

MCCAB 9.15.2022

7:00 p.m.	Call to Order & Welcome Meeting Protocols	Susanna Parker/ Aquilla Ridgell	Objective: Welcome Review of protocols for online meeting
7:05 p.m.	Introduction of New Officers	Luisa F. Cardona	Objective: Present new officers
7:10 p.m.	Agenda Minutes / Secretary	Aquilla Ridgell Chair	Objective: Acceptance of 09/15/2022 Agenda Approval of 07/21 minutes
7:15 p.m.	Mid County Directors Report	Luisa Cardona MC RSC Director	Objective: Update on the Mid County Regional Area
7:20 p.m.	MCPD Updates	Lieutenant Jeffrey Bunge MCPD Fourth District- Wheaton	Objective: Discussion on safety updates in the 4 th District
7:25 p.m.	County Council Report(s)	TBD	Objective: Updates
7:30 p.m.	Community Concerns	<i>Community members</i>	Objective: Opportunity for public comments
7:40 p.m.	Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee Report	Rob Fox WUDAC Liaison	Objective: Updates

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2022-2023 Executive Board: Chair: Arquilla Ridgell

Vice Chair: Tameka Nicholson

Secretary: Rob Fox

Parliamentarian: Gary Fellman

Agenda Minutes / Secretary Aquilla Ridgell Chair

Mid County Directors Report Luisa Cardona MC RSC Director

Focus on the budgets in the fall, go out into your communities, your neighborhood associations, ask them what their priorities are and what they'd like to see changed. We can write letters on recommendations for those budget proposals, MCCAB hosts the budget forum for the county executive, we try to do them in person, it will be hybrid. We have a lot of events, parking day tomorrow behind the wheaton buildings, arts parade starting, Hispanic heritage month and she will send everyone all those flyers.

Debra – amount that's left from the June 2022-2023 budget?

Louisa – we did receive additional money from the state but from her knowledge that's been allocated by the executive, but the county is looking to see if there is more available.

MCPD Updates Lieutenant Jeffrey Bunge MCPD Fourth District- Wheaton

One of three deputy commanders in the 4th district.

Crime in general: currently no major trends for violent crime against persons, the biggest issue continues to be thefts from autos and auto thefts themselves. Created a tile initiative for providing tiles to the public free of charge to place a tile in their vehicle. You can set up the app on your phone with your login and password, and if your car is stolen you can show it to officers. Over 200 devices issued out to the public. Haven't had a success story of finding a stolen vehicle that had a tile. Aspen hill community church there is a population of some homeless and some people who live in the area, at a drainage tunnel going under GA avenue for people to drink and utilize drugs there. The church has reached out to the police department and the council members office. Would like to help the church, a lot of trash is left on the church property.

Rob – are the vehicle thefts mostly vehicles running/delivery vehicles?

Some running and delivery vehicle thefts. The biggest issue is people that know that they're leaving and they leave their key fobs in their vehicles. Groups of teenage males are trying to make a theft from autos, if you get in the car and press the brake and the lights go on you can start the vehicle and steal it if the fob is left behind.

Phillip – Henson trail near that church is a place he goes, does he think the security process is adequate for his wife going on that trail?

The trail itself is the responsibility of MD park police. They've tried to deter some of these folks. They can't simply scoop up folks and move them somewhere else.

Arquilla – Glenmont – there's no crime in Glenmont, but she sees elements of crime, is she really seeing crime or is it something else? The graffiti person was apprehended. She sees shoes on a wire does that mean anything?

Quality of life issues continue, with graffiti at the apartment complex north of the metro. They caught a couple doing that vandalism. Shoes on a wire doesn't have a clear meaning that he's aware of.

Arquilla – we'd love to have you walking your dogs up there or eat lunch up there more often.

Debra – when commander Augustine was here he helped with the Glenmont large vehicle parking issue and we're grateful for that. She thinks she's seen a few coming back again and she wonders if that's accurate. She's also heard that it's been difficult to recruit officers. We hear you had a large class, is that true or are you still digging out?

