

Town of Chevy Chase Public Services Committee (PSC)
February 17, 2026

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held in-person at Town Hall

In attendance

H. Berkof, Chair
R. Brancato, Council Liason
G. Davies, Member
G. Prakash, Member
J. Polk, Member
D. Heuschel, Member
M. Coplan, Member
C. Mojica, Member
S. Mustafa, Member
R. Portman, Member
D. Walton, Town Staff
J. Cutro, Traffic Consultant
Rosemary street residents

1. Call to Order & Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m.

The Chair welcomed committee members, Town staff, the Town Council liaison, and residents. Printed copies of the agenda and the Rosemary Street letter/map were distributed.

2. Approval of January Minutes

The January meeting minutes were approved.

A correction to the December minutes was noted (clarification that the lay-by area discussed was on Rosemary rather than Meadow). The correction had already been made and would be published accordingly.

3. Updates

a. Speed Camera Program

The Town has reviewed and negotiated the speed camera contract. One outstanding issue remains regarding contract close-out costs in the event of termination. Resolution is expected

shortly. Upon execution of the contract, the Town will move forward with installation of a speed camera on Bradley Lane. This remains the top enforcement priority.

It was noted that:

- The Town has authority to install speed cameras on certain roadways but requires State Highway Administration (SHA) approval for cameras on state highways.
- Additional locations (e.g., East-West Highway, Connecticut Avenue) may be considered in the future.
- Speed data collection has been completed on eastbound East-West Highway; results are pending.

b. Stop Signs with Cameras and AI – Follow-Up

The Committee revisited the discussion of using AI-enabled cameras to monitor stop sign compliance. After consultation with legal counsel and Town staff:

- The Town cannot collect license plate data without an authorized enforcement program by the State of Maryland.
- AI camera deployment solely for data collection (without enforcement authority) is not financially feasible.

Alternative approaches discussed include Police spot enforcement at identified “hot spots” or manual compliance studies using trained observers to record: Full stops, Rolling stops, and Failure to stop.

A manual compliance study would be significantly more cost-effective and may provide sufficient data to determine whether further action is warranted. The Committee agreed to request Town Staff identify three priority intersections and complete manual compliance evaluations.

c. Town Council Liaison Updates

The Town Council liaison provided the following updates:

- **Winter Storm Response:** The recent historic ice-over-snow storm presented challenges, particularly for sidewalk clearance. The Council will continue evaluating alternative sidewalk snow removal strategies.
- **WSSC Water Line Work:** Along Zimmerman Park, requiring temporary roadway disruptions (estimated three weeks, intermittent).
- **Bradley Lane Sightlines:** The Chevy Chase Country Club (CCC) wall was discussed with State Highway Association and CCC. Lowering the wall was declined by CCC due to historic designation, but vegetation trimming remains under consideration.
- **Entry Restrictions & Traffic Patterns:** The Committee discussed the importance of taking a holistic, Town-wide approach before modifying any entry restrictions on individual streets.

4. Town Forecast Input for May

The Committee discussed whether to submit content for the May Town Forecast. If no substantive topic is identified, the May slot may be offered to another committee.

5. Public Engagement Session

Rosemary Street Traffic and Safety Discussion

Several residents attended for the discussion on proposed Rosemary St. traffic, parking, and safety changes. The following proposed PSC measures, supported by Chevy Chase Elementary School officials, were discussed and positively received by the residents in attendance.

Proposed Measures

1. Elimination of approximately five parking spaces on the north side between the circle and the school parking lot to allow use of the parking lane as a queuing lane.
2. Creation of a lay-by/passing zone (approximately 74 feet) further east on Rosemary near a fire hydrant to allow buses and larger vehicles to pass safely.
3. Striping and marking of parking spaces around the circle and Rosemary triangle to improve parking efficiency.
4. Encouragement (not restriction) for teachers to utilize designated nearby parking areas.
5. Option for residents to pursue permit parking through a petition process (majority support required).

One resident requested preservation of pedestrian access between parked vehicles. The Town Council liaison noted that similar pedestrian access markings have been successfully implemented elsewhere (e.g., Kensington Parkway) and may be incorporated here.

Next Steps

- PSC will formally transmit its recommendation to the Town Council in March.
- A Town Council public hearing is anticipated in April.
- Pending Council approval, physical implementation would likely take place in Summer.
- The Committee agreed to revisit the effectiveness of the changes.

7. Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

7:30 p.m. via Zoom

The April meeting will be in person and will include discussion with Leland and East area residents regarding potential stop sign relocation.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:31 p.m.