

**ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD
REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**Report No. 12-03
May 7, 2012**

SUBJECT: Proposed Breezewood Drive Improvements Associated with New Greenbelt Middle School

BACKGROUND: The Prince Georges County Public School System (PGPS) has submitted plans to the City for review and approval to address pedestrian safety and accessibility along the Breezewood Drive frontage of the new Greenbelt Middle School site. Proposed improvements include, raised crosswalks, ADA compliant curb ramps, no parking zones, school beacon, new sidewalk, improved lighting and school zone signs.

ANALYSIS: On October 26, 2011 the Advisory Planning Board reviewed plans for pedestrian and accessibility improvements along Breezewood Drive adjacent to the new Greenbelt Middle School site. The Board discussed sight lines associated with the proposed crosswalks and was assured that there were adequate sight lines at all proposed crosswalks. The Board concurred with staff that the new sidewalk proposed on the south side of Breezewood Drive should be extended to connect to the sidewalk that provides access to the existing playground. The Board asked the PGPS staff to look at the feasibility of installing a crosswalk across Breezewood Drive at the median just east of Springhill Drive. The Board viewed this as a logical crossing point for students coming from points north. The Board reviewed the proposed sign plans and suggested that advance speed hump notice signs be added to the plan. The Board understands that students coming from the north have access to the new site via an existing path that is located near the bus lot. The Board suggested the PGPCS staff work with Berwyn Heights to ensure this pedestrian access is adequate.

The Board also was interested in other issues such as handicap parking and bicycle parking. The Board suggested that PGPCS use the inverted "U" type racks, and suggested the use of pervious concrete or grasscrete for the bike parking area.

RECOMMENDATION: While the Board did not take an official vote on the plans, the Board voiced general support for the plans with the comments noted above.

Sincerely,

George Branyan
Chair