

FW: Shared use path: What do they want?

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Please make this a public post.

Dear Council Members and Mayor:

A number of town residents such as myself have long wanted a shared use path from Crabbs Branch Way to town along the route that would be most quickly completed. For anyone who can read a map, the obvious route is between the end of the 500 block of Brown St and Crabbs Branch Way, just 200 yards apart.

Several town residents, including a council member, have criticized the processes used in evaluating and choosing a route, but have offered little regarding preferences for a realistic connection. Are they opposed to a shared use path regardless of where it might connect to town? Or do they want a path that connects at a point other than at the end of Brown Street? If the latter, Town residents need to know that Montgomery County, which is paying for construction, has no plans to consider an alternative route in the foreseeable future. The County's liaison to the Town on this project made this point about as clearly as one could hope for from a County employee. So, do those who prefer a connection other than to Brown St accept the Brown St route if it is the only real option? Or do they now oppose the path regardless of the benefits it would provide to the town as a whole?

At this late date, it would be disingenuous to criticize the process and not indicate a preference for the shared use path: Brown Street or nothing.

Yours truly,

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