



# **Senior Center Entrance Project**

6th Advisory Group Meeting



# Meeting Agenda



- Introductions
- Summary of the 5th Advisory Group Meeting
- Presentation of 60% plans
- Resolution to major 30% plan comments
- Project Next Steps
- Questions and Comments



# Introductions



- Staff Introductions
- Advisory Group Members Introductions

# Summary of 5<sup>th</sup> Advisory Group Meeting



- Staff summarized public comments received for 30% design
- Group discussed remaining issues and developed a list of action items with staff to direct the consultant
- Staff shared an update to the project timeline
- Commitment for a 6th advisory group meeting after 60% design plan submittal

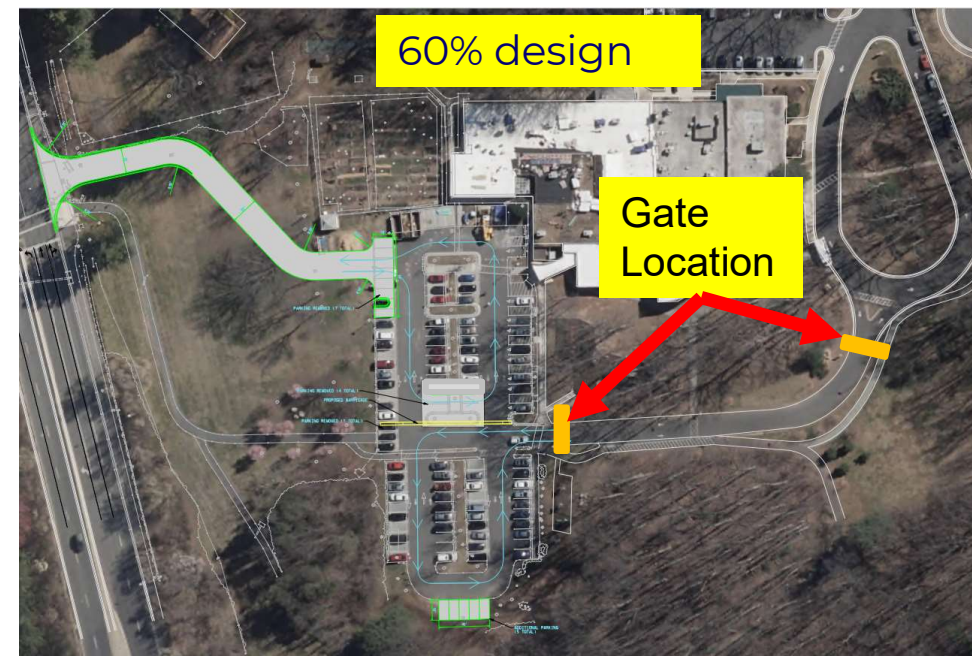
# Presentation of 60% plans (slide 1 of 4)



## Item 1 - Gate Location & Operation

The gate location has been updated from one gate, as shown in the middle of the north parking lot in the 30% design stage, to two gates shown in the graphic below at the ends of the Senior Center access road.

- 1) A programmable gate system will remain closed.
- 2) Under the following circumstances, Senior Center Manager has the authority to direct the gates to be open:
  - For emergency vehicle access.
  - During power outages or weather events and other maintenance activities such as snow removal or tree / building maintenance.
  - During large special events, programs or rentals to utilize the available parking spaces, as necessary.
  - Upon completion of the above instances, the gate will be programmed to close.
- 3) Staff is exploring technology to allow membership cards to allow access through gates.

