Your Input is Needed

CITY CONSIDERATION OF TWO PROPOSALS AFFECTING FUTURE OF MD 410

A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

AND

PROPOSED STATE LEGISLATION AFFECTING FUTURE THROUGH LANES ON MD 410

AT ISSUE:  THE CITY PLANS VOTE ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2013 REGARDING RT 410 PROPOSALS BUT HAS NOT SCHEDULED A PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR CITIZEN CONCERNS.

CALL TO ACTION:  INSIST ON A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY ACTS ON THESE MEASURES

-- What you can do:

1. Contact your City Council member (phone numbers below) to express your opposition to any widening of MD 410 through the city of Takoma Park, and to request that the City Council hold a public hearing on the proposed MOU between the City and the State Department of Transportation concerning the maintenance of MD 410.

2. Attend the City Council meeting on Monday Feb. 11 at 7:30pm (sharp) at City Hall located at 7500 Maple Avenue, and speak at the public comment period to express your opposition to any widening of MD 410 and to request a public hearing on the proposed MD 410 MOU between the City and the State Department of Transportation.

3. Support Historic Takoma's efforts to strengthen both the proposed State legislation prohibiting widening of MD 410 and the proposed MOU between the City and the State Dept. of Transportation regarding maintenance of MD 410.

BACKGROUND:  The Mayor and Council consider (a) the latest draft MOU between the State Highway Administration and the City to allow for SHA maintenance of MD 410.

Historic Takoma, Inc. recommends revisions to the draft MOU to further protect the City against future widening of MD 410 and to ensure the City is a noted partner with SHA with respect to changes to MD 410, including signage, sidewalks and permitting. Recommended changes posted at: http://www.historictakoma.org

The Council will also consider whether to support introduction of the following State Legislation:

THE DEPARTMENT [OF TRANSPORTATION] MAY NOT SPEND ANY FURTHER FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF MD ROUTE 410 THROUGH THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY THAT WILL INVOLVE THE ADDITION OF A NEW THROUGH LANE FOR MOTOR VEHICLES.

Historic Takoma, Inc. opposes the widening of MD 410 for any vehicular use and recommends the following alternative legislative language:

THE DEPARTMENT [OF TRANSPORTATION] MAY NOT SPEND ANY FURTHER FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR RE-CONSTRUCTION OF MD ROUTE 410 THROUGH THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY THAT WILL ADD A NEW VEHICULAR LANE.

STAFF REPORT CAN BE FOUND AT:  http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/clerk/agenda/index.html

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