

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Daniel J. Mears
Assistant City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report* DATE: September 12, 2019

Status Report

1. Community Outreach Grants Awarded

The City of Bowie's Community Outreach Committee awards grants to individuals, groups and organizations to provide programs that benefit underserved Bowie residents. This year 13 grant applications were received requesting almost \$55,000. The following programs were selected as grant recipients for FY20:

- 1) Saving Seniors Sight- the Bowie Lions Club will work cooperatively with local medical professionals and businesses to provide examinations and eyeglasses to seniors with financial need;
- 2) Seniors Organize with the Arts to Rejuvenate (SOAR) – ClancyWorks will sponsor a dance program to reach underserved older adults and enhance their lives through movement workshops and a professional interactive performance;
- 3) Bowie Village/Aging in Place- the Maryland Umbrella Group (MUG), in partnership with Prince George's County Aging in Place Working Group, will provide senior residents within Bowie, the opportunity to participate in an aging services needs assessment as well as senior village information meetings and focus groups in an effort to collect information regarding specific needs of senior citizen wishing to remain in their homes as long as safely possible;
- 4) Outdoor Learning Community Garden – the Yorktown Elementary community will turn an undeveloped portion of the school grounds into a stimulating natural learning environment. It will be a place where teachers and students can gather, learn, explore, experiment and interact with nature first hand on a consistent basis.

2. County Council Results (CB-17-2019 - Freeway Airport)

On Tuesday, September 10th, the Prince George's County Council conducted a public hearing on CB-17-2019 (Draft #2), a bill that would permit townhouses and single family detached dwellings on small lots within the R-A (Residential Agriculture) zone, under certain circumstances. The bill was proposed by Council Members Derrick Leon Davis and Calvin Hawkins to assist with redevelopment of Freeway Airport. On June 3rd, City

Council voted to oppose CB-17. A total of 38 individuals addressed the County Council at the hearing; 28 speakers were opposed (including the City of Greenbelt, the Prince George’s Chapter of the Sierra Club and City staff), nine were in favor and one was undecided. At the conclusion of the public hearing, Council Member Davis requested that the Council defer action on the legislation until a consensus could be reached moving forward. Council Member Davis stated that he will be making further revisions to the bill, and that another public hearing will be held on the new version of the bill sometime in the future.

3. Economic Development Committee (EDC)

The EDC met Wednesday and developed their agenda topics for the remainder of the fiscal year. Meeting times will change for the October 9 and November 13 2019 meetings to allow for bus tours of the region and the City; details for those tours are being determined over the next two weeks. The Bowie EDC will meet at 9:30 AM at Bowie City Hall on October 9 2019 to take a bus tour of the region. The bus will return to City Hall by 2 PM. The Bowie EDC will meet at 9:30 AM at Bowie City Hall on November 13 2019 to take a bus tour of the City. The bus will return to City Hall by 2 PM. Lunch will be provided on both tours. Additional topics are being refined and outlined.

4. Police Department – Mobile Data Terminals

The FY20 Budget contains funding in the Police Department budget to replace 20 mobile data terminals and docking stations for police vehicles. After a careful analysis, it was determined that the City would utilize the State of Maryland Desktop, Laptop, and Tablet 2015 Master Contract (060B5400007) to purchase the equipment. Requests for quotes were sent to the 36 authorized State of Maryland Dell vendors and 8 responses were received.

Data Networks, Inc	\$68,796.00
USC Canterbury Corporation	\$79,616.00
Staples Technology Solutions	\$80,393.68
DSR, Inc.	\$81,408.00
Zones	\$82,572.08
Applied Technology Services	\$82,700.00
CDWGovernment	\$84,551.28
Electronic Systems, Inc.	\$89,485.76

As provided by Section 62 of the City Charter, this will serve as the required seven-day notice of intent to issue a purchase order to Data Networks, Inc. in the amount of \$68,796.00.

5. Belair Traffic Calming

There are two projects underway related to traffic calming on Belair Drive.

(1) Between Kendale Lane and Kenhill Drive. Construction of two raised crosswalks and two speed cushions are underway. The pavement work has been completed, but the street markings and signage still pends completion.

(2) Between Kenhill Drive and MD 450. Public Works has proposed installation of eight additional speed cushions in this area in response to Neighborhood Traffic Management

Program (NTMP) requests. As specified in the City's NTPM policy, this installation requires agreement from at least 60% of the residents on Belair Drive. The attached letter and survey response post card will be distributed to Belair Drive residents the week of September 16.

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Attachment



City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road
Bowie, Maryland 20716

DATE

RE: Belair Drive (450 to Kenhill Drive)
Neighborhood Traffic Management Program
Proposed Traffic Calming Survey

Dear Belair Drive Resident:

This letter seeks your response to proposed additional traffic calming measures on Belair Drive. The measures described below and in the attachment have been proposed in response to multiple requests for traffic calming on Belair Drive.

The City's Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) provides the process for evaluation of streets for traffic calming installations:

- ✓ A study is carried out to determine if the traffic volumes, speeds and criteria qualify the street for measures in accordance with NTMP point criteria.
- ✓ The Department of Public Work evaluates the street and makes recommendations for traffic calming measures.
- ✓ The proposed measures are presented at a community meeting.
- Concurrence from residents on the impacted street is verified.
- Assuming required concurrence, the measures are budgeted for an implemented.

