

Dear Homeowner/Business owner:

The Town of Mount Airy in coordination with the State Highway Administration is considering some physical design changes to the Main Street and Center Street intersections. They also involve some design changes to Park Ave, Center Street, Cross Street and Veterans Lane in the downtown district. You are receiving this letter because you may be affected by the road changes under current consideration. Enclosed is a map providing an illustration of the changes being considered. Below is a basic summary of the changes being reviewed and analyzed:

1. This plan makes the east side of our Main Street fully compliant with ADA, the federal disability laws which we are required to do by statute, from Park Ave. to the Mt. Airy Pharmacy entrance.
2. By making Park Ave. one-way, and eliminating through traffic starting at Cross street, the business and truck traffic will be reduced through this predominantly residential neighborhood and will enhance the traffic flow on Main Street.
3. The center crosswalk will be aligned with the stairs from the Municipal Parking lot, improving the line of sight for better crossing safety and would encourage the lots use.
4. Net gain of multiple parking spaces that would not be subject to Main Streets 2 hour parking limit, since they are adjacent to, rather than on, Main Street.
5. With the use of the side door commonly used, this sidewalk installation provides for safer ingress and egress for the Gun Shack and a secondary route to get to the Municipal lot if the stairs are not an option, such as with a stroller.
6. This project will be a cost sharing between the Town and the State Highway Administration. The Town can apply for grant money or matching money to fund the additional improvements that are beyond the State's area making the Town's investment less substantial.
7. This provides westbound Park Avenue traffic a safer approach to Main Street and open s their options to turn either right or left.
8. This will improve the collection of storm-water runoff down Center Street and reduce the impacts of storm water on the buildings on the west side of Main Street.

The State which controls and owns Main Street, will determine the timetable and funding for these improvements. The State Highway Administration is the responsible agency and the Town will strive to work in cooperation with SHA's efforts to provide the necessary improvements to Town-owned roads to make this plan work.

This project was initiated by the State by focusing primarily on sidewalk improvements to bring downtown into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Again as was stated earlier in this letter, a concept drawing of these improvements is attached. Please direct any questions to Town Hall at 301-829-1424 or email the Chairman of the Streets and Roads Committee at [dawnadair@verizon.net](mailto:dawnadair@verizon.net).

Sincerely,

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Streets and Roads Commission

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