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One. Annapolis: Pedestrian bridges have been shown to be a bad idea. Hard to insure due to increased risk of collapse from faulty construction or impact from vehicles traveling roadways, also a point of higher assaults/crime

00:15:49.657,00:15:52.657

Brian Hoxie: Wow...Anecdotally I thought this was the case but happy to see relative data to the state

00:16:33.811,00:16:36.811

One. Annapolis: <https://www.itdp.org/2019/10/01/pedestrian-bridges-make-cities-less-walkable-why-do-cities-keep-building-them/#:~:text=Statistically%20pedestrian%20bridges%20are%20demonstrably,of%20or%20look%20for%20pedestrians.>

00:16:35.245,00:16:38.245

Brian Hoxie: Really appreciate this

00:18:02.680,00:18:05.680

Brian Cahalan: I'm curious how you could safely cross the 4/5 lane road. Tunnel?

00:18:18.235,00:18:21.235

Adam Greenstein: "puppy tracks" - dotted extension lines through intersections to guide movements with multiple lanes for the same one, such as double left-turns

00:18:30.086,00:18:33.086

One. Annapolis: <https://www.eyeonannapolis.net/2020/05/new-type-of-pedestrian-signal-installed-at-the-michael-e-busch-library-on-west-street/>

00:18:50.332,00:18:53.332

Jess Pachler: Pedestrian bridges are also an issue for a road that transports a large number of boats which need a high berth. But at the same time, hundreds of middle school students have to cross Forest every day, twice a day, to get to and from school and not always at the 20 minutes when the crossing guard is there. so creating a safer option there is incredibly important

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Jess Pachler: Thank you for considering that intersection, the majority of the 'car riders' that come to Annapolis middle school turn left onto Spa from north/west bound Forest without any turn signal or delayed timing and it makes for dangerous situations and experiences each day. There is no crossing guard at that intersection either.

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Alex Pline: The pedestrian crossings are so far apart, it incentivizes people to cross wherever.

00:21:13.382,00:21:16.382

Janet Norman: Wondering why the new corner of the Annapolis Neck Road onto Forest Drive is still a tight 90 degree turn, rather than a more gradual and easier to get up to speed and stay within lane, rounded corner? I lived on that road for 20 years and it was death defying to get out onto Forest (where new light signal is but not turned on yet).

00:24:01.529,00:24:04.529

Adam Greenstein: This link will be shared with the group upon the start of our open public outreach period (early March) and will be available by the project webpage.

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Laura Booth: How are the locations of crosswalks determined? Some of them don't seem to line up with the paths that people are most likely to take to get from one area to another, which means lots of people darting through traffic, rather than walking considerably out of their way to reach a crosswalk.

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Brian Hoxie: Speed is a major reason why I do not walk /run on forest drive sidewalks. While improving the walkway, similar to what is done in front of the Safeway will help, I feel speed is a key issue to address. Has there been any consideration to speed cameras? (I know it's controversial but I never speed on Connecticut ave in DC for this reason). If not, are other options being considered such as speed reduction or "your speed" cameras similar to the hill near true value before bay ridge road?

00:26:10.766,00:26:13.766

One. Annapolis: there are speed cameras in front of AMS

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Jess Pachler: Are those speed cameras functional?

00:26:33.129,00:26:36.129

One. Annapolis: yes

00:27:19.359,00:27:22.359

Brian Hoxie: Specifically on my concern, I'm thinking of spa road to north cherry grove.

00:28:10.732,00:28:13.732

Janet Norman: Is the information presented at the 3/30 meeting going to be in Spanish as well?

00:28:22.668,00:28:25.668

Jess Pachler: Is part of the conversation going to be how to reduce the carload on Forest Drive, using public transportation or other alternatives? As Brian mentions, it is too dangerous to be a pedestrian or bicyclist on Forest drive, which contributes to the heavy car load

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Brian Hoxie: Maybe first I should ask if there is a recent traffic study on speed in this area?

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Brian Hoxie: Good question Jess

00:28:55.481,00:28:58.481

Jess Pachler: Will there be outreach specifically to the spanish speaking population?

00:29:59.712,00:30:02.712

Alex Pline: A 5 to 3 road diet east between Hillsmere and Arundel on the Bay Rd would really be good.

00:31:07.609,00:31:10.609

One. Annapolis: We have had multiple traffic studies done in conjunction with the massive Forest Drive Sector Study that was completed in 2021

00:32:11.522,00:32:14.522

Maggie A Burnette: I agree with Brian Hoxie and Jess re safety in pedestrian traffic is an issue

00:33:47.271,00:33:50.271

Jess Pachler: If the city were to add a bus stop at Annapolis High that ran buses all day long, for example, that alone would cut down on the number of cars of parents dropping off and picking up, employees, etc. (using the current city/county option takes 1.5 hours, which makes it realistically unusable). 2000 students attend the school, and at least half of them participate in activities that require them to use personal transportation to get to and from the school, and many of those students come from the

00:33:58.412,00:34:01.412

Jess Pachler: forest drive corridor

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Janet Norman: Yes, getting students, parents and staff to the County Office/Annapolis High complex is a huge priority for the Annapolis Education Commission and our families.