At a community meeting on June 18, 2019, the proposed traffic calming measures were presented by the Department of Public Works. The proposed measures include two new marked crosswalks and a series of speed cushions on Belair Drive between MD 450 and Kenhill Drive. Speed cushions are a hybrid of a typical speed hump. Speed cushions allow emergency vehicles such as fire trucks and ambulances to travel without a significant reduction in speed, but force other vehicles over a hump to discourage speeding. Speed cushions were recommended for Belair Drive after consultation with the Prince Georges County Fire Department.

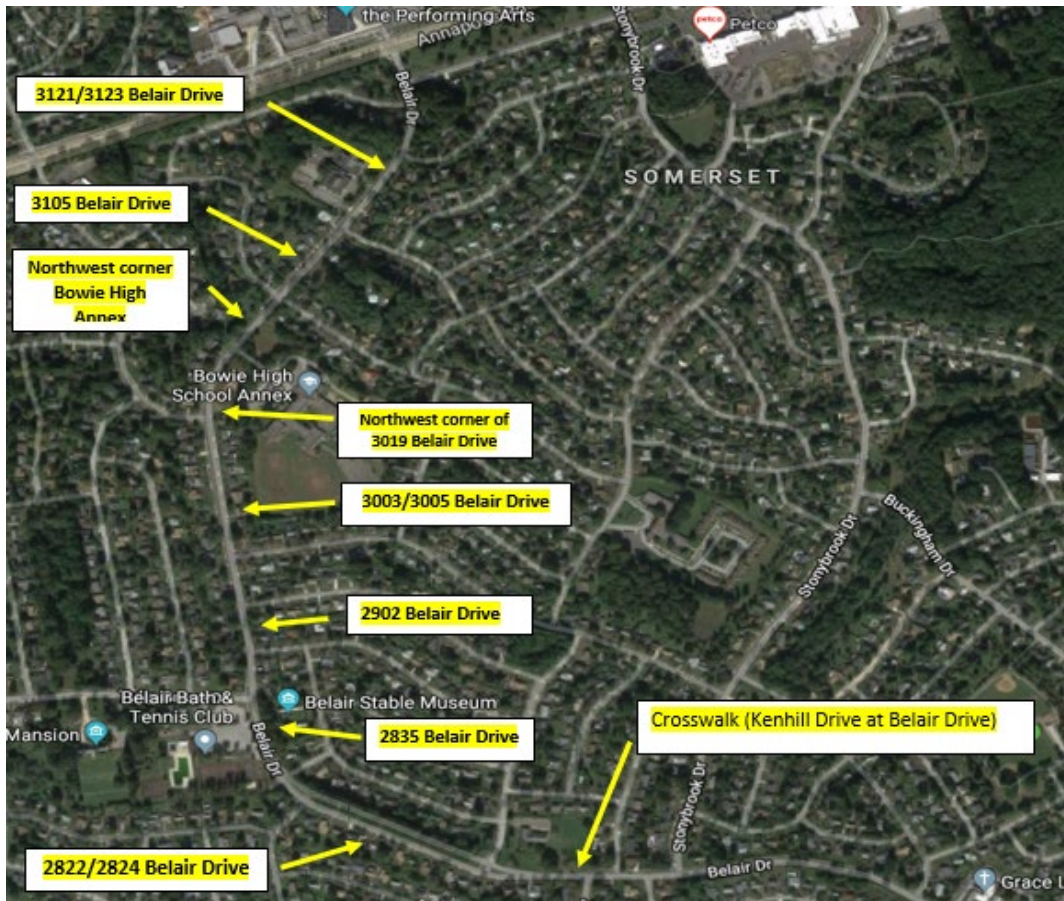
The NTMP requires agreement from at least 60% (or 74) of the 124 residents on Belair Drive in order for the project to proceed. We have provided the enclosed a preaddressed postage paid post card to seek response from each of the 124 residences. Please return the response card by November 1, 2019. Note that a lack of response must be counted as opposed to the project. Results of this survey will be posted on the Department of Public Works Web Page.

Sincerely,

George J. Stephanos, P.E.
Director, Department of Public Works

BELAIR DRIVE PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING

The proposed traffic calming measures for Belair Drive include two new marked crosswalks and a series of 8 speed cushions, and related signs. Details are shown in the diagram and table below.



DEVICE TYPE	LOCATION ON BELAIR DRIVE
Speed Cushions	3121/3123 Belair Drive
Speed Cushions	3105/Water Tower Drive
Speed Cushions	NW Corner Bowie High Annex
Speed Cushions	NW Corner of 3019 Belair Dr.

DEVICE TYPE	LOCATION ON BELAIR DRIVE
Speed Cushions	3003/3005 Belair Drive
Speed Cushions	(E) 2902 Belair Dr.
Speed Cushions	(F) 2835 Belair Dr.
Speed Cushions	(G) 2822/2824 Belair Dr.

Speed Cushion Profile



Figure 3.11.1. Speed Cushion with Passage that Straddles Centerline
(Source: Jeff Gulden)

Source: FHWA https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/speedmgt/ePrimer_modules/module3pt2.cfm

FROM:

Name: _____

Return Street Address

Bowie, MD 20715

Belair Dr. Traffic Calming Survey

Response to survey concerning
proposed traffic calming measures on
Belair Dr., from MD 450 to Kenhill Dr.:

For the proposed traffic calming
and desire the project to proceed.

Opposed to the proposed traffic
calming.

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