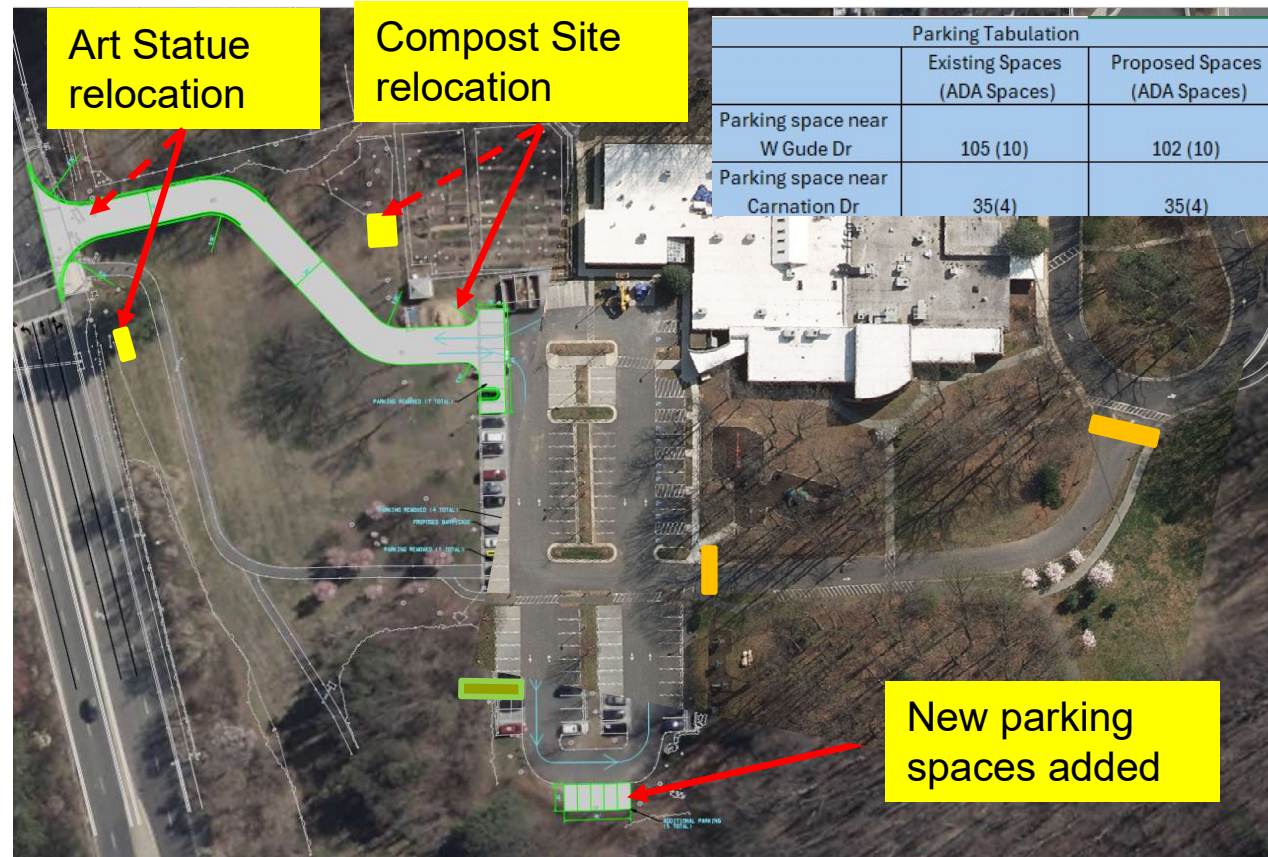


# Presentation of 60% plans (slide 2 of 4)



## Item 2 – General Site Changes

1. Address change for facility to W. Gude Dr.
2. Relocate Public Art
3. Relocate compost location with a new garden access point
4. Construct five new parking spaces at south end of the parking lot

