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Public Participation Input Report



C-SMMPO COMPLETE STREETS PLAN DRAFT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INPUT REPORT

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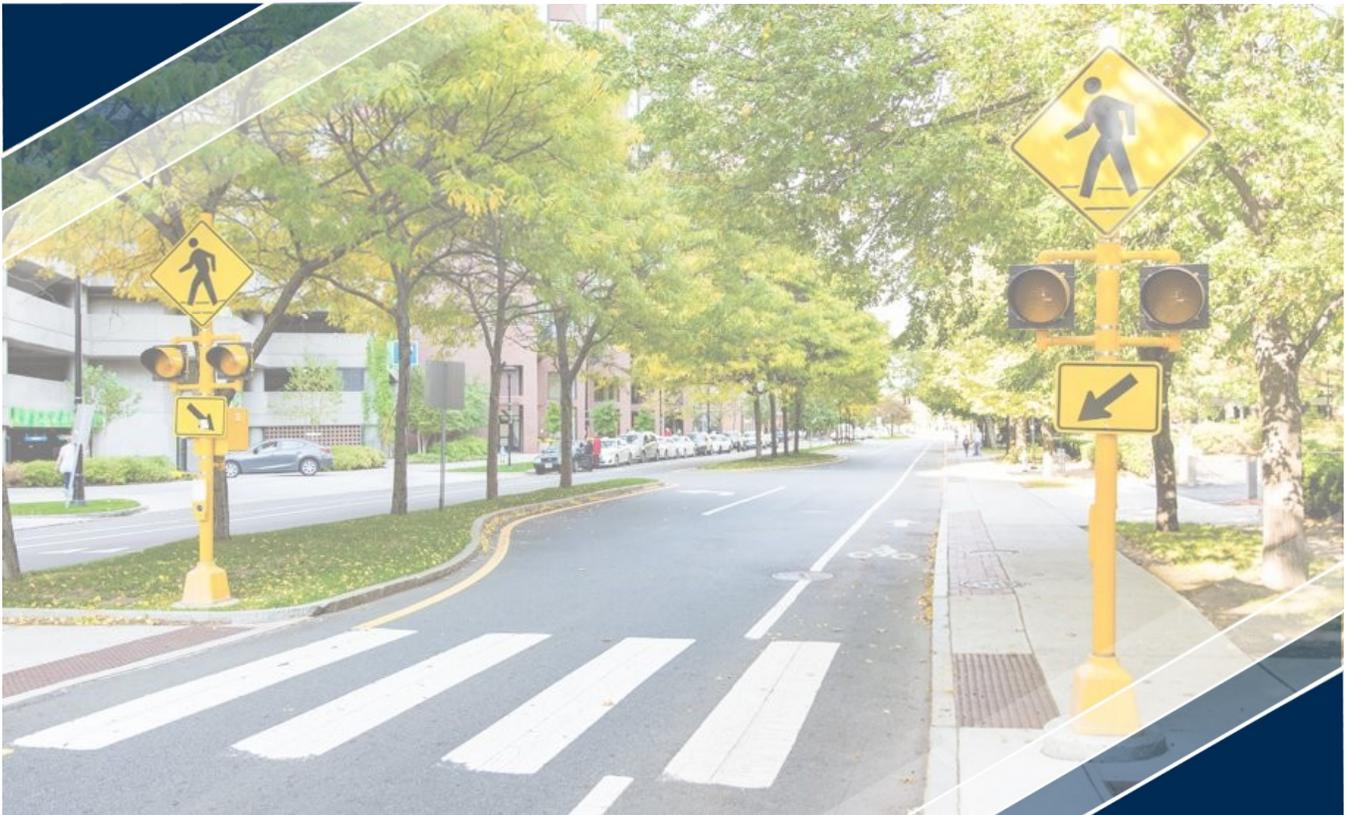




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I. PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Calvert-St. Mary's Metropolitan Planning Organization (C-SMMPO) recognized the need for developing a Complete Streets Plan to ensure the continuation of connected communities with the ability to accommodate all relevant transportation modes and users of all ages and abilities on roadways within the region. This plan will be integral for existing and future growth patterns to provide a transportation network that not only meets the needs of the region but enhances the quality of life.

