

11:22:25 From Marjorie Bonavia : The arrow is needed but I fear that 2021 will be too late. The Fall seems to be a busy and "speedy" time. Fear that there will be a fatal crash there (Saul) this Fall.

11:23:10 From Jerry Kickenson : That corridor is both a local shopping, visiting, etc. road, and also a major commuting road. Will the study incorporate wider traffic patterns?

11:24:46 From petergray : What is an RRFB?

11:25:05 From Conor Crimmins : RRFB: Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon

11:25:48 From Conor Crimmins : Examples from US DOT FHA: https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/intersection/conventional/unsignalized/tech_sum/fhwas09009/

11:26:55 From Kristy Daphnis : RRFB is different from a HAWK, in that the RRFB doesn't turn red.

11:27:53 From Lillian Cruz : Is there bilingual signage that accompanies the HAWK signals placed in the Wheaton Triangle area?

11:30:26 From Gary Fahle : When will these improvements be installed on 410?

11:30:39 From Cassie Katz : We had a safety walk with state and county officials in Winter 2019 to spotlight the traffic/pedestrian concerns at intersection of EastWestHwy & Grubb Rd. Do you have an update on that?

11:31:06 From Jeremy Marcus : In terms of East West Highway, what is being done to improve the intersection at East West Highway and Grubb Road so that the students on the north side of East West Hwy can walk to Rock Creek Forest Elementary School again?

11:31:17 From Conor Crimmins : Can Derek address timetables for the projects he just discussed?

11:31:46 From Stefanie Hennes : I echo Jeremy's question.

11:35:33 From Praveen Sadasivan : Just Last week , me and wife almost got hit at Connecticut & Saul intersection by a car trying to take left into saul from Connecticut , exact same spot where the previous fatal accident happened. I echo with Bonavia . Why spring 2021 , how is this is going to protect the pedestrians until spring 2021. how can we expedite this and at-least have a dedicated left sign soon?

11:37:58 From Jenn Sawin : There's an echo on the phone audio - could you make sure the speakers on your computer aren't on?

11:38:03 From Sean Robertson : I feel signal changes at Saul Road are a band-aid solution to excessive speed that does nothing to help with unsignaled/unmarked crosswalks at other intersections like Baltimore, Dresden, Franklin and Dannel. Has SHA considered options to narrow Connecticut Avenue lanes and/or add a bike lane to look more like a residential street (as it appears in Chevy Chase's 30 mph zone) vs. outside the beltway where wide lanes, few signals and speed cameras set at 47 mph turn our street into a speedway?

11:38:44 From Michael Cavey's iPhone : the problem on Conn Ave is speed, speed, speed. Speed limits have to be reduced to 25 MPH through Chevy Chase View. in all these accidents/fatalities, speed was a factor.

11:38:53 From Marjorie Bonavia : Praveen, glad you are OK but again-

the "speed corridor" between the beltway and Kensington on Conn. Ave IS going to kill and has killed in the past. Not hearing neough about this.

11:39:19 From Gary Fahle : It would be helpful to see a list of pedestrian safety projects that are currently in progress and when they will be completed. There seems to be a lot of confusion why it takes so long to install a pedestrian safety project

11:41:31 From Sheldon Fishman : Georgia Ave EAST ENTRANCE to Forest Glen Metro under Georgia Ave – even better safety than signals and helps traffic flow too!. Is OOTS loudly supporting the east entrance?

11:43:00 From Kristy's iPhone : Tuesday afternoon another accident occurred a truck heading toward TOK ended up on the sidewalk inches from taking down a pepco pole

11:43:13 From jim e : didn't address univ/ga intersection!

11:43:28 From Marjorie Bonavia : Michael, I echo your thoughts. Cars going through our community are at speeds of 60-70+ miles per hour (during rush hour)! This can be proven from the black boxes from the car accidents that have happened in only the last two years at Saul and Conn. Ave.

