



# **Senior Center Entrance Project**

## **5<sup>th</sup> Advisory Group Meeting**

**March 4, 2025**



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# Meeting Agenda

- Introduction
- Project Update Since Last Advisory Group Meeting
- Public Comment Summary and City Response
- Remaining Issues
- Advisory Group Questions and Comments
- Next Steps



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# Introduction



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# **Project Update Since Last Advisory Group Meeting**



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# Public Comment Summary and City Response

- ✓ Total of 51 comments
- ✓ Significant support for the Project
- ✓ City shared 3 documents prior to meeting
  - Meeting Agenda
  - Summary of all Comments
  - City Response to Comments



# Public Comment Summary and City Response

- ✓ Green Space/Fence/Landscape buffer (5)
- ✓ Intersection improvement, Pedestrian/Bike Safety at W Gude Dr & Piccard Dr.(6)
- ✓ Address Change (3)
- ✓ Large/Heavy Vehicles Traffic (4)
- ✓ No Cut-Thru Traffic (12)
- ✓ Parking lot dividing/Gate Location/Gate operation (14)



# Issues

## 1. Green Space and Landscape buffer

- A. Staff coordinated with Transco Gas Company for the possibility of a fence/landscape buffers within the Transco easement and obtained verbal approval.*
- B. Staff discussed possible options for a landscape/fence with the residents of 1010 Aster Blvd. and will include this in the 60% design*
- C. Staff will direct the consultant to evaluate a landscape buffer between the access road and the green space area adjacent to the SWM facility.*



## Issues

### **2. Intersection Safety Improvements at W. Gude Dr. and proposed entrance**

- A. Staff will direct the consultant to further evaluate the feasibility of a deceleration lane on EB West Gude Dr. with the 60% plan submission*
- B. Staff will direct consultant to evaluate a crosswalk on the east side of Piccard Dr. to connect with the pedestrian path on the east side of the new entrance.*
- C. A no turn on red will be installed for traffic leaving the Senior Center.*



# Issues

## 3. Millennium Trail Impacts

*Staff will direct consultant to evaluate the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists on the Millennium Trail by adding the appropriate traffic control devices, possibly adjusting driveway entrance aprons to slow down vehicles, as well as installing bollards or guardrails near the entrance for the 60% design plan.*



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# Issues

## **Interrelated Issues**

**4. West Gude Entrance as Primary Entrance**

**5. Separation of Parking Lots**

**6. Parking Management**



## Issues

### **4. Promote new West Gude Entrance as Primary Entrance**

- A. Change of address after the entrance is built to promote West Gude Dr. as the primary entrance.*
- B. Utilize various technologies such as GPS and social media.*
- C. Senior Center bus will use either entrance based upon direction of travel.*
- D. Deliveries and Large vehicles/buses/trucks: Direct the consultant to evaluate large vehicle circulation from W. Gude Dr. entrance through the northern parking area.*



# Issues

## 5. Separation of Parking Lots

### *Location of Barrier/Gate*

*Two location options presented at the 30% public*

- A. Option 1 - Divide northern parking lot (30% design)*
- B. Option 2 – Separate two parking lots at access road*



