



**ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD  
APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING  
Greenbelt Community Center  
June 19, 2013**

Approved Minutes Prepared by Brian Gibbons and Jaime Fearer

I. The meeting began at 7:37 pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian Gibbons, Matt Johnson, Jeff Lemieux, Keith Chernikoff, and Maria Silvia Miller

COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: Emmett Jordan

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Celia Craze

OTHER ATTENDEES: Bill Orleans

II. Agenda was approved

III. The May 22, 2013 minutes were approved

IV. Introductions

- New board member Maria Silvia Miller introduced. All board members introduced themselves and provided some detail on their background and interest in serving on the Advisory Planning Board.

V. Board Updates

- Board members and Mr. Jordan provided their impressions of the Plan 2035 Prince George's County meeting held June 15<sup>th</sup> at University of Maryland; understanding this will be a process that APB will participate.
- Mr. Gibbons provided an update of meeting with Luisa Robles, City Staff liaison to GreenACES, in which they exchanged details regarding APB's Pedestrian Bike Plan, Bus Stop Saefy and Accessibility Study, GreenACES Sustainability Plan, and upcoming Council work session on the draft Pedestrian and Bicyclist Master Plan

VI. Sunnyside Avenue Bridge Replacement Project

- Board members discussed the Sunnyside Bridge Avenue Replacement Project, reviewing the liabilities the Board members find with the project resulting in the Board recommendation that City Council oppose the project. Notes from the discussion provide material to craft Addendum No 1 [attached to these minutes, below] the Advisory Planning Board's Report to Council No. 2013-1 dated June 19th.
- *APB subsequently approved Addendum No 1 via email vote (5-0) on Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup> and presented to Council July 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

**SUBJECT: Sunnyside Avenue Bridge Replacement Project - Addendum**

**BACKGROUND:** The Advisory Planning Board has been asked by the City Council to revisit its consideration of the Sunnyside Avenue Bridge Replacement Project to provide the opportunity for environmental groups to offer comments. At the meeting of June 19, 2013, the Board entered into additional discussion on this subject, although no formal comments had been received from any environmental groups.

**ANALYSIS:** The Board had a broad discussion about many considerations and issues associated with the Sunnyside Avenue Bridge Replacement Project, such as environmental impacts, background growth and possible impact on road system, bicycle and pedestrian, and project justification. Following this discussion it was the Board's opinion that the City Council should continue in its opposition to this plan. The Board has listed several questions about the project it recommends be forwarded to the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation, and that PGDPWT be asked to respond to these questions before taking any additional action on this project.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Advisory Planning Board recommends that the City Council oppose the proposed Sunnyside Avenue Bridge Replacement Project. Further, the Board recommends that the following questions be forwarded to the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation, with a request that these questions be answered before any additional work is done on this project.

1. Is the proposed cross section intended to provide additional road width in anticipation of future travel lane additions?
2. How will the county address green/complete streets along the entirety of Sunnyside Avenue (those areas not included in this project), to ensure continuous and safe access for all modes of travel?
3. How does this proposed project fit into alternatives for Edmonston Road widening or ICC system improvements?
4. What planning/engineering has been done to minimize disturbance in floodplains, forested areas and wetlands?
5. Were alternative designs considered, and if so, what were those designs?
6. Will there be any increase in the volume of storm water passing through the Indian Creek watershed as a result of the proposed construction plan?
7. Was there an option with the roadway segment at two lanes width (no lane-width shoulder) even if the bridge were constructed to be 4 lane width?
8. Is there an environmental impact analysis available to the public?

9. What is the projected speed limit?
10. Is there any traffic calming or automated speed enforcement in the plan?
11. Are there plans to use physical or other barriers to prevent driving/passing on the "shoulder" lane, or other plans for barriers or physical alerts (reflective flex posts, reflective lane markings, and hard bollards or zebra barriers) to protect the bike lanes from traffic?
12. The APB does not support, under any circumstances, the four-lane wide (2 travel lanes + 2 full-width shoulders) cross section of Sunnyside Avenue. If, however, the four-lane cross-section is built, will the county consider adding "permanent" concrete curbs to support chicanes and bulb-outs to reduce travel speeds?

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Brian Gibbons, Chair

This report was passed by a vote of 5-0.