Welcome to the CCCT 2020 Annual Meeting - starting at 7:00 pm

Agenda
• Introduction – Tony Marra
• Report on the Trail – Tony Marra
• Election of Directors
• Keynote Speaker – Mike Riley
  Director, Montgomery County Parks Department
• Questions and Answers
• Wrap up and Adjournment

To submit questions for Q&A, use the Zoom “Chat” window. Please send your questions to all attendees - that may help reduce duplicate questions. Include your first name and community with your question, and say if you would like it addressed to Montgomery Parks, the National Park Service, or the CCCT. Please submit your questions early if possible, to give whoever should answer time to think on the question.
CCCT 2020 Annual Meeting Agenda

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**WHAT HAPPENED ON THE TRAIL IN 2019/2020?**

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Construction of Trail from Bethesda to Silver Spring, with Purple Line

Pictures/drawings from MCDOT
Underpass, Headwall Installation – Jones Mill Road
Capital Crescent Trail Bridge – Silver Spring Transit Center
County Council approves Tunnel under Wisconsin Avenue

Slides/drawings from MCDOT
Capital Crescent Trail Tunnel Project
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• Project Highlights
  • 985 foot total tunnel length
  • 16 foot wide tunnel with wall tile, metal ceiling tiles & lighting
  • Cellular phone coverage
  • Security cameras and blue light phones
  • Emergency egress stairs
  • At-grade connection to surface trail
  • Elm Street Park redevelopment
Capital Crescent Trail Tunnel Project

- Project Highlights
  - Long and short term covered parking for approximately 450 bikes near Woodmont Plaza and Purple Line Bethesda Station
  - Secure area available for long term bicycle parking

These are Artistic Renderings, May Not Represent Final Design - February 2020
Capital Crescent Trail Tunnel Project

- Anticipated Schedule
  - Design on-going through Fall 2020
  - Construction duration to be 2 – 2.5 years
- Project cost anticipated to be in excess of $50 million
- Funded for final design but not construction
- Project Manager – Jon Hutchings
  [Jon.Hutchings@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Jon.Hutchings@montgomerycountymd.gov)
Bethesda Surface Trail Designed, Construction starting in 2020

Slide/drawing from MCDOT
Capital Crescent Surface Trail

• Project Highlights
  • Two-way cycletrack + sidewalk through downtown Bethesda. (Bethesda Ave / Willow Ln).
  • Shared-use path along Elm Street Park.
  • Cycletrack on Woodmont Ave.
  • 2 phases:
    • Phase I: CCT (Georgetown) to 47th Street & Woodmont between Miller & Montgomery.
      • Construction: Summer 2020.
    • Phase II: 47th/Willow to 47th/Elm.
      • Construction: Summer 2021 (estimated).
  • Diagonal crossing of Woodmont/Bethesda.
  • Bike signal crossings at Woodmont and Wisconsin.
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Drawing from DC DOT
Fletcher’s Cove Redevelopment
Planning by NPS

Drawing from National Park Service
Georgetown Trailhead Improvements

Slides/pictures/drawings from Georgetown BID
Project Background

- Georgetown BID received $150,000 grant from DDOT through Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

- Scope of Work includes:
  - Rehabilitate staircase between C&O Canal Towpath and Capital Crescent Trail
  - Create small trailhead area for Capital Crescent Trail
  - Improve physical safety and discourage illegal and unwelcome behavior
  - Improve drainage on Water Street
  - Accommodate adjacent uses and operations

- BID hired Bradley Site Design to design oversee construction

- Project area includes DDOT right-of-way and NPS jurisdiction (C&O Canal)

- Project will be delivered by September 30, 2021 (end of grant period)
Project Schedule

Phase 1: 30% Design
- September-October 2020
  - Stakeholder engagement
  - Public meeting
  - Agency reviews

Phase 2: 100% Design
- November 2020
  - Stakeholder engagement
  - Agency reviews

Phase 3: Construction
- January-September 2021

- August 2020
  - Stakeholder engagement
  - Public meeting

Project Kickoff
Project Area

Water Street Staircase | Public Meeting August 25, 2020
Water Street Staircase | Public Meeting August 25, 2020

