

Washington Grove

Shared Use Bike Path Connection

Task Force Evaluation Plan

1. Date: July 19, 2021	2. Evaluation Type: Fact Finding	
3. Title: Washington Grove Shared Use Bike Path Connection Town Council “Act Favorably” Response to the Petition		
4. Evaluation Team: Mayor of Washington Grove Appointed Task Force		
5. Task Force Evaluation Team Members:		
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6. Mission:		
<p>The Task Force will evaluate options for shared use path connections to the Town and will present its findings in a report to the Town Council and to Town residents. Study of the options by the Task Force should include fact-based evaluation of short-term and long-term effects on the Town of each potential connection using criteria.</p>		

7. Evaluation Criteria:

1. Overall safety
2. Impacts on specific areas of the Town
3. Environmental and historic impact
4. Legal implications of the Town's responsibilities regarding maintenance and liability
5. Ease of access to Metro by Town and neighboring communities
6. Recreational value of a shared use path
7. Social equity implications
8. Potential impact mitigations needed for each connection
9. Projections of 10-year use from MCDOT or other sources for this shared use path connection, considering all available data for similar shared use paths.
10. Planning and construction timeline and funding.
11. Such other criteria suggested by public input or Task Force discussion as may be agreed to be relevant.

8. Evaluation Scope:

Task Force is to examine potential shared use path connections to the Town of Washington Grove.

9. Task Force Actions:

1. Hold an organizing meeting.
2. Share information with residents about steps that have been taken thus far in the connection planning process. Create a timeline of the steps and actions taken thus far in the connection planning process.
3. Conduct open meetings to accept input from Town residents
4. Consider all relevant issues
5. Present findings to the Town Council at the Town Council's November 8, 2021 meeting or at a Special Town Council meeting scheduled for presentation of their report.

A Special Town Meeting will be scheduled within 60 days of presentation of the Task Force report to the Council. The purpose of the meeting is for the Task Force to present its findings to the Town.

10. Evaluation Schedule:

To be discussed.

11. Evaluation Approach:

1. Collect, examine and evaluate objective evidence
2. Objective evidence will include studies, documents, and reports.
3. Examinations will be to the depth necessary to support the evaluation criteria
4. Interviews to include Town residents, representatives from other municipalities, County representatives, local bike clubs, etc. Emphasis should be on capturing objective rather than subjective information.
5. Collected information will be reviewed by the Task Force and to the best of the Task Force's ability, will be binned into listings of "Pros" and "Cons" associated with the various bike path connection options
6. Task Force will only provide "findings" and no recommendations to the Town Council at the Town Council's November 8, 2021 meeting.

12. Task Force Acceptance voted:

Printed Name & Signature

Date