11:43:47 From Kristy's iPhone : Franklin and Connecticut Avenue has already had a fatality and many severe accidents

11:44:22 From Irene Lane : The crosswalk at E-W Highway / Edgevale will be used to access the Sleaford underpass. There is increased unease about the safety of the proposed RRFB crosswalk. We understand that this crosswalk has been designated as a mid-block crossing, but the fact that all traffic from Maple Avenue must turn right coupled with the minimal traffic from Edgevale perhaps may not fit the standard for a mid-block crossing. The increased number and speed of cars in both directions coupled with the curvature and downhill topography of E-W Highway (as Mr. Gunn mentioned) makes this section of the road particularly worrisome. The community has asked for a HAWK beacon or at least the design of the RRFB to be such that it can easily be switched to a HAWK signal. If the intent is to monitor, we'd like to ask how that monitoring will be done and what metric will be used (before a child going to school is hit)

11:45:05 From Lindsay Field : What about Conneciticut and Franklin at the bottom of the HILL

11:45:26 From kbrin : What are the plans for speed control and pedestrian crossings on Wisconsin Avenue in Bethesda? Particularly around the construction areas where pedestrians must cross the street at intersections that don't have lights? Speeding there is rampant and there have been several serious accidents in that area.

11:46:48 From Kristy's iPhone : there was a very scary accident this Tuesday at Franklin and Connecticut

11:47:15 From Francie : How is SHA making sure they include the experiences of people with disabilities – people who have limited mobility, have low vision or are blind – children/families and adults with disabilities should be involved in plans.

11:47:21 From Daniel Marcin : Some comments from two Wheatoners: Pedestrian projects need to have current status shown on a map.

Second, put those cameras on 193!!!! Not saying only put cameras in and call it a day, but why not put up a bunch of cameras tomorrow, while we wait 6 years for the engineering studies/meetings/plans/redesign?

Finally, unsignaled left turns onto and off of CT should not be permitted. At all.

11:47:27 From Kristy's iPhone : can we implement additionally speed cameras at Franklin and Connecticut within the next six months

11:48:20 From Michael Cavey's iPhone : I don't think we can wait until winter with the Conn Ave track record. Can something about speed be done sooner?

11:48:59 From Marjorie Bonavia : Would like to see cameras at the Saul/Conn intersection that show both down the hill (Franklin intersection) and down the other hill (southbound) showing the Dunel intersection.

11:49:38 From Michael Cavey's iPhone : My house literally shakes when a large truck speeds by.

11:49:48 From Michael Cavey's iPhone : Agree with Marjorie.

11:49:54 From Lindsay Field : We need speed cameras ASAP at Connecticut from 495 to Washington Street...each block, people are flying up Connecticut more these days when traffic is light, Saul to Washington the worst.

11:50:06 From Gary Fahle : I simply don't understand why it takes so long to install an RRFB signal. We've been waiting for more than 6 months (if not longer) FOR INSTALLATION

11:50:12 From Lindsay Field : There are so many dangerous situations.

11:50:18 From Marjorie Bonavia : Lindsay TOTALLY AGREE!

11:50:34 From petergray : Some of us would like to see SHA do more of what they did in DTSS on GA Ave, close off a lane to cars, in that case for outdoor dining. But instead to close off segments for bicycles and pedestrians. For instance, MD-193 from MD-29 to MD-586.

11:50:38 From Daniel Marcin : Every time I was on Conn Ave between Beltway and Kensington when the camera was in, it seemed very peaceful to me. Haven't been in a while, but not surprised that the camera is now gone and people are saying it's a speedway!

11:51:13 From Andrew Friedson : Hi kbrin: Regarding Wisconsin Ave in Downtown Bethesda, SHA should answer but we have been working closely with Andre, Derek and SHA to take a corridor approach to that stretch in downtown Bethesda and there are a number of intersections where they will be adding traffic calming/ped safety signals. RRFBs at Chase and Commerce. RRFB at Avondale we pushed for has been installed.

11:51:17 From Lindsay Field : Sidewalks are narrow on Connecticut with NO BARRIER FROM STREET with cars flying at 50+ all the time.

11:52:13 From Joan Mitric : I would like to hear what is the rationale behind Andrew Friedson's support for the Summit avenue bypass and extension to Farragut? It is an expensive project with likely very short-term solution to traffic python on Connecticut corridor.

11:52:14 From Michael Cavey's iPhone : agree with Lindsay. there's little room for driver error with sidewalks lacking setback from Conn

Ave through CCV.

11:52:21 From Marjorie Bonavia : WE NEED CAMERAS, turn arrows at Saul and better (consistent) policing

11:52:25 From Ray Heinsman : I - 2nd Peter Grays comment -

11:52:42 From Daniel Marcin : I third Peter Gray's comment!

11:52:51 From Chris Bruch : Lets save time to discuss what SHA is doing to address pedestrian safety in Downtown Bethesda i.e., Wisconsin Avenue 355

11:53:32 From Marjorie Bonavia : Yes Lindsay, I won't let me kids walk on Conn Ave. Can't imagine if my driveway spilled out onto it!

