

**TOCC Public Services Committee
Agenda
January 10, 2019**

- This meeting is open to all Town residents

- East-West Hwy – Safety improvements – lane narrowing; new pavement markings; speed camera results (shared with PSC members) are ongoing. There is a chance that eastbound EWH may get funding for a speed camera. Todd following up with MCPD

- Joe Cutro has provided a sketch of the proposed improvements outlined in his report (7.18.18) on the signage/safety at Meadow & E-W Hwy. The PSC has endorsed the Plan and has asked the Town Council to direct the Town Manager to solicit bids from contractors for said improvements. The PSC is recommending that this work be done in the summer of 2019. Subsequent to this, the Town received an email from Tom Kelsey (7710 Meadow) on 12.9.18 requesting that we not implement the recommended changes at this intersection. Tom attended the December PSC meeting to comment on his reasoning and asked that we consider install signage banning left hand turns from Meadow onto EWH and from EWH onto Meadow. Tom also thought a speed hump on Meadow might help along with additional striping and signage at the existing crosswalk. The PSC will discuss this request at the January meeting

- A Town wide traffic study is currently planned for the Fall of 2019. Mayor Rush would like the parameters of the study started now so the Town can develop the RFP for bids, put the study out for bid, make a selection of a traffic engineering firm and have it ready to implement in the Fall of 2019. The PSC was asked to develop some study parameters and present them to the Town manager. This will be done at the January meeting. The PSC has requested and received Council permission to engage VHB transportation engineering to assist the PSC with developing the parameters of the ITB. We have asked VHB to attend the February PSC meeting. The PSC so far has looked at the following:

TOWN WIDE TRAFFIC STUDY

- The PSC discussed preliminary parameters for a Town wide traffic study to commence in the Fall of 2019. Initial items discussed were: analyzing current traffic patterns, traffic counts (inbound and outbound) at designated Town entry/exit points; entry restriction locations; extend evening entry restrictions to 7 PM, examine “cut thru” traffic, speeding, current and /or additional permit parking locations, etc. The PSC is asking if the Town office has a copy of the RFP that was issued for the 2002 traffic study and to provide a copy of same to the PSC

- PSC to follow up with Todd on safety recommendation(s) at Leland & East

- Discussion of enhanced parking enforcement at Town borders and parking passes. The PSC made a formal recommendation to Town manager on October 18th. Town manager responded with questions on 10.22.18. The PSC has made the following recommendations:

GUEST PARKING PASSES

- The PSC recommends that the residents in Permit Parking areas be issued (1) additional parking pass immediately (for a total of 2). Two Visitor Passes will be the new norm in years following
 - The PSC will reserve for future deliberations, consideration of the issuance of a “employee” visitors pass for full time (to be defined) resident employees. This issuance of such a pass and period of validity will be based upon criteria to be established
 - The PSC recommends that, in an emergency situation, the Town Manager may issue additional Visitor pass(es) for a specific period of time. The issuance of such a pass and period of validity will be based upon criteria to be established
 - The PSC recommends “rigorous enforcement” in ALL Permit Parking areas after proper notification to all Town residents that such enforcement will commence on a specific date (suggest February 1, 2019)
- Bicycle safety – Leland & Oak – Discuss adding safety signage at this intersection; Todd to have Town police officers patrol this intersection. The PSC is recommending the following:

SAFETY SIGNAGE

- The PSC agrees and supports a need for a limited amount of new safety signage (concerns expressed that the Town already has too many signs in place)
 - All safety signs should contain the following: pictures of cars, bicycles and verbiage relating to enforcement
 - Signs should be located at Town entry points and at intersections where the Town has received resident complaints and locations where bike/car accidents have occurred; signs should utilize, wherever possible, existing sign supports (poles)
 - The PSC spoke with Joe Cutro, P.E. to investigate signage that may be available to meet the criteria referenced above. Joe’s comments were: don’t dilute the existing regulatory signs (viz. stop, parking entry restrictions, etc.); he recommended that we install these in the vicinity of the existing TOCC entry signs; he does not recommend “extemporary or novelty” signage; Town may consider “enhanced” signs like an edge lit Stop sign.
 - The PSC recommends that the Town install signage at the Town entry signs that say “The Town of Chevy Chase enforces all traffic laws” and, on the sign, have a picture of a car and bicycle
 - Lastly, once the safety signage has been installed, selective enforcement must be done by the Town’s off duty police officers
- The PSC was asked to look at parking in the vicinity of Zimmerman Park in light of the garden improvements and the possibility of a DEA (dog exercise area). The PSC feels that if a DEA is considered for Zimmerman Park or in other area(s) of the Town, that the PSC will address potential parking issues at that time

- Purple Line construction
- B-CC CAT (Community Advisor Team) – Next meeting to be scheduled in the Spring
- Next Meeting – February 14, 2019