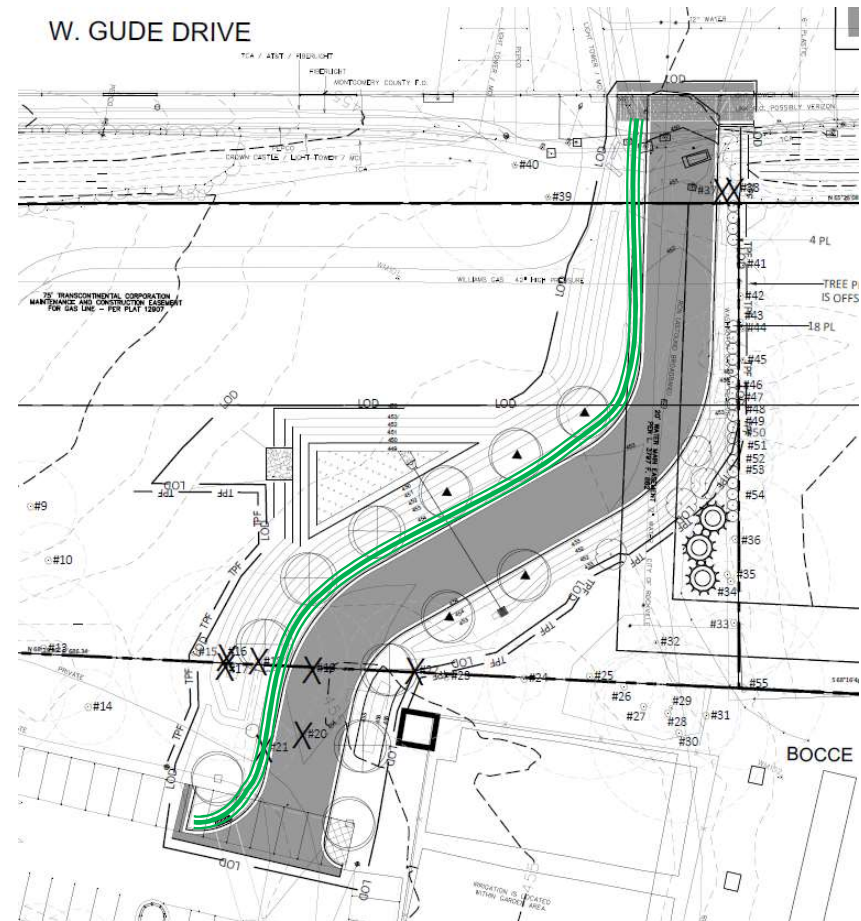


# Presentation of 60% plans (slide 3 of 4)



## Item 3 – Roadside improvements along access road

- 1) Sidewalk – Addition of a 5-foot wide sidewalk along the west side of the new entrance road, extending from the Carl Henn Millennium Trail to the Senior Center parking lot.
- 2) Landscape Buffer – Addition of landscape buffer materials on both sides of the new entrance driveway.
  - Mix of species provided, including 5 Red Maples; 3 Splendor Black Gums; 5 Red Oaks; 4 Red Buds; 3 American Hollies and Evergreen Shrubs