The Project Team will work closely with the C-SMMPO, the Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) and the general public to develop an Existing Conditions Report, Alternative Plans and Context Zone Concepts for 11 identified project locations to be incorporated into the Complete Streets Plan document. The team will conduct a dashboard review of existing GIS data to determine connectivity gaps and deficiencies within the network, and then perform a field visit to confirm the findings of the dashboard review. The Project Team will also review the existing transportation-based documents and Complete Streets and Context Driven Design Plans to incorporate best practices as well as identify specific priorities and needs within the region.

The public involvement events for this project include four public workshops, four public meetings. This report summarizes the public outreach efforts for these events and the feedback received during and after the meetings.

II. OUTREACH METHODS

Virtual Public Workshops

Informational Flyer

An informational flyer was created to provide a background of the C-SMMPO Complete Streets Plan project and the meeting information for the virtual public workshops. The informational flyer also provided contact information for those without access to a computer to request a printed packet of the public workshop materials for either County via mail. This informational flyer can be found in **Appendix A**.

Email Outreach

The informational flyer was sent to the CAC members and all organizations, clubs, facilities, and groups listed as stakeholders in the Public Participation Plan. Email reminders about the upcoming events were sent to the list of stakeholders for all of the public workshop dates. Vanessa Price, the CAC team member representing NAS PAX, received the informational flyer and provided the necessary coordination with the NAS PAX Public Information Officer (PIO). The PIO distributed the



information to the members of the naval base.

Internet Posts

The information about the public workshops and/or the informational flyer was posted prior to the workshops on the following organization's websites.

- Calvert-St. Mary's Metropolitan Planning Organization (C-SMMPO)
- Calvert County Government
- St. Mary's County Government Public Information Office
- Southern Maryland News Net
- Southern Maryland Online
- 102.9 WK1K, Southern Maryland Country Radio
- Star 98.3 Radio
- 97.7 The Bay Radio
- The Calvert Beacon
- The Lexington Park Leader

The public workshop information was also shared on the Facebook pages of the below people and organizations:

- Southern Maryland News Net
- Delegate Gerald "Jerry" Clark
- Naval Air Station Patuxent River

On April 16th, after the Calvert County Public Workshops were held, the recordings of the April 14th and April 15th virtual workshops were posted to the C-SMMPO website along with a copy of the PowerPoint presentation that was used during the public workshops and a link to the post-workshop online survey.

On April 23rd, after the St. Mary's County Public Workshops were held, the recordings of the April 21st and the April 22nd virtual workshops were posted to the C-SMMPO website along with a copy of the PowerPoint presentation that was used during the public workshops and a link to the post-workshop survey.

Post-Workshop Online Survey

The post-workshop online survey provided an opportunity for participants to provide any additional feedback, thoughts, or concerns regarding the C-SMMPO Complete Streets Plan project and the information presented during the virtual public workshops. This survey also allowed anyone who was unable to attend one of the four public workshop events to provide their input after reviewing the material posted on the C-SMMPO website. The link to the post-workshop online survey was activated on April 16th, and was removed from the C-SMMPO website on April 30th to close the comment collection period. The survey responses received can be found in **Appendix B**.

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- The Calvert Beacon
- Maryland Association of Counties

The public meetings information was also shared on the Facebook pages of the below people and organizations:

- Southern Maryland News Net
- Naval Air Station Patuxent River
- Southern Maryland Sierra Club
- Solomons Landing
- Calvert Beacon

On July 16th, after the C-SMMPO Public Meeting #1 was held, the recording of the July 14th virtual meeting was posted to the C-SMMPO website along with a link to the post-workshop online survey.



