross examination.

Recorded Public Hearing will be posted on The Sidewalk Program website:

<https://montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dte/sidewalk/KenwoodPark.html>



PUBLIC HEARING RECORD

The Public Hearing Record will remain open for four weeks to allow any person an opportunity to have their comments included. **Written Testimony carries the same weight as Oral Testimony.**

Official Closing Date for comments and Testimony
Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Submissions can be made via email:
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WHAT'S NEXT?

Written Testimony carries the same weight as oral testimony.

**Deadline for Comments:
Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.**

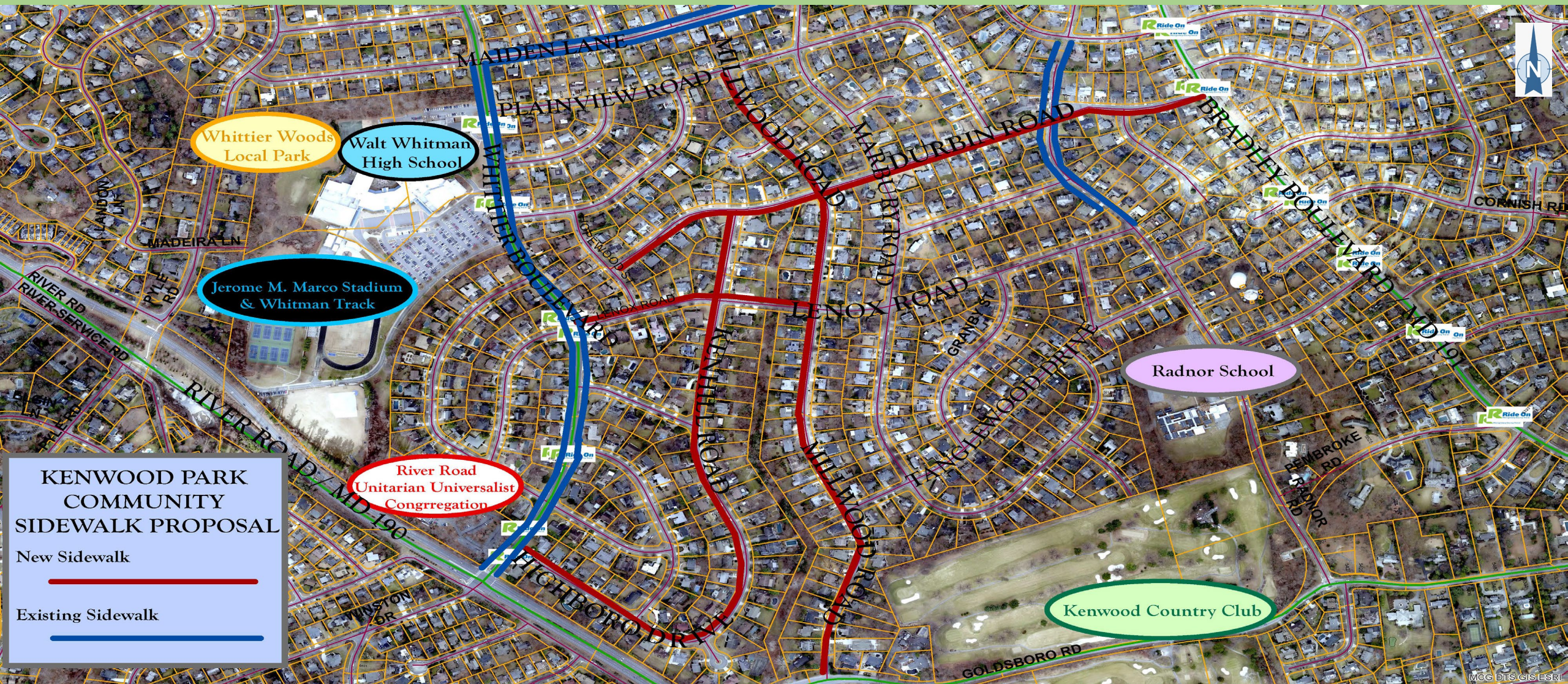
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Once the Record closes, Hearing Officer Richard Dorsey will thoroughly review the full Hearing Record, including all testimony, comments and exhibits, and make his Recommendations to the Director of MCDOT, Christopher Conklin. Notifying correspondence will be mailed to you once a decision has been made. The Recommendations will be enclosed.





KENWOOD PARK SIDEWALK PROPOSAL – Display A1

Total Linear Feet: 9,844



**KENWOOD PARK
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New Sidewalk


Existing Sidewalk


Display B

Cross-Section of Durbin Road

Pictures are taken from completed sidewalk projects.

Durbin Road has 60-foot of total public right of way. The roadway is 26-foot-wide, leaving 34-foot of total available right of way or 17-foot of right of way on each side of the road.



0 to 3-foot variable
Greenspace

5-foot-wide Concrete
Sidewalk



Display C

Cross-Section of Lenox Road

Pictures are taken from completed sidewalk projects

Lenox Road has 60-foot of total public right of way. The roadway is 26-foot-wide, leaving 34-foot of total available right of way or 17-foot of right of way on each side of the road.



0 to 3-foot variable
Greenspace

5-foot-wide Concrete
Sidewalk



Display D

Cross-Section of Millwood Road

Pictures are taken from completed sidewalk projects.

