



Pleasant Plains Community Meeting Minutes October 26, 2022

Nestor Flores, Chief, Traffic Engineering Division, AACO
Debbie Russell - DPW Engineering, AACO
Pam Scarbro - Councilwoman Amanda Fiedler District 5 Legislative Aide, AACO
Robert Fernandez - DPW Engineering, AACO
Eric Tabacek - Area Engineer, Traffic Engineering Division, AACO
Peter Dixon - President, Burley Creek Community Association
Ellen Weiss - Resident
John Joynes - Resident
Sue Snyder - Resident
Curt Vinyard - Resident
Anne Cobb - Resident

Nestor Flores

- Again discussed the later start time with the group as there were no opinions expressed at the last meeting. The group agreed that a 6pm start time would be best to boost attendance at the meetings. Decided that the next meeting will be 11/30 at 6pm to allow for the holiday the previous week.
- Discussed meeting the previous Monday with Councilwoman Fiedler and SHA to discuss signal at 179 and Pleasant Plains. Residents at the intersection expressed their dislike of the right-of-way procedures, but discussion is taking place. The recording of this meeting is available from Pam Scarbro, aide to Councilwoman Fiedler, should anyone wish to view it. Email pscarbro@aacounty.org.
- Kingsberry Sightline Issues - Our office is currently down an engineer and thus our progress has slowed on all projects. We are still working on deciding on the final design of the sign that will be implemented. Hoping by next month that the design will be completed and the sign will be installed.

Debbie Russell

- Ponding/freezing Cherry Rd Update - We completed our internal review. There were 3 options and one was selected to move forward. The consultant has just submitted to us a cost estimate for that option and she has asked that they provide a schedule of work and a man hours estimate. She will then take all of this information to be formally approved, which it will be, it is just a matter of paperwork.
- Presented the Cherry Rd Drainage schematic plan (see below for a PDF of this plan). Please skip to 29:30 of the meeting recording for a visual overview of the plan to remedy the drainage issue.
- Pole relocation in the S curve - We received about 200 votes total on the survey this round. The raw data is as follows - 121 votes underground, 79 votes overhead. The next step for us is asking for the difference of 3 mil in budget to bury the lines. There are several approval steps and we will keep you posted throughout the process via these meetings.

Community Comments

What was the outcome of the SHA meeting? Is the signal proceeding as expected? The only pause at this time is the negotiation with the property owners for the right-of-way. From an SHA perspective, all proper steps were taken and the signal is proceeding, however they are working with the residents to attempt to address their concerns as well.

We are concerned that if the budget for the burying of the utility lines is not approved that the entire project will be scrapped altogether and none of the poles will be moved. The overhead relocation has been approved and will move forward if the burying of the lines is not budget approved.

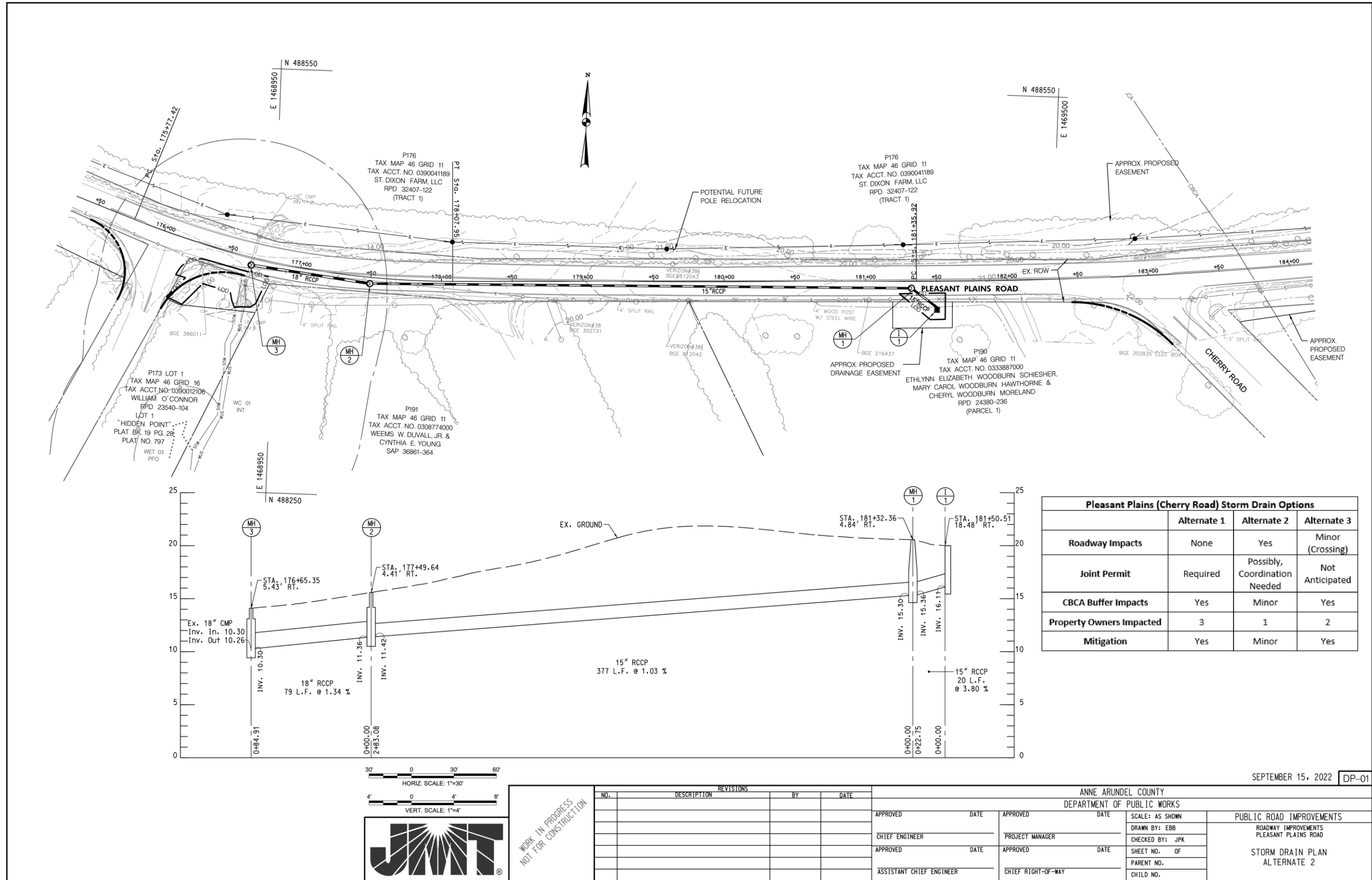
Coming down the hill to pass Davidson/Clarke intersection and from there to the bottom of the hill, the cables were put underground. They were put touching the edge of the road. Are we under different rules? Nestor believes so because all three utilities are going underground. We made this point to the utilities companies and in their own terms they explained why this is a different situation.