On July 22nd, after the C-SMMPO Public Meeting #2 was held, the recordings of the July 20th virtual workshops were posted to the C-SMMPO website along with a link to the post-workshop survey.

Post-Workshop Online Survey

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III. MEETING SUMMARIES

Virtual Public Workshops

Public workshops were held in the early stages of the project to inform the general public about the overall C-SMMPO Complete Streets Plan purpose, background, and goals. The Project Team presented the 11 identified project locations and reviewed the results of the existing conditions evaluation from the dashboard review and field visit. The goal of the workshops was to gather feedback and input from the community regarding the items presented and any other concerns they may have with the multi-modal network in the MPO area.

A total of four virtual public workshops were held to provide the community with multiple opportunities to attend. These meetings were also recorded to allow additional opportunities for the public to view the presentation on their own time. The first two virtual public workshops presented the overall project information and then specifically focused on the six project locations identified in Calvert County. The following two virtual workshops also presented the overall project information and focused specifically on the five project locations identified in St. Mary's County. The following table summarizes the registration and attendance for each workshop and includes links to the meeting recordings.



Table 1: Public Workshops Summary

Public Workshops Summary				
Event	Date	Registered	Attended	Recording Link
Calvert County Public Workshop #1	4/14/2021	27	23	https://vimeo.com/537526489/87935e4bc4
Calvert County Public Workshop #2	4/15/2021	21	19	https://vimeo.com/537736616/aa7441222d
St. Mary's County Public Workshop #1	4/21/2021	37	13	https://vimeo.com/540183839/8545273480
St. Mary's County Public Workshop #2	4/22/2021	18	14	https://vimeo.com/540789738/4a5045d701

Virtual Public Meetings

Public meetings were held to present the components of the Draft Plan to the general public. These components include the developed Context Zone Concepts, the design elements and treatments for those Context Zones, the alternatives developed for the Segment-Specific Concepts, and the next steps for the project. The goal of the meetings was to gather feedback and input from the community on the presented material and any identify any other concerns they may have with the existing multi-modal network in the MPO area.

A total of two virtual public meetings were held to provide the community with multiple opportunities to attend. These meetings were also recorded and uploaded to the C-SMMPO website to allow additional opportunities for the public to view the presentation on their own time. Both public meetings presented the same information which included information about both Calvert County and St. Mary's County projects. The following table summarizes the registration and attendance for each meeting and includes links to the meeting recordings.

Table 2: Public Meetings Summary

Public Meetings Summary				
Event	Date	Registered	Attended	Recording Link
C-SMMPO Public Meeting #1	7/14/21	29	24	https://vimeo.com/575561605/adb8a21894
C-SMMPO Public Meeting #2	7/20/21	40	22	https://vimeo.com/577781344/b8da4151b5



IV. FEEDBACK RECEIVED

Calvert County Public Workshops

The following table summarizes the comments and questions received and responses that were provided during the two Calvert County public workshops.

Table 3: Feedback Received During the Calvert County Public Workshops

Feedback Received During the Calvert County Public Workshops	
Comment / Question	Response
Is the implementation of these projects State funded or County funded?	Most of these projects will be County funded, they may try to seek some State funding. There's also some MPO funding that may be able to be obtained, but most will be County funded.
Is the timeline measured in years? Can you share how the timing of the projects is prioritized?	Most of the project timelines will be measured in years, especially for the Lusby Parkway due to funding and right of way. There is no set timeframe at this point. Some of the projects will be done in the near future and some will be part of the CIP for the County. As funding comes along, the Counties will be completing a lot of these projects. The projects are mostly prioritized by the funding. All of them are looking to go into the CIP soon.
What are the biggest obstacles to these improvements?	The biggest obstacles currently for these projects is likely receiving funding and having the County and MPO funds allocated to allow for the completion of these projects.
How were the six identified projects selected?	Most of the projects were ones that the County or Department of Public Works were previously working on to identify connection needs between the town centers. Some of the projects were also identified in our Transportation Plan for connectivity for sidewalks and things of that nature. The sidewalk gap at the oyster plant was identified in the Solomons Town Center Master Plan update that was adopted in 2009. The safe crossing across MD 24 from Asbury to the shopping center has long been identified by the residents as a need. The Cove Point Park project was also noted during the public input for updating the Cove Point Park Master Plan and the new Dominion Energy Park Plan to make it safer to walk within Cove Point Park.
None of the projects in this geographic area were among the pedestrian priorities that were discussed about a year or two ago in the Tri-County Bicycle Pedestrian Committee and conversely the two projects they do have from Calvert County are outside of the MPO. If the outcome of this work is that you have identified these projects and want them to move forward, please make sure it is reflected in Calvert County's submissions in the projects they want considered for region wide priority as well.	These projects will be reflected in the Calvert County submissions. It was noted that the discussion has already been had.