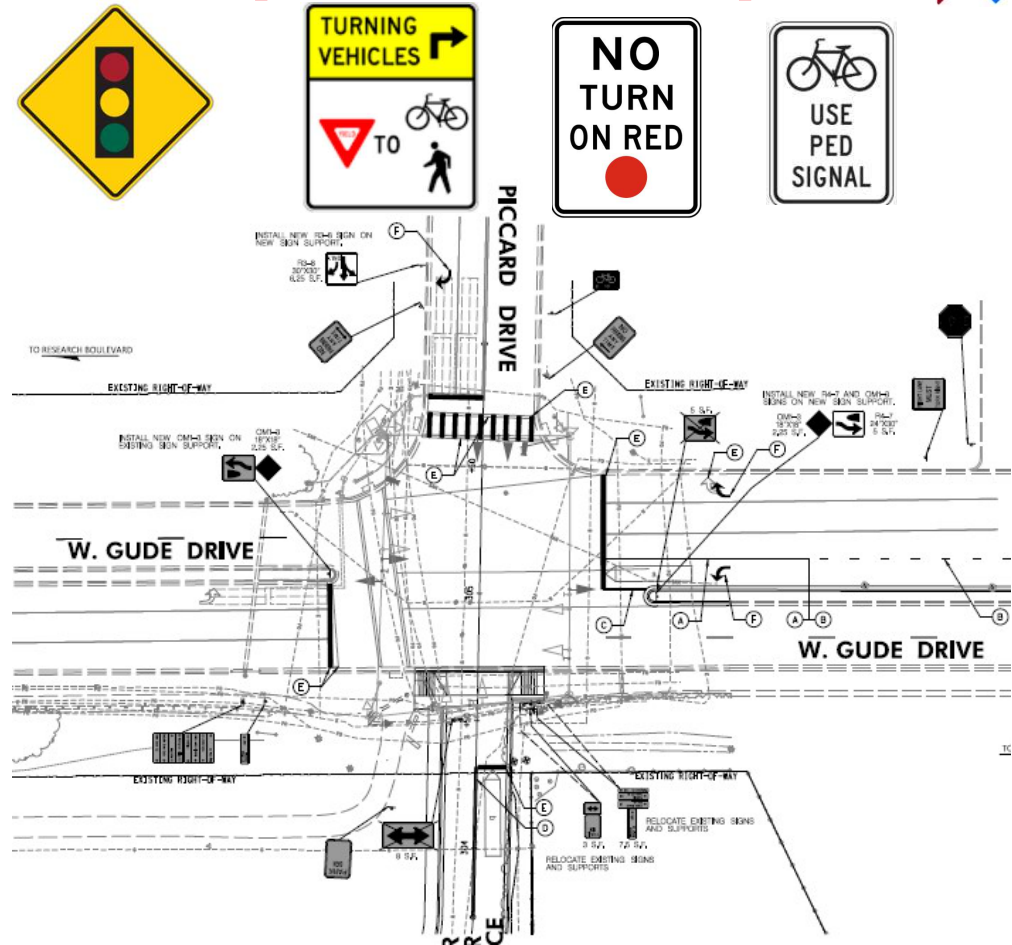


# Presentation of 60% plans (slide 4 of 4)



## Item 4 – Intersection improvements at W. Gude Dr and Piccard Dr

1. Advanced signal ahead sign added on EB W. Gude Dr.
2. “Turning Vehicles Yield To Pedestrian/ Bicycle” sign added on EB W. Gude Dr.
3. “No turn on red” sign added on NB side of new Senior Center entrance drive
4. Implement Leading Pedestrian Interval Phase for the crossing of W. Gude Dr.
5. “Bike use Pedestrian Signal” signs added on Carl Henn Millennium Trail
6. The ramp at the new entrance will be replaced for ADA compliance
7. Driveway apron has been adjusted to the standard commercial driveway detail to slow down the traffic entering/exiting
8. Sidewalk connections improved for pedestrian routing and connectivity