11:53:34 From Alain Norman : To pick up on Peter Gray's comment: Haven't heard evidence that SHA is thinking about how to reduce car traffic - a source of pollution & danger - via comprehensive plan to expand and connect various bicycle or multi-use paths along major MD state roads (perhaps by slicing .5 of a lane on one or both sides of a given road). Is SHA contemplating a strategic effort to maximize bike safety & accessibility throughout Mo.Co.? Thanks!

11:53:37 From Praveen Sadasivan : Thanks Marjorie ! I agree with Marjorie and Lindsay - Sidewalks are super narrow on Connecticut Ave , honking trucks too close to the walkway and not enough room for people walking in either directions.

11:54:10 From Ray Heinsman : My write in comment is in line with Alain Normans question -

11:54:14 From Andrew Friedson : Hi Chris, responded to this above, but here you go again: Regarding Wisconsin Ave in Downtown Bethesda, SHA should answer but we have been working closely with Andre, Derek and SHA to take a corridor approach to that stretch in downtown Bethesda and there are a number of intersections where they will be adding traffic calming/ped safety signals. RRFBs at Chase and Commerce. RRFB at Avondale we pushed for has been installed.

11:54:16 From Jeremy Marcus : Please discuss East West Highway and Grubb Road and why the prior improvements didn't work and what is being done to fix the situation.

11:55:41 From Gary Fahle : Why haven't there been the improvements been implemented on EW Hwy yet? This need was recognized many, many months ago

11:56:05 From Cassie Katz : What are continental crosswalks?

11:56:06 From Jeremy Marcus : Thank you.

11:56:47 From Andrew Friedson : Apologies, I misspoke earlier. Middleton at Wisconsin -- where we've had multiple collisions -- is now designated for a full signal now.

11:56:49 From Stefanie Hennes : Crosswalks that have perpendicular lines through them instead of just two parallel lines.

11:56:50 From Jenn Sawin : Crossing guards are effective only during the hours they are there. They don't help the community outside of those limited hours.

11:58:09 From Alain Norman : PS: Did I miss whether / how SHA might make 16th street (#390) safer for bikes, and for pedestrians (e.g., by adding more protected crosswalks btw the E & W sides of 16th, + perhaps a bike path), btw. the DC line and Georgia Ave.? Thanks

again.

11:58:55 From Conor Crimmins : Click on participants

11:58:58 From Ray Heinsman : participants window – click on your name

11:59:00 From Conor Crimmins : button is at the bottom

11:59:08 From Alison Durland : I have heard bikes mentioned a few times. Can creating bike lanes be incorporated into the SHA study, particularly for the Conn Ave corridor?

11:59:12 From Jenn Sawin : Crosswalks that are not striped are NOT recognized as crosswalks. Literally. I've said to people driving through my neighborhood that there was a pedestrian in the crosswalk and every single driver said there was no crosswalk. Crosswalks without zebra striping should never be used.

11:59:46 From Chris Bruch : I have a question

12:00:11 From Grant Bonavia : Thank you very much for your thoughtful consideration related to issues on Connecticut south of Kensington. I wasn't sure what to expect today and was relieved to hear about all the thought going into the problems. Please keep up the hard work of making our neighborhoods safe to live in. I am grateful for anything that can be done to improve safety as effectively and expeditiously as possible.

12:01:26 From Cassie Katz : Jen I agree with you. Just painting the sidewalks at Grubb/EastWestHwy intersection would be an improvement, they're barely visible as-is and it's so frustrating that it's been over a year and that simple update hasn't been done yet.

12:01:37 From Cassie Katz : *painting the crosswalks

12:02:25 From Joan Mitric : We also have a speeding problem all along Capitol View aka Metropolitan Ave or MD192.. People routinely cross the double line on this curvy road,. There is also a critical need to have site line vision corrected along this SHA road. and trimming and cutting of thick, kudzo-type weeds climbing all over the electrical lines . Edgewood Road and Beechbank all problems. Many of the caution signs alerting drivers to RIGHT angle sharp turns and curves are obstructed.

12:02:27 From Kristy Daphnis : re: Grandview... it is not just about paving. it is about traffic flow. drivers should NOT be able to use Grandview and Blueridge as a left turn lane onto NB 97.

12:03:43 From Cassie Katz : Also there needs to be a "No Right Turn on Red" when driving on East/West towards Silver Spring. I've seen multiple children almost get hit when drivers go through the crosswalk when the light is red when the pedestrian light signals to cross the road. That seems like another simple update that could be done quickly and potentially be life saving.

