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MANDATORY REFERRAL
SITE PLAN

MR-03



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August 29, 2022

Ms. Katherine Mencarini, Planner Coordinator Downcounty Planning Division The Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission 2425 Reedie Drive, 13th floor, Wheaton, MD 20902

RE: Mandatory Referral

Mandatory Referral No. MR2022022 Silver Spring International Middle School

**REVISED** Letter

Dear Ms. Mencarini:

This letter supersedes the previous Mandatory Referral letter dated June 15, 2021. We have completed our review of the revised Mandatory Referral Plan uploaded to eplans on August 16, 2022. Based on our review, we have the following recommendations:

## **Mandatory Referral Plan Comments**

- Applicant should be mindful that Complete Streets is currently in development & is anticipated to
  go into effect in the near future. Applicant should consider designing based on the current
  Complete Streets draft, particularly affecting the cross-sections and strategies toward achieving
  the target speeds.
- 2. We defer to Maryland State Highway Administration (MDSHA) for any improvements along the Wayne Avenue site frontage as this road is maintained by the State Highway.
- 3. MCDOT cannot require MCPS to complete the following public improvements within the right-ofway or along public streets; however, for the safety of students and others accessing the site we recommend they complete the following improvements:

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- a. The Bicycle Master Plan proposes 10-ft sidepath along the Wayne Avenue and Dale Drive. The applicant should comply with the Master Plan.
- Access from the school to the sidewalk and bus stop on the eastern end of the campus is currently by staircase that is non-ADA compliant. The school should consider installing ADA ramps.
- 4. MCDOT cannot require MCPS to plat the property; however, we recommend that they do so as part of this application. In addition, they should dedicate right-of-way to the back of the sidewalk along the Schuyler Road frontage.
- The applicant should provide a roadway cross section for Wayne Avenue, Dale Drive and Schuyler Road. The cross section may require additional dedication along all roadways in order to comply with Complete Streets.
- 6. Please coordinate with Mr. Wayne Miller of our Division of Transit Services to coordinate any impacts to the RideOn bus facilities due to any frontage improvements in the vicinity of this project. Mr. Miller may be contacted at 240-777-5836.
- 7. The applicant shall coordinate with Ms. Christina Contreras, the Purple Line Implementation Manager for Montgomery County regarding the Purple Line project. Ms. Christina Contreras can be reached at <a href="mailto:christina.contreras@montgomerycountymd.gov">christina.contreras@montgomerycountymd.gov</a>.

## **Standard Comments:**

- All Planning Board Opinions relating to this plan or any subsequent revision, project plans or site
  plans should be submitted to the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services
  (MCDPS) in the package for record plats, storm drain, grading or paving plans, or application for
  access permit. Include this letter and all other correspondence from this department.
- 2. Show all existing topographic details (paving, storm drainage, driveways adjacent and opposite the site, sidewalks and/or bikeways, utilities, rights of way and easements, etc.).
- 3. Storm Drain Study: Submit a storm drain study if any portion of the subject site drains to the Montgomery County public storm drain system.
- 4. Underground utilities and ensure adequate Public Utility Easements.
- 5. Please show the adjacent and opposite driveways on the plan.
- 6. No steps, stoops, roof overhangs or retaining walls for the development are allowed in County right-of-way. No door swings into county ROW.
- 7. Design all access points and alleys to be at-grade with the sidewalk, dropping down to street level between the sidewalk and roadway.

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- 8. Upgrade pedestrian facilities at intersections along the site frontage & at adjacent intersections to comply with current ADA standards.
- 9. Ensure adequate corner truncation, noting master planned protected intersections. If Planning Staff oppose truncation, see if obtaining truncation in an easement may be an acceptable alternative. Truncation is important for ensuring adequate intersection design for signal infrastructure, protected intersections, ADA design, and sight distances.
- 10. If the proposed development will alter or impact any existing County maintained transportation system management component (i.e., traffic signals, signal poles, handboxes, surveillance cameras, etc.) or communication component (i.e., traffic signal interconnect, fiber optic lines, etc.), please contact Mr. Kamal Hamud of our Transportation Systems Engineering Team at (240) 777-2190 for proper executing procedures. All costs associated with such relocations shall be the responsibility of the applicant.
- 11. Trees in the County rights of way spacing and species to be in accordance with the applicable MCDOT standards. Tree planning within the public right of way must be coordinated with DPS Right-of-Way Plan Review Section.
- 12. Relocation of utilities along existing roads to accommodate the required roadway improvements shall be the responsibility of the applicant.
- 13. Permit and bond will be required for any public improvements within the County public right-of-way.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Deepak Somarajan, our Development Review Team Engineer for this project, at (240) 777-7170 or at deepak.somarajan@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Sincerely,

Deepak Somarajan, Engineer III

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