I believe our new class that's started is 30 officers that will be MoCo officers, that's a medium sized class. Any community meeting you're going to get an officer and a recruiter as well. You

can also be hired in a police department before you start the training. So you're getting paid before you've finished the process. More than 30 officers down between retirement, leaving law enforcement, and going to other locations. Hope to continue these larger classes.

County Council Report(s)

David Lorenzo CM Glass – Council was in recess for August, just coming back into session this week. The racial equity and social justice thrive report. Held public hearings on 5g cell towers, incoming purple line briefing. Been working with communities on pedestrian safety issues, in 2022 we've had over 300 peds/bikes hit in traffic incidents and 10 died. Of 1.1M county residents, large number are Hispanic in origin.

Philip – I'm an avid bicyclist, every time I'm on the road I know I'm taking my life in my hands. I have lots of safety and visibility equipment. There are bike lanes but the white stripe doesn't really protect us. Having recently cycled in Europe there are bollards and structures to keep people safe with bike lanes.

CM Glass – we are definitely of the same mind in that being an issue and supporting cyclist and pedestrian safety.

Susanna – repeat the support for bicyclist safety. Also support Thrive and think it's a great document and that it is the right step for the county.

Simone – What are the councilman's priorities in addition to cycling safety

CM glass – expedite the sidewalk safety process, you can request a sidewalk in an area that doesn't have on, and it's understaffed and takes 9-12 months to occur. There needs to be a way to speed up the construction of sidewalks.

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Community Concerns

Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee Report Rob Fox WUDAC Liaison

Update provided, Farmer's market, arts parade, budget updates, arts council

Gigi Boen – yes in discussions with WUD and Louisa to start a farmers market in Wheaton next spring, milk lady markets.org and they're focused on fundraising and giving double dollars to WIC, SNAP, seniors, and farmers market nutrition vouchers.

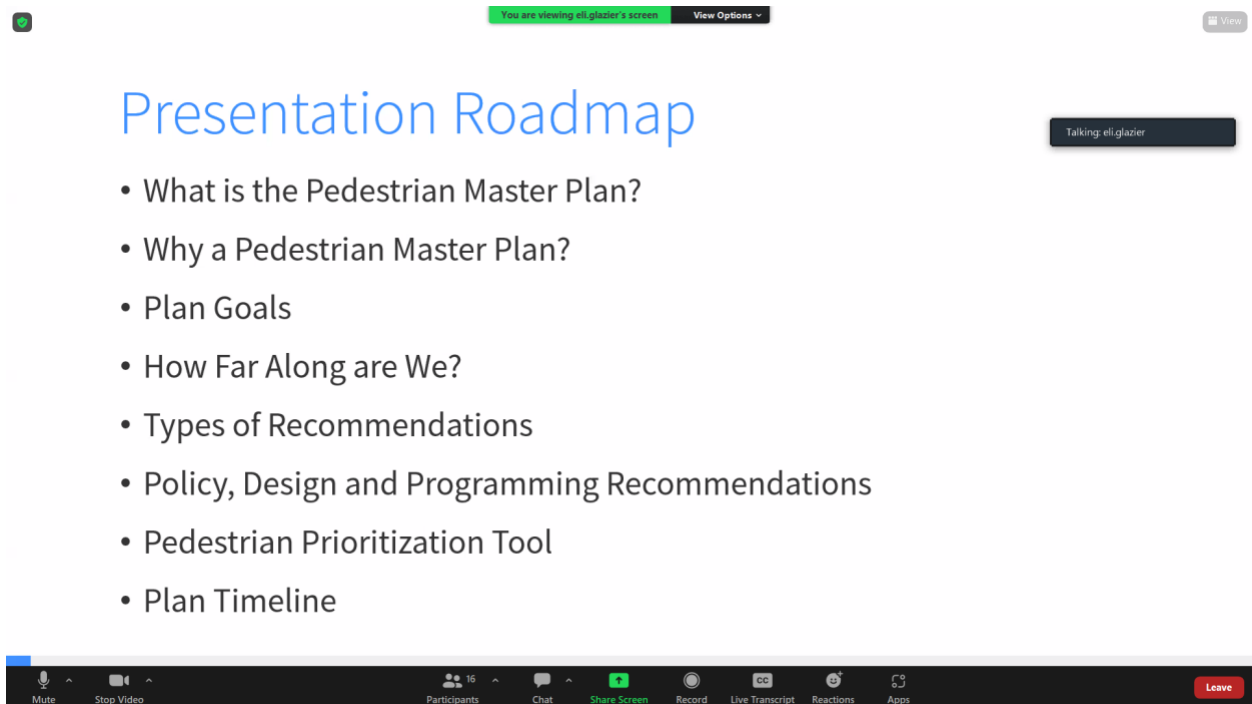
7:50 Pedestrian and Biking Safety Eli Glazier