Site
Water Street Project | Public Meeting August 25, 2020

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Site Approach from K Street
Trailhead Gateway Threshold
View of Site from Alexandria Aqueduct
Concrete Stairs from C&O Canal
Threshold from C&O Canal to Trailhead Site
Ornamental Rail at Alexandria Aqueduct
Graffiti at Alexandria Aqueduct
Georgetown Towpath
Bells and Whistles – Held 2 in 2019, had to cancel in 2020
FUTURE FOCUS FOR THE COALITION

A Ongoing focus on:
1 Completion of Trail, Bethesda to Silver Spring
2 Improving Maintenance
3 Wisconsin Ave Tunnel
4 Bridge over Little Falls Parkway
5 Arizona Ave Connector
6 Fletcher’s Cove Redevelopment
7 Georgetown Trailhead Improvements

B Repair and Resurfacing of the CCT

C Volunteering
Repair and Resurfacing of CCT – Photos of deteriorating trail surfaces
Repair and Resurfacing of CCT – AASHTO and MD state recommendations for trail widths and clearances
The 2012 "AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities" trail width and clearance diagram
The 2015 Maryland "Bicycle Policy & Design Guidelines" trail width and clearance diagram
Repair and Resurfacing of CCT – Funding Opportunities

- The CCT needs repair and resurfacing, particularly in the National Park Service (NPS) section.
- Financing for repair and resurfacing has always been a problem.
- Funds may be available:
  - The Great American Outdoors Act became law in August 2020:
    - $900 million a year in funding for parks and trails.
    - $9.5 billion over a five-year period for deferred maintenance in national parks.
    - The CCT section in the C&O Canal NHP can benefit from this law.
      Grants to states are also available.
  - Reauthorization of the FAST Act:
    - This law makes funds available for state and local trails.
      It sunsets at the end of September 2020, but reauthorization appears likely.
    - The House and Senate FAST reauthorization bills provide big funding increases for programs that support trails, which could benefit the Maryland section of the CCT.
- The NPS and Montgomery Parks Department need to take advantage of Federal funding opportunities.
- The NPS needs to include CCT restoration in its budget request to the Interior Department.
- The Parks Department needs to submit a capital improvement plan for restoration of the CCT.
Volunteering

Shortly after the Coalition was formed, we routinely organized volunteer groups to help with maintenance on the CCT.

We want to explore how we can once again support volunteer work on the CCT:

- **DC Section of the CCT:** This section of the CCT is administratively part of the C&O Canal National Historic Park, which has a series of volunteer programs. One is the C&O Canal Steward Program under which individuals or organizations enter a long-term relationship with the park to perform certain maintenance activities. These activities on the CCT could include pruning vegetation, raking, trash removal, cutting back overhanging branches and vines, removal of dirt and gravel from trail, and reporting on unsafe or dangerous situations along the CCT. As of October 1, the C&O Canal Steward Program is scheduled to become the responsibility of the Canal Trust, a nonprofit that supports the C&O Canal NHP. We have been in conversations with the Canal Trust to explore how the Coalition can become part of the C&O Canal Steward Program for the CCT.

- **MD Section of the CCT:** This section of the CCT is part of the Montgomery County Parks Department, which has a Volunteer Services Office. We are discussing with that office whether there are volunteer opportunities for the Coalition to perform certain maintenance activities on the CCT, similar to the ones under the C&O Canal Steward Program.

- **Volunteers Needed:** Coalition Board members have said they would be willing to perform volunteer work on the CCT. However, if we are going to commit to volunteer work, we will need the support of the membership of the Coalition. Let us know at contact@cctrail.org if you are willing to do volunteer work on the CCT.
CCCT 2020 BOARD NOMINEES

Bruce Adams
Lynn Balzer-Martin
Polly Choate
Ed Comer
Jenny Sue Dunner
Mike Hunninghake
Morris Klein
Tony Marra
Holly Seltzer
Will Strang
Ron Tripp
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