00:35:33.785,00:35:36.785

Brian Ulrich: <https://www.aacounty.org/departments/transportation/forms-and-publications/AA-Yellow-Bus-Schedule.pdf>

00:35:37.217,00:35:40.217

Adam Greenstein: We will have accomodations for Spanish-speaking population on 3/30.

00:35:39.795,00:35:42.795

Jess Pachler: Is there a possibility of extending the "safer sidewalks" down past Annapolis

middle to Tyler? Those sidewalks are so narrow and are the primary ones utilized by the hundreds of 11 - 13 years olds that walk to and from Annapolis Middle.

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One. Annapolis: Is the Forest Drive Youngs Farm Road signal on a sensor? Often that light is triggered and there are no cars coming from Youngs farm road.

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Brian Ulrich: The Anne Arundel County Office of Transportation does operate an hourly transit service from the mall to the Heritage Complex right next to the high school.

00:36:55.085,00:36:58.085

Jess Pachler: Thanks Brian, but the yellow bus option is not a feasible option for anyone who lives on the forest drive corridor and has to get to Ahigh in any efficient or realistic time period. It still takes over an hour at best.

00:37:22.686,00:37:25.686

Janet Norman: What have you learned from the pedestrian crosswalk signaling on West Street where its VERY difficult to see pedestrians attempting to cross?

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Brian Ulrich: Understood

00:39:36.744,00:39:39.744

Jon Korin:

<https://meadhunt.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=ca7de975304645e2b067e7f32072ba0d>

00:39:51.215,00:39:54.215

Anastasia Hopkinson: Are you working with Planning & Zoning to address reduce the curb cuts by connecting strip malls to reduce curb cuts?

00:44:11.600,00:44:14.600

Jess Pachler: im fascinated by the difference between traffic count on either sides of spa. is it possible to include a level that show populations of the areas in the study area?

00:45:01.616,00:45:04.616

Jess Pachler: were the pedestrian counts done when school was in session?

00:45:24.321,00:45:27.321

One. Annapolis: Many accidents happen at the Forest Drive Bywater intersection due to speed. Coming from 65 MPH on 665 around an essentially blind curve, is a huge problem. Simply having flashing speed signs to lower the speed limit to 40 MPH well in advance of the Chinquapin intersection would be a game changer.

00:47:09.974,00:47:12.974

Janet Norman: 2,150 kids and 200+ staff need to get to Annapolis High every day, majority from this peninsula

00:47:34.791,00:47:37.791

Jess Pachler: Actually, i see that the pedestrian counts ended at 9am. Annapolis middle starts at 915, so it definitely missed the majority of the students walking to school

00:47:36.121,00:47:39.121

Anastasia Hopkinson: Are you proposing pedestrian safety improvements for the corner of Bay Ridge Rd at Bay Ridge Ave, for pedestrians crossing Bay Ridge Ave in conflict with vehicles turning off Bay Ridge Rd, heading from the west and turning north onto Bay Ridge Ave.?

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Anastasia Hopkinson: Correction: heading from the EAST heading westward and turning north onto Bay Ridge Ave?

00:50:21.932,00:50:24.932

Peter Bittner: Please comment on the capital budget (amount of money) available to pay for improvements in the next couple of years

00:52:39.241,00:52:42.241

Janet Norman: Safety - think of 17 year olds or nervous drivers having to navigate Forest Drive in cars without much experience.

00:54:42.067,00:54:45.067

One. Annapolis: Agreed, there should be a Park and Ride at the Giant on Bay Ridge Road to get drivers off of Forest Drive that are just going to Park and Ride on Truman

00:55:24.295,00:55:27.295

Jess Pachler: yes, or that bus to annapolis high could stop at the P&R first - it's all that corridor which is inaccessible

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Janet Norman: I have heard, from a prior Planning Director, that the need for 1,000 students/families ingress and egress to Annapolis Middle daily, "was not on his radar" so please make sure it now is.

00:59:19.178,00:59:22.178

Janet Norman: Improving the pedestrian crossing at Quiet Waters Park could help get cars off the road and give kids safer route to get from Annapolis Neck Rd to Hillsmere Plaza and Hillsmere Elementary. 8 year olds need to feel safe crossing there.

01:00:27.499,01:00:30.499

Jon Korin: Doesn't the DC Bus still stop along West St? Easy bike ride on S Cherry Grove.

01:01:23.651,01:01:26.651

Laura Booth: The long walking radius for schools used by AACPS means many parents are driving students to schools up and down Forest Drive. Working with AACPS on this would reduce both vehicular traffic and pedestrian (students) on the corridor.

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Nestor Flores: Nestor Flores - pwflor11@aacounty.org - 410-222-7331

01:01:53.918,01:01:56.918

Jess Pachler: Janet, and from everywhere to QWP

01:02:25.360,01:02:28.360

Scott Shelton: Is there a coordinated effort for lighting along the corridor? Our current systems has many dark spots and a mish-mash of lighting configurations.

