

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: May 7, 2015

1. Digital Speed Signs

Public Works has relocated the digital speed signs to: **Apple Green Lane** (fr. Northview Drive); **Peach Walker Drive** (fr. Pointer Ridge Drive); **Long Ridge Lane** (fr. Kenhill Drive); **Blackwell Lane** (fr. Belair Drive); **Cherrywood Lane** (fr. Millstream Drive); and **Rambling Lane** (fr. Whitehall Drive).

2. Hall Road and MD 214 Railroad Crossings

Staff attended a meeting with SHA and CSX this week about these crossings.

Hall Road:

- Hall Road is currently a signalized crossing, without gates.
- The plan at this location is to add the gates and improve the visibility of the signals by extending the signals on cross arms over the center of the road. This will require replacing all existing poles, signals, and the control equipment. It also will require relocation of communication and power lines.
- The surface of the crossing itself will also be replaced.
- The work is fairly extensive. SHA anticipates a five-day road closure will be required to complete the work.
- SHA has initiated plans to provide a sidewalk along the northern side of Hall Road to allow safe pedestrian traffic to the intersection at 214. That project is currently not funded, only in planning stages.

MD 214:

- The 214 railroad crossing surface is currently in poor condition. The road surfaces have subsided creating a poor driving surface over the crossing.
- The 214 railroad crossing is currently a signalized crossing with gates. The gates, which drop down from the outside of the roadway, do not reach across the entire pavement, allowing motorist to maneuver around the gate (an extremely dangerous act).
- The plan at this location is to replace the existing gates, and add gates that drop from the island. This way, the gates will cover the entire paved surface.
- The surface of the crossing itself will also be replaced.

- The work is also extensive. SHA anticipates a five-day road closure will be required to complete the work; the closure however may be only one direction at a time.

While SHA hoped to have this work completed in summer 2015, the CSX staff members estimated that the work would most likely occur in spring 2016.

3. City Election

Resident Keith Alphonso Jackson filed his paperwork on May 4th for candidacy for the Mayor seat.

4. Bowie Community Center

The demolition and construction activity at Marketplace may preclude access to parking used by Community Center patrons but right now all parking is still available. Berman Enterprises had been in touch with M-NCPPC staff several times over the past several months to advise them of the situation; Berman's development manager continues to keep in contact with M-NCPPC staff. Berman will continue to provide parking for the Community Center using the current spaces through at least June. Berman and City staff will continue to seek additional parking solutions. At some point Center patrons may need to park on Sage Lane or Sussex Lane during the demolition/construction period, after which parking will be restored for Center patrons. Stonybrook Drive had been considered for parking during this interim, but the Bowie Police Department did not recommend using that road for parking.