12:04:00 From Kristy Daphnis : Just over a year ago, you all participated in a Wheaton safety walk. As Jenn points out, there are several unmarked SHA crosswalks, as well as ADA concerns around the Wheaton CBD.

12:04:10 From Marjorie Bonavia : Thank you Praveen!

12:04:23 From Michael Cavey's iPhone : we need signaled crosswalks at Saul and Conn right away. kids don't know when it's safe to cross Saul along Conn on their way to school.

12:04:26 From Lindsay Field : Narrowing Connecticut, Cameras, and police tagging

12:04:58 From Lindsay Field : Expanding sidewalk all the way up and down connecticut

12:05:32 From Lindsay Field : Cameras are too far apart

12:05:41 From Marjorie Bonavia : Cameras PLEASE!!! Speed enforcement that is consistent would help a great deal!

12:08:14 From Alain Norman : Further to Mr. Gunn's comments just now: Indeed, more multi-modal sounds like a good concept for SHA to work from, vice remaining focused on car-centric "solutions." Thanks!

12:08:52 From Sean Robertson : We have a signaled crosswalk at Saul, but what about Baltimore, Dresden, Franklin and Dannel?

12:09:23 From Kristy Daphnis : It would be helpful for the D18 delegation to provide input to the SHA (and potentially suggest revisions to) automated enforcement (cameras) laws and programs. I agree that we need to add additional automated enforcement, but also undersrns that there are some State law constraints and barriers to doing so.

12:10:02 From Al Carr : Kudos to Chris Bruch - he worked tirelessly on safety improvements in TOK when he served on the council there

12:10:04 From Sean Robertson : The Connecticut Ave speed cameras only trigger for people going over 47 mph! And locals know they can go even faster in between the cameras. Even with more cameras 46 mph is too fast for a residential street with unmarked crosswalks. We need to bring down both the speed limit and the threshold at which tickets are actually issued.

12:10:20 From Jenn Sawin : Could SHA please ensure that all crosswalks within what SHOULD BE the walkshed for any school are continental, that the striping is maintained routinely, and that there is no right on red allowed? We need absolutely to keep the shildren safe, and we meed to maximize their ability to walk safely to school. Sending children by bus because the crossing is unsafe should just not be happening.

12:10:26 From Michael Cavey's iPhone : the problem on Conn Ave is speed, speed, speed. Speed limits have to be reduced to 25 MPH through Chevy Chase View. in all these accidents/fatalities, speed was a factor.

12:10:38 From Michael Cavey's iPhone : there's a signaled crosswalk on Saul crossing Conn Ave but not crossing Saul itself at Conn Ave. my daughter had called my crying walking home from school because she doesn't know when it's safe to cross, especially with the high rates of speed cars are traveling.

12:12:33 From Kristy Daphnis : Also, I encourage the D18 delegation to support "Open Streets" initiatives on State highways. Please urge SHA to temporarily close certain travel lanes to cars, for use by bicyclists and other alternatove transportation (scooter, ebike, etc.) As we return to work, there will be gaps in transit availability

12:12:48 From Ray Heinsman : in agreement Jenn Swains comment - it is laughable the solution to dangerous rds is to bus kids across the street rather than change the conditions of the road - my kids are