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# Issues

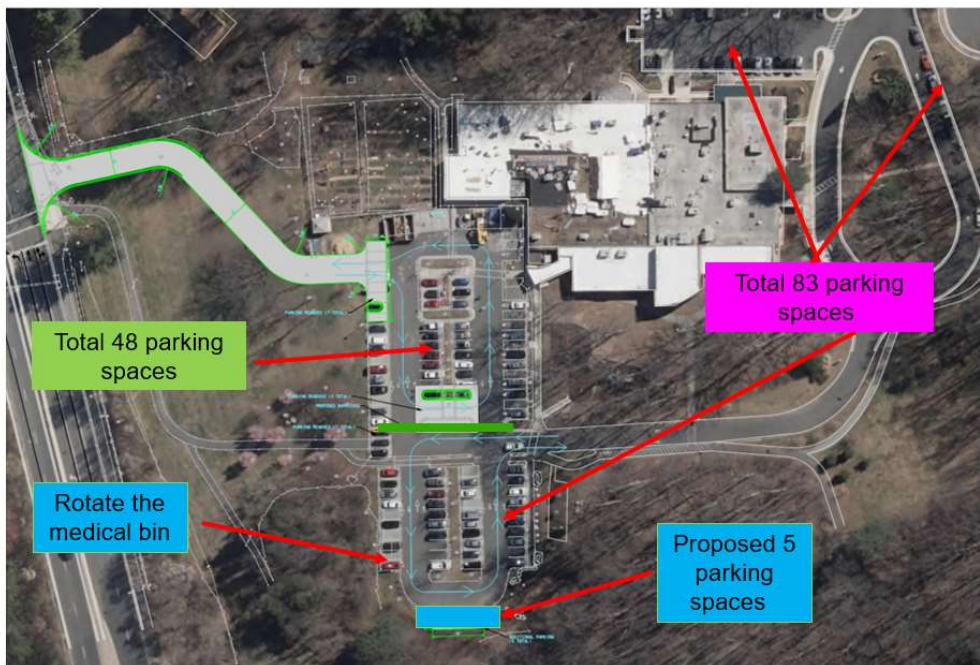
## Recap the gate location options



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### Gate Location Option 1

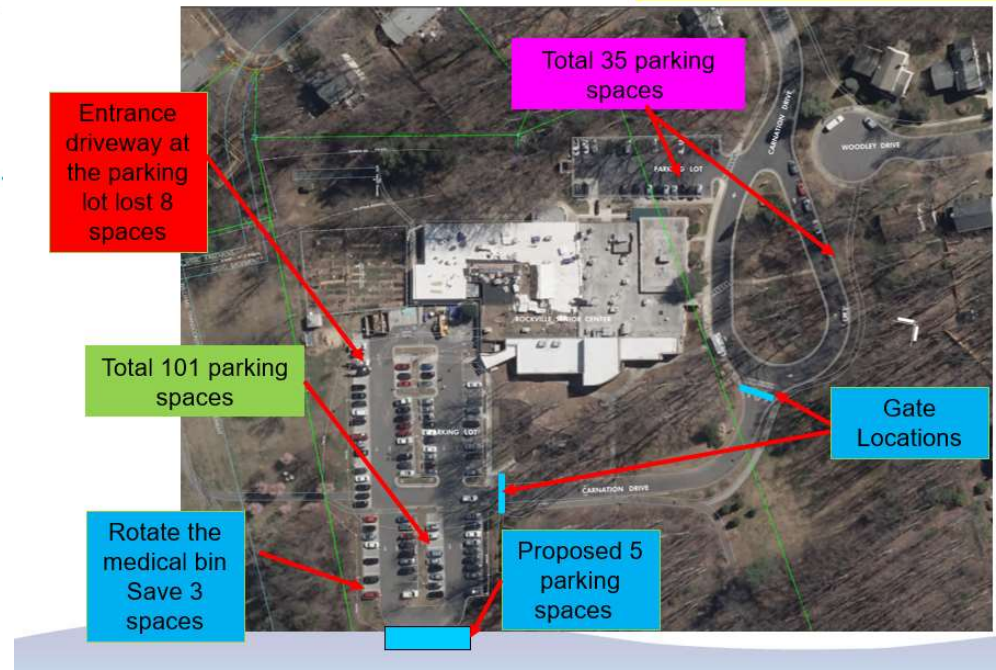
9 parking spaces lost



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### Gate Location option 2

Less disturbance on the north parking lot and save 6 additional parking spaces. Lost 3 spaces.





# Issues

## 6a. Parking Management – Fixed Barrier

- A. Prevents all cut-through traffic*
- B. No ability to balance parking as traffic patterns change*
- C. Overflow parking with Fixed Barrier*
  - 1. Redirect to other entrance*
  - 2. Designated grass locations*
  - 3. Neighborhood or Adjacent Lots*
  - 4. Future overflow parking lot construction*



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# Issues

## 6b. Parking Management – Gate

- A. Gate can be programmed to function only during Senior Center operating hours and 24/7 for emergency vehicles and city maintenance crew*
- B. Prevents cut-through traffic except for those with access cards during operating hours*
- C. Flexibility to balance parking to demand*
- D. Limited Senior Center Staff Operation during Significant Events*
- E. Access Card Options*
  - 1. All Senior Center members*
  - 2. By request to active members*



# Issues

## 6b. Parking Management

*Non-member overflow parking if Gate and Access Card option are selected*

- 1. Lot access managed by Senior Center Staff*
- 2. Designated grass locations*
- 3. Future overflow parking lot construction*



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## Next Steps

- Complete Survey and develop the access road alignment alternatives
- Present concept plan to the group - First Advisory Group Meeting
- Present Alternatives to the group - Second Advisory Group Meeting
- Present concept plan to the group - Third Advisory Group Meeting (Alternatives comparison)
- Prepare 30% Plan and Present - Fourth Advisory Group Meeting
- Present 30% Plan to the general public
- Finalize 30% comments and provide the guidance to consultant - Fifth Advisory Group meeting - **March 2025**
- Application package for mandatory referral of minor site plan amendment submission for the project - **March 2025**
- Review and comment on 60% plan submission (Staff and Advisory Group) – **September 2025**
- Review and comment on 90% plan submission (Staff and Advisory Group) – **December 2025**
- Complete design – **March 2026**
- Construction starts – **June 2026**



## **Interrelated Issues**

**4. West Gude Entrance as Primary Entrance  
Address Change?**

**5. Separation of Parking Lots  
Option 1 vs. Option 2**

**6. Parking Management  
Operable Gate vs. Fixed Barrier  
Access Card Options**



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# **Advisory Group Questions and Comments**



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# Project website

<https://www.rockvillemd.gov/2540/Rockville-Senior-Center-Entrance-Project>



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