Montgomery Planning

Objective: Brief members on recommendations for improving the pedestrian and biking options for the county



Created a vision for a regional bike network where bicyclists can be separated from motor vehicles and pedestrians to reduce conflict and increase safety. There's been a lot of progress. The bike lanes they're designing now are some of the best in the country. Some of what you see today is part of a legacy in urban planning where a white line was viewed to be ok.



What is the Pedestrian Master Plan?

Talking: eli.glazier

The county's first Pedestrian Master Plan will make walking and rolling safer, more comfortable, more convenient and more accessible for pedestrians of all ages and abilities in all parts of the county.

All trips within a short distance should be realistic pedestrian trips.

Why a Pedestrian Master Plan?

Talking: eli.glazier

- Specifically called for in the County's first Vision Zero Action Plan in 2017
 - Pedestrians are disproportionately likely to be seriously injured or killed on our roads
- In addition, improving pedestrian conditions (and increasing walking) has public health, economy, climate and equity benefits

Pedestrian Plan Goals

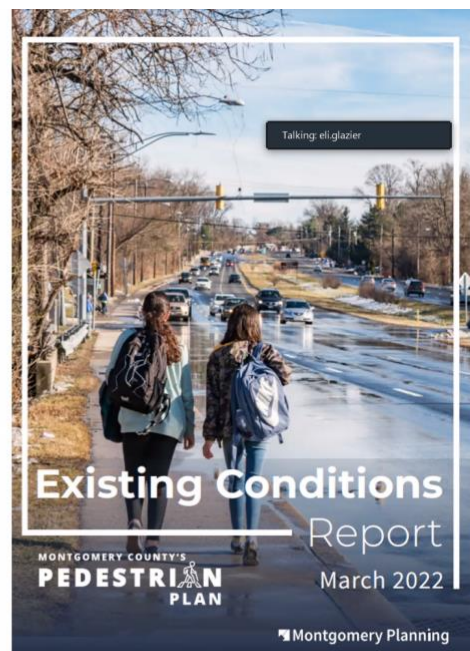
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1. Increase Walking Rates and Pedestrian Satisfaction
2. Create a Comfortable, Connected, Convenient Pedestrian Network
3. Enhance Pedestrian Safety
4. Build an Equitable and Just Pedestrian Network

How Far Along are We?

- Began Public Engagement: September 2019
- Existing Conditions Report: March 2022
 - Countywide Pedestrian Level of Comfort Analysis
 - MCPS Student Travel Tally
 - 2015-2020 Pedestrian Crash Analysis
 - Countywide Pedestrian Survey
- Recommendation Development: Ongoing

See the full report/appendices on our project website:
www.montgomeryplanning.org/walkinghere



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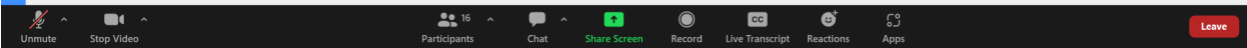
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Recommendations Included in Plan

Talking: eli glazier

- Design, Policy, and Programming
- Prioritize Locations for Capital Projects
- Pedestrian Shortcut Locations
- Country Sidepaths
- Complete Streets Design Guide Area Technical Translation



Design, Policy, and Programming

Talking: eli glazier

- 34 Recommendations across 6 Themes
 - Build
 - Maintain
 - Protect
 - Expand Access
 - Monitor
 - Fund
- 94 Key Actions across 34 Recommendations





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Build Recommendations

Talking: eli glazier

[**B-1:** Build more sidewalks faster](#)

[**B-2:** Pedestrians should not have to press a button to cross the street](#)

