



Memo

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Jim Chandler, Director of Community & Economic Development, Assistant City Administrator
CC: Tracey Nicholson, City Administrator
Lesley Riddle, Director, Department of Public Works
Date: October 2, 2019
Re: Rhode Island Avenue Trolley Trail – SHA Project Update

Summary

Maryland State Highway Administration will present the City of Hyattsville with the 30% design of the Rhode Island Avenue Trolley Trail extension and will discuss project timeline and milestones for moving forward with completion of design and construction.

Project History

In November 2018, Maryland SHA presented the City Council with the 30% design and solicited comments from the City Council. The City adopted a series of requested revisions to the design, which were communicated to Maryland SHA in a letter dated November 28, 2019, which is included in this packet.

Maryland SHA has incorporated each of the City's requested revisions into the design of the trail, however the updated design reflects the omission of the sidewalk along the west side of Rhode Island Avenue, which had been included in previous designs. The sidewalk has been eliminated due to several reasons, including but not limited to the requirements of the project funding source, egress assessment and costs. The City staff has discussed with Maryland SHA coordinating proceeding with design and construction of the sidewalk through a separate funding source and aligning the construction of the sidewalk to coincide with the conclusion of the trail construction.