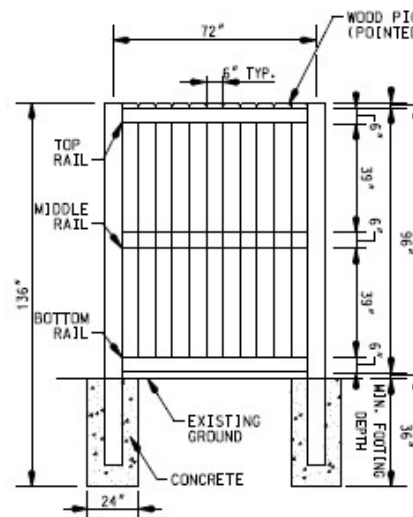


# Resolution to major 30% comments (slide 1 of 4)

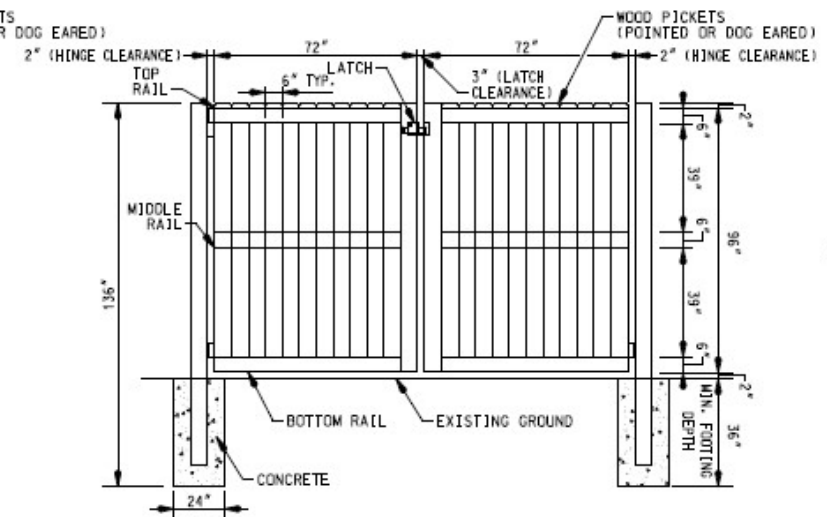


**Comment:** Add a fence/landscape buffers along the property of 1010 Aster Blvd within the Senior Center site.

**Action/Resolution:** Added an 8' tall fence with 12' wide gate opening for Williams Gas Company access between the property of 1010 Aster Blvd and the Senior Center site. Also added landscape buffer materials on either side of the access road.



PRIVACY FENCE - 8' H X 6' W  
NOT TO SCALE



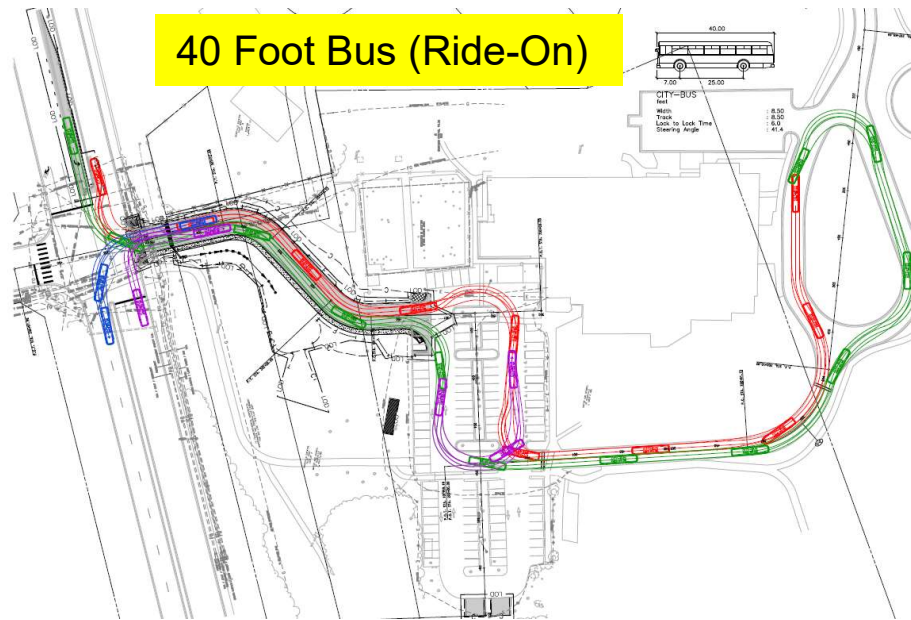
PRIVACY FENCE  
DOUBLE GATE ARRANGEMENT  
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# Resolution to major 30% comments (slide 2 of 4)



**Comment:** Assess turning movements for various large vehicles including buses using the W. Gude Entrance through the parking lot.

**Action/Resolution:** A turning analysis was performed for the design for the largest expected vehicles and the movements are all satisfactory.



Note: Ride-On bus service to the Senior Center currently comes through the neighborhood and there are currently no planned changes to routes.

# Resolution to major 30% comments (slide 3 of 4)



**Comment:** Evaluate the addition of a deceleration lane on EB W. Gude Dr.

**Action/Resolution:** Staff and the consultant do not recommend a deceleration lane on EB W. Gude Dr.:

- Extensive site impacts
- Pedestrian safety implications
- Limited benefit to capacity and operation of the roadway
- No sight distance issues
- Reduced speed limit
- Conditions do not meet MSHA access manual warrants.





**Action/Resolution:** Staff and the consultant do not recommend an additional crosswalk on the east side of Piccard Dr. due to the following reasons:

- [illegible]



## Next Steps

- Public meeting prior to completion of the design
- Summary of all reviews of the 60% plan and comment to consultant
- Mandatory Referral Package Submission to Planning Commission
- 90% plan submission, review and comment
- Complete design in Spring 2026
- Construction procurement in Summer 2026
- Complete construction



# Questions and Comments





# Project Website



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



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