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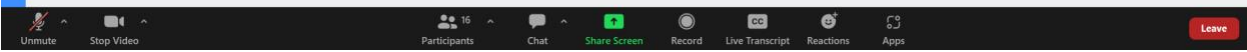
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[**B-9:** Make traffic calming easier to implement](#)

[**B-10:** Assume county control of state highways](#)

[**B-11:** Make more restrooms available to all](#)

[**B-12:** Address curbside management](#)



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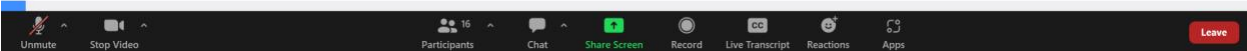
Maintain Recommendations

Talking: eli glazier

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[**MA-2:** Keep sidewalks and curb ramps clear](#)

[**MA-3:** Incorporate roadway maintenance into utility projects](#)





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Protect Recommendations

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- [P-1: Disincentivize dangerous vehicles](#)
- [P-2: Improve and expand protected crossings](#)
- [P-3: Design pedestrian-safe parking lots](#)
- [P-4: Prioritize data-driven roadway safety projects](#)
- [P-5: Educate and encourage pedestrians of all ages to walk safely](#)

- [P-6: Make the walk to school safer and more direct](#)
- [P-7: Address access management](#)



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Expand Access Recommendations

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- [EA-1: Reduce tripping hazards](#)
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- [EA-3: Provide pedestrians more time to cross the street](#)
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Fund Recommendations

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F-1: [Identify new revenue sources to fund pedestrian improvements](#)



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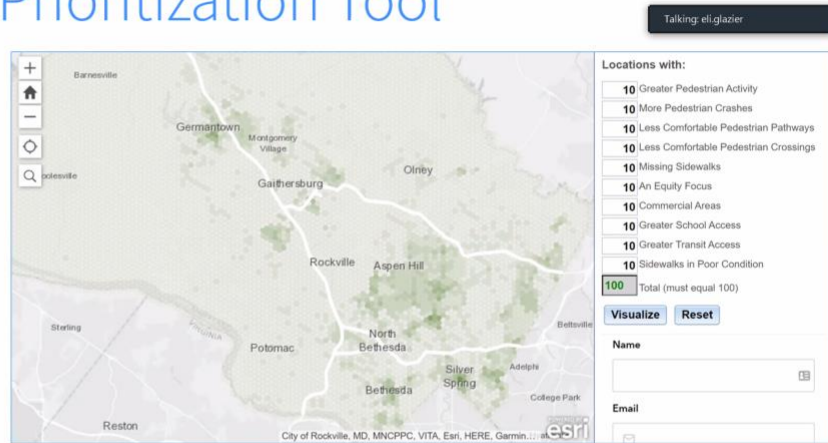
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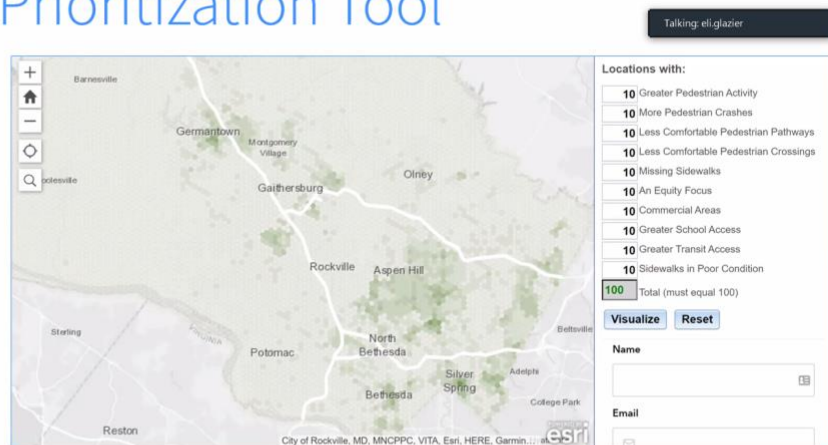
Pedestrian Prioritization Tool

- Create a data-driven approach to prioritizing where pedestrian pathways and improved crossings are constructed



Pedestrian Prioritization Tool

1. Review the prioritization factors
2. Assign points to each factor
3. Click "Visualize"
4. Click "Submit Prioritization"



Weigh In!