Have we spoken to the two corner properties? The one belonging to Woodburns. If you move the pole back 15ft it will be too close to their house and may not even be able to be moved back that far. Hiddenpoint resident is concerned that the 15 feet will be too close to his swimming pool. Do we have a plan for this? Debbie says we are looking at going to the other side of the road. We also have to consider the critical area.

When is the budgeting cycle? When will we know if the burying of the lines budget is approved? Negotiations are currently happening for the budget. We will know an answer sometime in May of 2023. Debbie is developing the package to be submitted for approval. **What is the earliest point that we will know that it did not get approved?** Nestor says he believes that will be December. At that point, he will be able to say that the budget did not get approved and we are going overhead.

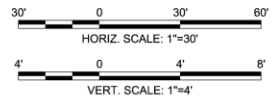
Every time I talk with someone about this project, 60%-75% of residents that I speak with think that this project is to have the lines buried for the entire length of Pleasant Plains Rd. From St. Margarets to Whitehall. I have tried to tell residents that this is not the case but they continue to vote for the underground because they think that this is going to solve the issue for ALL of Pleasant Plains Rd. If at some point we get shot down for the budget difference, I would strongly suggest we just move forward with overhead lines. Nestor agrees that at this point it is a public safety concern and we are not going to wait for the budget to be approved over and over, we are going ahead with moving the poles and keeping the overhead lines.

Question regarding the outflow channel. During heavy rains the mouth of Burley Creek turns very dark brown. There has been significant creek loss. Is there any intention with the increased drainage and increased runoff into that channel to install an abatement. We would like to see rocks installed to keep the creek from eroding away. Debbie will confirm this with her consultant. She is confident that some protection will need to occur and she will check with them.



Pleasant Plains (Cherry Road) Storm Drain Options			
	Alternate 1	Alternate 2	Alternate 3
Roadway Impacts	None	Yes	Minor (Crossing)
Joint Permit	Required	Possibly, Coordination Needed	Not Anticipated
CBCA Buffer Impacts	Yes	Minor	Yes
Property Owners Impacted	3	1	2
Mitigation	Yes	Minor	Yes

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 DATE: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 AT 09:22 AM



WORK IN PROGRESS
 NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

REVISIONS			
NO.	DESCRIPTION	BY	DATE

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS			
APPROVED	DATE	APPROVED	DATE
CHIEF ENGINEER		PROJECT MANAGER	
APPROVED	DATE	APPROVED	DATE
ASSISTANT CHIEF ENGINEER		CHIEF RIGHT-OF-WAY	
SCALE: AS SHOWN	PUBLIC ROAD IMPROVEMENTS		STORM DRAIN PLAN ALTERNATE 2
DRAWN BY: EBB	ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PLEASANT PLAINS ROAD		
CHECKED BY: JPK	SHEET NO. OF		
PARENT NO.	CHILD NO.		

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