



Meeting Minutes

Pleasant Plains Road Safety Improvements
JMT Project No. 17-11074-S08
Project No. H583701
October 13, 2023



A public meeting was held at Broadneck Elementary School on September 27, 2023 for the above referenced project. The following project representatives were in attendance:

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The purpose of this meeting was to inform the public of the status and environmental impacts of the subject project in accordance with county code section 17-2-107. There were 28 interested parties in attendance.

The following items were discussed as part of the power point presentation:

1. Project History - A description of how the project is split into two (2) phases. Phase 1 being the Cherry Road draining improvements and Phase 2 being the roadside grading and safety improvements.
2. Discussion of each design phase
3. Regulatory requirements and the environmental impacts.
4. Anticipated Schedule.
5. A resident voiced concern about the transfer of water and sediment that is pooling on Pleasant Plains Road to Burley Creek through the proposed Cherry Road Drainage culvert. They were concerned about the increase in sediment entering Burley Creek. It was emphasized that for both projects appropriate sediment and erosion controls per County Soil Conservation district requirements would be provided.

The following items were noted:

6. A resident voiced concern about drunk drivers on the road.
7. A resident inquired as to the possibility of a larger project being undertaken at Burley Creek. Also, the possibility of stabilizing the streams nearby.
8. The SOD farm SWM/step pool design and construction.
9. A few residents complimented the SOD farm and its positive impacts to the area.



The following was discussed during the question-and-answer portion of the presentation.

Q: Will the trees that are being removed as part of the safety improvements be replaced?

A: JMT clarified the removal will be mitigated by plantings and potential fee-in-lieu in compliance with the Critical Area Commission and the Department of Natural Resources Roadside Tree requirements.

Q: Will the new BGE poles be 14' off the roadway?

A: The poles will be at least 14' from the edge of the roadway. Some may be more.

Q: Regarding the pole on the south side of Cherry Hill Road – will it be removed?

A: The pole will be removed and relocated further south along Cherry Hill Road to improve sight lines.

Q: Will tree replacements from the Critical Area be put back in the same place?

A: Trees removed cannot be put back along the roadway because they cannot be placed in the clear zone or under the new BGE lines. Preference is that the new trees be planted within the Critical Area.

Q: Is this project fully funded through construction?

A: Both Phase 1 and Phase 2 are fully funded. David Braun clarified there may be more projects along Pleasant Plains Road in the future that are not fully funded yet.

Q: Regarding the possibility of burying the electrical lines, how much did it cost to bury the electric lines elsewhere?

A: AAC does not know how much it costs BGE to bury the electric lines. BGE made the decision to bury the electric lines in a nearby project and the County did not participate. These safety improvements are requested by The County and therefore the County is required to pay for the BGE relocation. The County decided not to pay to bury the electric lines.

Q: How much more expensive is it to bury the electric lines?

A: BGE told The County it would cost an extra 2 million to bury the electric lines. This cost does not include the additional utilities (Verizon, Comcast) or other impacts such as right of way.

Q: Has there been any talk of widening Pleasant Plains Road for pedestrian and bike safety/use.

A: During the study period, widening the road was examined. This project is solely funded for safety and only includes the safety improvements (roadside grading, pole relocation, and drainage culvert). The County may do more projects in the future.

Q: Does the historic nature of the Road limit it from being widened?

A: It does not. It was then noted that the current project includes no roadway widening and the easements for the safety improvements are only for utilities and are not applicable easements for widening the roadway. Additionally, this project was driven by the desire to update the safety of the corridor.

Q: There was pole on Pleasant Plains Road that was an issue because it was only 6" from the edge of the roadway, and that pole was recently removed.

A: The comment was noted. Additionally, an explanation was given that BGE tracks all collisions with utility poles and if a certain number of crashes occur, they are required to move the pole – the pole may have been removed because of that.



Q: What will be done to prevent the water ponding along Pleasant Plains Road from having its sediment build up in Burley Creek? What precautions will be taken during construction to prevent sediment from entering Burley Creek?

A: The project will result in no increase in impervious surfaces. Also, an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan must be approved prior to the start of construction that shows that no runoff will leave the site during construction. The Erosion and Sediment Control Plan will also be required to show that there is adequate stabilization along the site.

Q: Will Construction begin before the permit is approved?

A: No – the permit will need to be approved prior to construction.

Q: Has the culvert that is further south on Cherry Road been examined for flooding? It was noted that it floods during storm events.

A: This culvert is not within the project limits. Anne Arundel County staff noted the issue and will notify the stormwater management staff.

Q: Will comments taken tonight be incorporated into the design?

A: Yes. And residents have 14 days following the meeting to submit any additional questions to the County.

Q: What is the total cost of the project.

A: The total cost has yet to be determined as the design is not complete, the mitigation must be resolved and right of way acquired.

Q: Are there other sources of funding for the project?

A: All funding is being provided by the County and can be viewed on the County Budget.

Action Items:

1. Complete design plans

After the Q&A portion of the meeting. The residents had the opportunity to view the Phase 1 and Phase 2 construction plans, the project roll map, the SWM plans on the SOD farm and speak with County or JMT staff about specific questions. Additionally, question/comment cards were distributed and collected.

*There were no questions or comments during the 14 Day Open Question/Comment period of the community meeting"