bussed 1 mile to elementary school instead of having to cross GA ave
12:14:02 From Marjorie Bonavia : It is my understanding that children in Kensington are bussed across Conn. Ave as well because it's not safe.
12:14:16 From Margaret Rifkin : xt What are SHA plans re working across agencies on cont
12:14:38 From Francie : Thank you, Bong!
12:16:09 From Margaret Rifkin : What are your plans re context sensitive design Economic Development and Arts and Entertainment Districts such as Wheaton and the State Highways running thru them?
12:16:14 From Kristy Daphnis : The Open Streets coalition will be sending a list of suggested shared street segments to SHA.
12:16:25 From Jenn Sawin : Thank you, Ray Heinsman – please look at the aerial view of University Blvd (MD 193) and crosswalks between Four Corners and Inwood Ave. Despite several churches and schools directly on University itself, where could a pedestrian safely cross University?
12:16:26 From Emily Shetty : Cc the D18 team Kristy please
12:16:54 From Kristy Daphnis : yes, we will certainly do so Emily
12:16:59 From Lindsay Field : Drag race coordinator on Connecticut and the beltway, you can here them from inside our house
12:17:00 From Emily Shetty : Thank you!
12:17:00 From Kristy Daphnis : thank you!
12:17:55 From Al Carr : Drag racing is a big problem. The motorcycle I saw speeding past the speed camera a couple days ago on Connecticut had no license plate
12:18:23 From Joan Mitric : Drag racing is commn on Capitol View/aka MDRoute 192 also
12:18:43 From Lindsay Field : Frankin is a HUGE ISSUE with neighbors driving across conn from neighborhood and people flying down at 90mph
12:18:46 From Emily Shetty : The d18 team has sent numerous requests to police of this district to ask them to up enforcement efforts on drag racing, particularly in this stretch of Connecticut
12:19:10 From Conor Crimmins : Request a Speed Camera Website:
12:19:11 From Conor Crimmins : <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/pol/howdoI/request-speed-camera.html>
12:19:16 From Lindsay Field : I think CCV needs to demand cameras
12:19:19 From Jacob Rains : Thank you Conor
12:19:24 From Jenn Sawin : Drag racing is also common on University.
12:19:34 From Alain Norman : Drag racing appears to take place on Georgia Avenue, as well, at night. Options to address this in Mo.Co. might include, what? Thx.
12:20:06 From Lindsay Field : I think the drag racing is a loop between Connecticut , Georgia at 495
12:20:18 From Lindsay Field : You can hear them loop around
12:20:30 From Sean Robertson : And kids who live 300 yards from Silver Creek Middle School shouldn't have to ride a bus just because SHA is unwilling to slow down commuters on CT Ave. And MoCo taxpayers shouldn't have to pay for those buses!
12:21:05 From Melissa Hurley : Please add Georgia Ave between Beltway

and downtown Wheaton to drag racing patrol response for police. Thank you!

12:21:31 From Melissa Hurley : 🙄🙄🙄

12:22:09 From Andrew Friedson : We will raise that specific enforcement issue to the county police department's traffic safety division.

12:22:58 From Stefanie Hennes : Thank you Jeremy.

12:23:35 From Jenn Sawin : Thank you, Councilmember Friedson. All of Georgia Ave is Speedway 97 from downtown Silver Spring through Wheaton, especially in off hours.

12:23:57 From Ray Heinsman : Hi Jenn Swain - we need more lights, less lanes

12:24:23 From Stefanie Hennes : It would be great to get more kids walking to school given likely limitations on the number of children on buses due to COVID.

12:25:04 From Irene Lane : In general, it would be helpful to better understand from SHA if RRFBs can be designed in such a way so that they can easily be converted to HAWK signals, after monitoring. Also, it would be helpful to know what metrics or behaviors SHA looks for when making the decision to install a HAWK. Just trying to ensure that the planning is strategic given the upcoming population increases that are anticipated in the county.

12:26:19 From Marjorie Bonavia : Thank you to everyone that are working to try and make our roads safe and passable.

12:26:29 From Praveen Sadasivan : Kensington Pkway walk way should be improved as well, there are areas where is no walk way on either sides of the road and pedestrians have to get on the road . this at times gets dangerous especially when there are cars coming on either side.

12:26:59 From Melissa Hurley : Thank you for having this - very appreciated. D18 Delegation Rocks!

12:27:37 From Cassie Katz : Thank you to all our county and state leaders!

12:27:39 From Andrew Friedson : Thanks to D18 for your great partnership on these issues. Our roads are for people!

12:27:58 From Margaret Rifkin : Thank you...excellent meeting. Much appreciated...

12:28:00 From Jeff Waldstreicher : My work email. Everyone on our District 18 Team is united and always happy to help:
jeff.waldstreicher@senate.state.md.us

12:28:02 From Michael Cavey's iPhone : thank you to the delegation and SHA for your help.

12:28:03 From JARED SOLOMON : We're recording this and the chat so we'll be sure to share this with SHA to make sure they have everyone's comments, questions, and suggestions

12:28:09 From Jenn Sawin : Thank you so much, D18 team, you are so awesome. Could you please post the chat text when you post the meeting replay link?

12:28:16 From JARED SOLOMON : Will do

12:28:25 From Andrew Friedson : We are working on and will follow up on county issues

12:28:27 From Irene Lane : Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to discuss these issues.

12:28:33 From Paul Hurley : thank you

12:28:38 From Jeremy Marcus : Thanks for putting this together!

12:28:38 From Andrew Friedson :

Councilmember.Friedson@montgomerycountymd.gov if you need anything!