

DUNLEIGH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Braddock Road Project Discussion. Notes following March 18, 2014 Community Meeting

Attendees: Matt Donohue, Nancy Donohue, Beth Jones, Katherine White, Jim White, John Berlin, Vince Calbi, Dave Moulton, Craig Heizer, Sharon Mills, Jim Szipszky, Dianne Szipszky

Key Focus Areas, Concerns & Consideration:

- Ensure that this process is open and transparent as discussed on February 19, 2014
 - As stated by Supervisor Cook on February 19, 2014,
 - “this is our road.... nothing has been decided ... this is the start of the process.”
 - The desire is to improve, not detract from our community.
 - Actions:
 - Ensure all Project and Advisory Board information is made available via posting / distribution.
 - Dave Moulton will be Dunleigh’s representative and will be back up by Katherine White. Jim Szipszky, HOA President can be called on as well to ensure Dunleigh continuity.
- Clarify the project timing, phasing and specifically what is funded. As the Dunleigh community re-read the Braddock Beacon summary and recalled the presentation and verbal comments from February 19 meeting, (no hand-outs available), there seemed to be some inconsistencies in the phasing. We are seeking clarity:
 - When did / does the 18 month study period start?
 - What scope is envisioned in each of phase?
 - What is currently funded? Only a study? Or study + construction?
 - Braddock beacon mentions a county supervisor’s vote on a 6 year plan “next year.” Is this a vote on the studies? Or studies plus construction? When is the vote? etc.
- **Ensure that this project and advisory board look broadly in our region as well as focus on improving our immediate community as well as the over-all county/area.**
 - **Do NOT assume that widening is the answer.**
 - Study optimizing lights, turn lanes and bus stops first. What can be accomplished with this?
 - Share all information and source data, growth projections, studies, etc.
 - Example - 73000 cars east of Burke Lake Road per day, only 35000 west of Burke Lake Road reported.
 - Clarify county growth rates and provide / post the full studies.
 - Look broadly for regional solutions.
 - Expand VRE substantially,
 - Connect VRE with Metro in a better fashion for county wide connections.
 - Supervisor Cook said on Feb 19 that metro will not be looked at.. Why?
 - Expand park and rides in Centerville further.
 - Build a parking garage at the Keane Mill Road Park and Ride near Sidenstricker Road? Many felt the 500 car park and ride garage on Rolling & Braddock seemed too small and not located to address the issues.

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- Can new facilities be incorporated into Fairfax County Parkway interchanges to better serve the county and overall area?
- Is there space at Roberts Road to build some sort of park and ride?
- Think outside the box.
 - Study other cities and countries, engage groups with expertise in “Smart Growth.”
 - A sunken bus or express lane east of Burk Lake Road (if necessary) could be built with street level turning lanes over it vs. widening. (could be dug, does not need to be tunneled)
 - What if? A shield machine tunnel project to extend Metro to the west?!
- Fix issues that detract from the community currently.
 - Improve pedestrian access to shops and for bus riders.
 - Good looking pedestrian fly-overs? Is university Mall doing something to connect to the campus? Make them architecturally consistent?
 - Analyze turning lanes such as the pinch point of north onto Wakefield Chapel – expand the turn lane? .
 - Improve Pentagon Bus Service and Bus Stops... i.e. continue to make this area attractive to public transit commuters. **(our area maintains it's value largely from these commuters).**
- Safety: Turning in and out of existing neighborhoods is a challenge today. If another more lanes it will be worse. (don't block the box markings?)
- What resources will be devoted to studying noise, pollution, environment... and what mitigations can be considered.
- All question the need and feasibility for widening west of Burke Lake Road.