Millwood Road has 60-feet of total public right of way. The roadway is 26-feet-wide, leaving 34-feet of total available right of way or 17-feet of right of way on each side of the road.



0 to 3-foot variable Greenspace

5-foot-wide Concrete Sidewalk



Display E

Cross-Section of Kenhill Road

Pictures are taken from completed sidewalk projects.

Kenhill Road has 60-feet of total public right of way. The roadway is 26-feet-wide, leaving 34-feet of total available right of way or 17-feet of right of way on each side of the road.



0 to 3-foot variable Greenspace

5-foot-wide Concrete Sidewalk



Display F

Cross-Section of Highboro Drive

Pictures are taken from completed sidewalk projects

Highboro Drive has 60-feet of total public right of way. The roadway is 26-feet-wide, leaving 34-feet of total available right of way or 17-feet of right of way on each side of the road.



0 to 3-foot variable Greenspace

5-foot-wide Concrete Sidewalk



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PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

- MCDOT evaluates requests for pedestrian facilities based on their ability to serve a public use and enhance public safety.
- Sidewalk Program Goal: To remove pedestrians from the path of vehicular traffic and create a separation between the pedestrian and the roadway, setting up the infrastructure to promote walking to short distance destinations and public transportation promoting the County's Climate Action Plan.
- Sidewalks will connect to existing network of sidewalks and provide safer pedestrian access to schools, public transportation and other pedestrian attractions.



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TREE REMOVAL & REPLACEMENT

- The REVISED tree report is in! Where previously 148 trees were slated for removal, now only 15 trees are slated for removal, 8 of which are being removed because they are in poor, declining condition. **Air Excavation (spading) will allow us to determine whether to use an alternative, porous material that will allow us to save the tree. The trees for which tree root air excavation is recommended may not be removed. It is our goal to save as many trees as possible.**
- **3 trees will be planted for every 1 tree removed, or 45 trees will be planted back into the public rights of way** in the Kenwood Park community.
- The species and placement of the trees are selected by the County Arborist.
- The Tree Protection Report can be downloaded from the Sidewalk Program website: <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dte/sidewalk/KenwoodPark.html>
- Residents may request a tree be planted on private property via the TreeMontgomery.org website.



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COSTS & ASSESSMENTS

- The estimated cost for installing the Kenwood Park sidewalks is approximately \$1,279,720. Costs include construction, inspection, and administrative costs.
- Funding for this project will be provided under the County's Sidewalk Program, CIP No. 0506747
- Although sidewalk installation is statistically proven to augment property values, there are no properties considered to be specially benefited by the proposed improvement. Therefore, no properties are expected to be assessed.



KENWOOD PARK COMMUNITY SIDEWALK PROPOSAL PUBLIC RECORD

- Exhibits included in the Public Record:
 1. Office of Management & Budget; Annual Sidewalk Program Minor Projects P506747
 2. Project Vicinity Map – Kenwood Park Community Sidewalk Proposal
 3. Public Right of Way Construction Impacts
 4. Arborist's Original and Revised Tree Protection Report
 5. Montgomery County government press release circulated and published on Twitter, Reddit, Post Social, Mastodon and NextDoor social media websites on February 6th and 28th, 2023; Washington Times newspaper and online advertisement circulated Feb. 22 and 28, 2023; and highlighted in the MyMC daily newsletter
 6. Written Testimony in Support of All or a portion of the Proposed Sidewalks
 7. Written Testimony Opposing Proposed Sidewalks
 8. List of Attendees; to be added following this Public Hearing
 9. Hearing Transcript; to be added following this Public Hearing
- Project related data and files are on the Sidewalk Program's Website:
<https://montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dte/sidewalk/KenwoodPark.html>



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If the Kenwood Park community sidewalk proposal is approved and authorized, construction is anticipated to take 8 to 10 weeks, weather permitting, during the Fall of 2023.



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PUBLIC TESTIMONY

- **Due to significant interest, there will be a 3-minute time limit on all testimony.** Cameras and microphones have been turned off to reduce the bandwidth of the meeting.
- Verbal Testimony
 - We will first call on those who signed up to testify. If you did not sign up, but wish to testify, please use the **“raise hand” feature by clicking “Reactions” on the icon bar at the bottom of your screen and then click “raise hand”**. If you dialed in by **telephone, press *9 to raise your hand and *6 to unmute yourself** once called on. You will be called on to testify in the order that hands are raised.
 - You will be unmuted when it is your turn to speak.
 - **Once given speaking rights, please unmute yourself and clearly provide your name and address for the record prior to beginning your testimony. Please reserve all questions for the Question-and-Answer session following the testimony portion of this hearing.**
- Written Testimony will be considered with the same weight as oral testimony and can be submitted via email to Lori.Main@montgomerycountymd.gov or via regular mail: Sidewalk Program, ATTN: Lori Jean Main, 100 Edison Park Drive, 4th Floor, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878.



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QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

- Cameras and microphones have been turned off to reduce the bandwidth of the meeting
- To ask a Question
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 - Type your question into the chat. If time does not allow for all questions to be answered during this evening’s hearing, all questions in the chat will be answered via email in the days to come;
 - Email your questions to Planning Specialist, Lori Jean Main, via email at Lori.Main@montgomerycountymd.gov



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