

## MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch  
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: December 3, 2015

1. Hall Road Pedestrian Safety Project Community Meeting

The attached Project Newsletter was distributed to homes in the Hall Road area this week. The Maryland State Highway Administration will be holding a community informational meeting on the concept plans prepared for the Hall Road Sidewalk Project on Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Pointer Ridge Elementary School. This project has been on the City's Transportation Priority List for years, and Council has already earmarked a financial partnership contribution of \$13,000 toward a portion of the project in the approved 2016 City Budget.

2. Planning Board Mandatory Review - Bowie Heritage Trail

Today the Prince George's County Planning Board conducted a review of the City's Capital Improvements Program projects for The Bowie Heritage Trail, improvements to the Railroad Museum, and a new park on 10<sup>th</sup> Street. The Mandatory Referral process is required for all public construction projects by Section 20-301 through 305 of the Maryland Annotated Code (Land Use Article). The projects reviewed today were the first City projects assessed under this new process. The City's Planning Director and consultant presented background information and plans for the project. At the conclusion of the City's presentation, Vice-Chair Dorothy Bailey moved for approval of the Park and Planning staff recommendation, which suggests that four items be considered as the City moves forward, including: minimizing glare from any light fixtures; using native species in the project's landscaping; provision of an interpretive panel explaining the linkage between Old Town Bowie and Bowie at Belair; and, designing playground equipment in accordance with US Consumer Product Safety Commission guidelines. Vice-Chair Bailey's motion was seconded by Commissioner Geraldo and passed unanimously.

Attachment



# MD 978A (Hall Road) from Hall Station Drive to MD 214 (Central Avenue) Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project



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### CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT UNDERWAY; PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULED

The Maryland Department of Transportation's State Highway Administration (SHA) has initiated a project to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility along MD 978A (Hall Road) in Bowie, Prince George's County. The project extends approximately 0.5 mile, from Hall Station Drive to Central Avenue.

**For additional information, you are invited to attend a public meeting on Thursday, December 17, 2015, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM.** The informational meeting will acquaint the public with the project and provide attendees an opportunity to discuss project details. Maps and other displays will provide project information, and SHA representatives will be available to answer project-related questions. **A brief presentation will begin at 7:30 PM.** You may arrive at any time during meeting hours and walk through the display area at your own pace. (See back of newsletter for meeting details.)

### PROJECT PURPOSE AND SCOPE

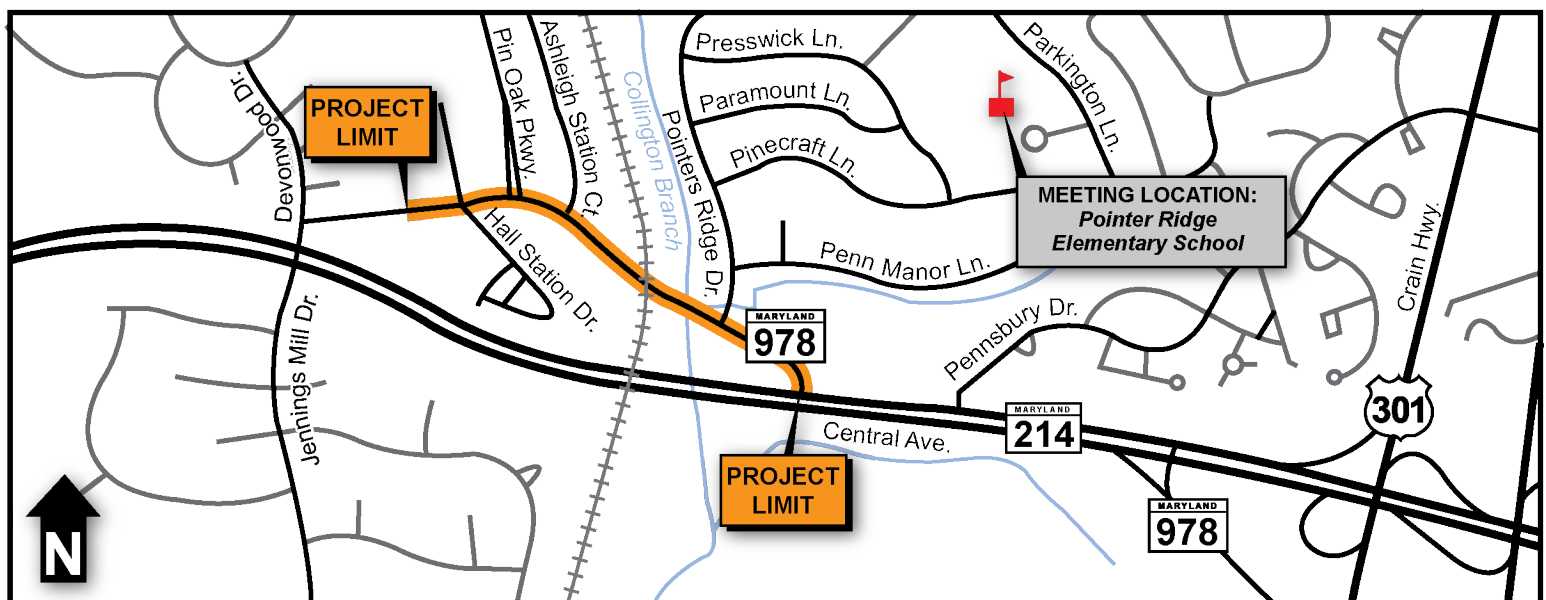
The purpose of the project is to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility along MD 978A by providing *Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)* - compliant sidewalk. The surrounding area has been developed with a mix of residential and commercial properties, prompting the need to provide pedestrian amenities.

The project scope includes:

- Install ADA-compliant sidewalk within the project limits
- Install mid-block pedestrian crosswalks where needed
- Install/reconstruct ADA-compliant curb ramps, driveway crossings, and bus stops along the corridor
- Install landscaping where needed
- Mill and resurface the roadway within the project limits

### PROJECT SCHEDULE

The project is funded for concept development only. During this phase, SHA quantifies impacts on the roadway and adjacent properties before moving forward with the development of preliminary design plans. Final concepts for this project should be completed by spring 2016.



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WHEN:	WHERE:
<p>Thursday, December 17, 2015</p> <p>7:00 PM to 8:30 PM</p> <p><i>A brief presentation will begin at 7:30 PM</i></p>	<p>Pointer Ridge Elementary School (Cafeteria)</p> <p>1110 Parkington Lane, Bowie, MD 20716</p>
<p><b>*SNOW DATE: January 7, 2016</b></p> <p>*Meeting will be held on snow date if county public schools are closed or if the county's snow emergency plan is in effect.</p>	

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

For information on other SHA Projects in Prince George's County, please visit SHA's website at [www.roads.maryland.gov](http://www.roads.maryland.gov) and click on **Projects, SHA Projects Page**, and choose **Prince George's County** from the drop down menu, or use the QR Code.

You may also contact:

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### REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

The Maryland Relay Service can assist teletype users at 7-1-1. Persons requiring assistance to participate (interpreter for hearing/speech difficulties or assistance with the English language) should contact Ms. Uong by December 10, 2015.

*Attend the  
Public Meeting!*

SHA appreciates the patience and cooperation of the community and apologizes for any inconvenience. SHA reminds motorists to "Think Orange" when driving through work zones by staying alert and slowing down. Always buckle up, and please drive safely.



Larry Hogan, Governor | Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor | Pete K. Rahn, Secretary | Gregory C. Johnson, P.E., Administrator