Talking: eli.glazier

Access the project website:

montgomeryplanning.org/walkinghere

- Review all Design, Policy and Programming recommendations and key actions
 - Provide your perspective: Let us know what works, what's missing and what can be improved!
- Share your priorities for funding pedestrian improvements using the Pedestrian Prioritization Tool.

Draft Design, Policy, and Programming Recommendations

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Plan Timeline

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Task	Date
Community engagement about draft recommendations	July/August 2022
Present draft recommendations to Planning Board	September 2022
Continue community engagement	September – December 2022
Write draft plan	September – December 2022
Work sessions with Planning Board begin	2023

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MONITOR

- [MO-1: Track implementation of the Pedestrian Master Plan](#)
- [MO-2: Conduct a pedestrian 311 equity review](#)

FUND

- [F-1: Identify new revenue sources to fund pedestrian improvements](#)

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No sidewalk signs?

Some folks are against sidewalks being built, we think they're important to have people not walking in the street. The idea that neighbors would be able to stop a safety improvement or safety infrastructure they wouldn't like isn't equitable or in the interests of the county, so there's a change to the planning rules to make that less of an issue.

Tameka – for the comfort analysis – was this analysis through the county or was it along the major roads, sidewalks, and schools?

Eli – it was done throughout the county, the worst roads were the state highways. Walking within neighborhoods was pretty comfortable, but if you had to cross a busy road to get to another neighborhood that destroyed the comfort of the experience.

Tameka – when you showed the grid with that 100pt score, is there a risk of a funding concern?

Eli – there's always a funding concern. The county has many different programs/pots of money for these things. There's a pot of money now for more of these neighborhood sidewalks and other projects that are standalone projects to redo a whole street. Try to create a prioritization approach that if you have a neighborhood street in an underserved community that would have a higher priority.

Debra – for pedestrian safety and crossing I worry about hitting someone at GA and Layhill – will this also take into consideration pedestrian training and personal safety issues?

Eli – There are recommendations for education for drivers and pedestrians and also improving the quality and number of places you can safely cross the street. That way the streets are designed so that you can cross safely

Arquilla – some sidewalks don't meet ADA requirements but they keep making new ones, MoCo was sued by the federal government for ADA requirements in sidewalks. Don't know

where we are with that on improving ADA accessibility, seen several wheelchairs rolling down GA ave.

A lot of people don't want sidewalks in front of their property, and there's a snow removal requirement within 24-48 hours and there's no county assistance for snow removal.

Eli – plan on including the snow items as an item in the plan, in DC there are snow angels where people can sign up to help neighbors shovel their snow. That paired with a plan to expand the sidewalks that are cleared by the county would help. Hundreds of people are responsible for making sidewalks open while it's one or two state agencies to keep the roads open for drivers. People are walking on GA avenue because they can't walk on the snowy sidewalk. On the ADA piece, this is a big issue, the county has made a lot of progress in improving ADA access, there's bus stop accessibility. Moving forward 6 feet minimum width of sidewalk widths moving forward.

Awesome presentation, Eli. Thank you! And a quick FYI for the group - this Monday the Transportation and Environment Committee will be having a hearing on sidewalks (projects, funding, processes) and a briefing on the planning board's Predictive Safety Analysis initiative. I highly encourage anyone who can to tune in to follow follow along. It's this Monday at 1:30 p.m. on youtube! I can send the link to Luisa/Carmen

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8:30

p.m.

Policing Accountability Board Dr. Earl Stoddard and Policing

Accountability Board Chair,

Bishop Walker

Objective: Review of the Board

and Objectives

5th or 6th PAB meeting, trying to paint this moving train. Look to have a transparent board and commission, and to not be moved in any political way. To be a truly transparent committee and board for all of MoCo. The legislature allowed for the grandfathering of existing collective bargaining agreements. Moco, Sheriff's, and Park Police are under collective bargaining agreements until 2023, they will follow the existing process. Effective 7/1/2023 all MoCo/State law enforcement will be under this rule set.

