



## MEMORANDUM

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**Date:** October 30, 2014

**To:** Bette Frederick, PE, Veronica Wallace, PE, Allison Brickey, PE, Felix Obregon, PE

**CC:** Scott Correll, AICP, Scott Curry, AICP, CNUa

**From:** Beth Hassenfritz, PE

**RE:** Public Meeting for Tom Short Road Pedestrian Safety and Sidewalk Improvement

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The purpose of this memorandum is to document the discussion of the meeting held on October 29, 2014 regarding the Tom Short Road Pedestrian Safety and Sidewalk Improvement project. The following people attended this meeting:

- ☐ Bette Frederick, PE, E&PM, Program Manager
- ☐ Veronica Wallace, PE, E&PM, Program Manager
- ☐ Allison Brickey, PE, E&PM, Project Engineer
- ☐ Felix Obregon, PE, CDOT, Project Manager
- ☐ Beth Hassenfritz, PE, E&PM, Project Engineer
- ☐ CCE, citizen
- ☐ Linda Stiles, citizen
- ☐ Sherry Foster, citizen
- ☐ Barbara Johnson, citizen
- ☐ Teresa Mathieson, citizen
- ☐ Alison Bass, citizen
- ☐ Ayse Erevelles, citizen
- ☐ Joy and Kevin Lash, citizens
- ☐ Kara Dail, citizen
- ☐ Mary Karen Bierman, citizen
- ☐ Seema Tighe, citizen

### **Items Discussed**

- ☐ Felix and Beth presented the information about the Community Investment Plan, the sidewalk program, and the Tom Short Road Sidewalk Project.

- ☐ Citizens expressed the immediate need for both the sidewalk project and pedestrian improvements.
- ☐ Citizens described poor pedestrian crossings at the Ardrey Kell Road and Tom Short Road intersection. This included risky driver behavior and the need for better signage and/or signalization.
- ☐ There is a large population of children (with and without parents) who walk to school from the neighborhoods surrounding Polo Ridge Elementary. A pedestrian facility that creates a safe passage across Tom Short Road to the school is needed.
- ☐ Vehicular congestion, the large number of pedestrians, and poor visibility were noted as reasons for a pedestrian facility.
- ☐ Since no sidewalk exists on the west side of Tom Short Road from Haddonfield Place to Ardrey Kell Road, pedestrians are using the utility easement at the back of the neighborhood to get to Tom Short Road.
- ☐ People are dumping trash on the property to the east of Tom Short Road, attracting animals and other hazards.

**Action Items:**

- ☐ The project team is moving forward with design, right of way acquisition, and construction based on funding through the transportation bonds.
- ☐ The project team will meet with the principal of Polo Ridge Elementary to discuss the project and inquire about the need for a crossing guard.
- ☐ The project team will meet with HOAs upon request to discuss the project.
- ☐ The project team will notify the County of trash being dumped in the area.

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