01:03:36.990,01:03:39.990

Jess Pachler: Yes Laura - we need to reduce the bus transport radius for AMS and the other schools so more kids are eligible to ride the bus

01:04:05.456,01:04:08.456

One. Annapolis: Adam, have you read the Forest Drive Sector Study that was completed by Sally Nash and her team that began in 2017?

01:04:05.724,01:04:08.724

Janet Norman: Sounds like need to re-do the pedestrian count study to include the Annapolis Middle Student pattern post 9 am.

01:05:09.562,01:05:12.562

One. Annapolis: Thank you Nestor, often I am stopped at Youngs road on Forest Drive at 7 am with no cross traffic.

01:05:23.288,01:05:26.288

Laura Booth: @Jess Pachler -- AACPS needs to be a part of this discussion. I am shocked that traffic studies are done at times that don't take student arrival/departure into account. How many students at AMS now? 1500?

01:06:17.115,01:06:20.115

Jess Pachler: is there a report system for the county like the reportit system with the city?

01:06:26.450,01:06:29.450

Maggie A Burnette: Thank you for the opportunity to hear the community concerns and your

feedback.

01:06:57.556,01:07:00.556

Ald. Sheila Finlayson: Board President Tobin is on the call.

01:07:00.970,01:07:03.970

Ald. Rhonda PindellCharles: Thanks to everyone ! This was wonderful

01:07:09.206,01:07:12.206

One. Annapolis: HAWK Beacon in use on West Street works well

01:07:25.102,01:07:28.102

Janet Norman: I.e. Let's not replicate mistakes if the West St. pedestrian model is not safe

01:08:15.507,01:08:18.507

Jess Pachler: Very grateful Dr Tobin is here - we also need people in AACPS operations involved. the Board does not do operations - they do policy.

01:08:20.604,01:08:23.604

Alex Pline: The signal at the library on West St is called a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB)

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Alex Pline: HAWK signals actually are a red light for traffic.

01:09:36.083,01:09:39.083

David Braun: County's reporting system: <https://www.aacounty.org/services-and-programs/report-a-concern>

01:10:41.715,01:10:44.715

Alex Pline: Actually, I'm wrong, the signal at the library IS a red. Sorry.

01:12:19.776,01:12:22.776

Janet Norman: Right, not lumping the post 9 am crossing into the "average" 24 hour count

01:13:05.584,01:13:08.584

Janet Norman: @alexpline, I was thinking of the dangerous pedestrian crossing on West Street close to Zips dry cleaners

01:13:37.693,01:13:40.693

Alex Pline: Yeah, the 4 lanes is really the problem there.

01:14:08.138,01:14:11.138

One. Annapolis: There should be a Hawk installed on Forest by The McDonalds and

Georgetown Shopping Center, this is a high pedestrian traffic area and often pedestrians do not cross at Bay Ridge Ave. they frogger across Forest Drive

01:15:03.344,01:15:06.344

Alex Pline: Definitely, I crossed mid block there last week. It's too far out of the way to do anything else

01:16:20.654,01:16:23.654

Anastasia Hopkinson: Kyle, I did not understand the improvements you indicated. Please contact me to explain.

01:17:40.424,01:17:43.424

Jon Korin: Signal on West St near Library:

<https://roads.maryland.gov/mdotsha/pages/pressreleasedetails.aspx?newsId=3613&PageId=818>

01:19:01.132,01:19:04.132

One. Annapolis: just google Pedestrian Bridge Assaults you can see how much crime happens on pedestrian bridges, people won't use them

01:19:32.641,01:19:35.641

Tanya Asman: there are grants focused on safety improvements

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Tanya Asman: Federal and State grants

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Alex Pline: There are many examples of bridges that work well for shared use paths and they typically provide a continuous path over a busy arterial, but they have more gentle ramps and are not difficult. Old style bridges with stairs or wind up ramps are just too onerous and people won't use them.

01:22:53.518,01:22:56.518

David Braun: Adam - I've got the chat transcript

01:22:55.422,01:22:58.422

Janet Norman: Great effort, thanks to the whole team!

01:24:20.868,01:24:23.868

Lisa Rodvien: Thank you for running a really smooth and clear meeting, Adam!

01:24:28.034,01:24:31.034

Brian Ulrich: The County does have a capital project programmed for the Forest Drive/Chinquapin/665 Intersection as well as the multiyear projects Nestor mentioned

01:24:31.288,01:24:34.288

Lisa Rodvien: Thank you for running a great meeting, Adam.

01:24:39.979,01:24:42.979

Brian Cahalan: Thank you everyone!

01:24:44.084,01:24:47.084

Joanna Tobin: Thank you so much for this!

01:25:22.638,01:25:25.638

Jess Pachler: Tanya, we on the Annapolis Education Commission would love to speak with you about how we can help you in regards to annapolis cluster schools with that

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Jess Pachler: thank you for a great meeting!

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Laura Booth: Thank you all for all the hard work and great discussion!

01:25:38.234,01:25:41.234

Tanya Asman: ok jess