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/pab/>

Looking to make people more aware of the existence of the board

Debra – she understood there was a smaller group under Chief Manger that had a similar function. Some of the things that they probably stepped forth she wondered if that's carried forward or is it a clean slate?

It isn't a clean slate, There are legislative mandates involved here, which includes the PAB having subpoena power under state law, giving strength and teeth to the process. Previously being a police advisory board, now it's an accountability board. There is a force of law behind this path in this case.

Simone –

One of the things the PAB has asked us to do, is to get the meetings scheduled further out so people can know when the meetings are scheduled and to give more predictability. Want it to not look like the county executive is putting too much of a thumb on the process, with fully staffing up allowing them to ensure their autonomy. They've been limited in how much they can get info out because of that staffing limitation still. Once they have full time staff they have lots of plans to get the message out. The sharepoint site with meeting minutes is open to the public, looking to have a twitter/FB account. Also looking to meet with leaders and even setting up town hall meetings just to hear the concerns of all MoCo people.

Simone – in the case of a changeup in the county executive, is there any concern about the work of the PAB?

Don't expect any change if there's a change at the executive level as their mandate would remain consistent. They intend to move forward regardless of that type of change, as they're established in state law. The rules around removal are established in that state law, with the PAB members being 3 year appointments. Over time any new executive could appoint who they wanted in a PAB over 3 years, but the legislative mandate would remain the same.

Going to events such as the Wheaton Arts parade or other Marian Fryer town plaza events?

Rob – are you going to go to less formal locations and events like the wheaton arts parade? Yes we are, we think those are important to attend. They get invites from leaders to attend those, they're enthusiastic about having a presence there. They've asked to have a calendar of events around the county to attend, they're setting up the infrastructure to do it. The board is meeting every 2 weeks, meeting between meetings.

8:55

p.m.

Community Concerns Community members Objective:

Opportunity for public comments

9:00

p.m.

Adjourn Arquilla Ridgell

Chair

Objective:

Close out meeting

19:01:50 From Carmen Kaarid to Everyone:

2022-2023 Executive Board: Chair: Arquilla Ridgell

Vice Chair: Tameka Nicholson

Secretary: Rob Fox

Parliamentarian: Gary Fellman

19:41:04 From Rob Fox to Everyone:

ditto on protecting bike lanes as well

19:42:47 From Rob Fox to Everyone:

also mirror support for Thrive

19:45:31 From David Lorenzo, CM Glass Office to Everyone:

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19:45:44 From Simone Walton to Everyone:

Thank you David.

19:45:59 From Tameka Nicholson to Everyone:

Thanks David.

19:49:31 From Carmen Kaarid to Everyone:

<https://www.wheatonartsparade.org/>

19:49:38 From Rob Fox to Everyone:

Dan Thompson, www.WheatonArtsParade.org, danthompson@wheatonartsparade.org,
301-949-3727

19:56:56 From Susanna Parker to Everyone:

Matt Johnson, whose project was the CCT surface trail, shared images of the completed project on Twitter, and it was widely shared and acclaimed. Great work, and I can't wait to see similar projects in our area!

20:01:14 From eli.glazier to Everyone:

www.montgomeryplanning.org/walkinghere

eli.glazier@montgomeryplanning.org

20:17:39 From eli.glazier to Everyone:

@susanna, Matt Johnson is the best!

20:20:54 From eli.glazier to Everyone:

www.mcatlas.org/pedplan

20:27:49 From Rob Fox to Everyone:

glad to hear of a systemic approach that removes diver/pedestrian conflict instead of requiring peds/drivers to be perfect

20:35:50 From David Lorenzo, CM Glass Office to Everyone:

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20:36:00 From Tameka Nicholson to Everyone:

Thanks for the great information Eli. We look forward to enjoying the fruits of your labor.

20:36:08 From eli.glazier to Everyone:

Thank you!

20:43:03 From Luisa Cardona to Everyone:

Here is a link to the portal:

20:43:06 From Luisa Cardona to Everyone:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/pab/>

21:00:04 From Tameka Nicholson to Everyone:

Thanks for joining Dr. Stoddard and Bishop Walker.

21:00:32 From Simone Walton to Everyone:

Thank you Bishop and Dr. Stoddard.