Feedback Received During the Calvert County Public Workshops	
Comment / Question	Response
Have you looked at the MDOT SHA context driven guide?	The MDOT SHA Context Driven Guide was one of the plans that was looked at as part of the existing condition review, as well as a dozen or so other plans. A write up on the guides and plans is included as part of the existing conditions report that will be incorporated into the overall Complete Streets Plan document.
Have you considered reaching out to the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce and the Department of Economic Development and try to get some feedback and information from the businesses?	The Chamber of Commerce was included in the distribution list and invited to attend the workshops. Economic Development is part of the CAC team on this Plan and are helping to provide feedback. The Economic Development Department tourism specialist also attended the public workshop.
Has anyone talked to the bike clubs that actually ride that stretch of Southern Connector Boulevard all the way down to Drum Point and back to Solomons?	The bicycling and running clubs were included as part of the distribution list and sent the information to attend the public workshops.
How wide is the area between the new proposed Lusby Parkway in red and H G Trueman Road? We want to have parcels large enough for the intended use and this may need more space.	The area between the new proposed Lusby Parkway and H G Trueman Road is roughly 750 to 1000 feet.
Is Cove Point Park Stated to move to across MD 24, when would Lusby Parkway be built?	Cove Point Park is going to stay where it is and a property that is formally used by Dominion Energy for the expansion of the plant that was then given to the County will be its own park. The focus of each park will be a bit different for each. It is unsure when Lusby Parkway will be constructed. There is a current portion above Rousby Hall Road to Gunsmoke Trail that is being looked at to provide the connection, but it is unsure when the southern portion will be completed. The southern portion will likely depend on the development as it comes through.
Does the Cove Point Park project connect to residential or commercial areas?	The Project Team is going to take a look at providing connections within our alternatives. It was noted during the field visit, that there was a noticeable goat path near the entrance of the park where it appeared that people had been walking into the park from the homes along Cove Point Road. The team will look at including a sidewalk or bicycle facilities along Cove Point Road as part of this project, but this is something that will need to be worked out during the alternatives process. Factors such as available right of way in the area and existing road widths will need to be analyzed.
Does the Cove Point Park Trail project to connect the park to the subdivision include bike lanes and sidewalks?	The Project Team will need to look at the existing right of way and the existing travel lane widths along Cove Point Road as they move into the alternative development process. It will need to be evaluated whether bike facilities or sidewalks are feasible for this roadway.
It appears that the red box for the Cove Point Park Trail project crosses over into the golf course. Didn't the golf course just spend funds to place a fence along this roadway?	The red box on the Cove Point Park Trail display is a general rectangle to show where the rough project limits are. The golf course is not intended to be affected by this project.

Feedback Received During the Calvert County Public Workshops	
Comment / Question	Response
Do these projects along with adding sidewalks and designated bike areas, do they include any analysis and is it within the scope to change the way that the motor vehicle lanes operate to ensure that the adjacent traffic has the appropriate speeds, distances to provide comfort to the other users?	With Cove Point Park for example, that's one where as the team looks at the feasibility of adding a bike or pedestrian facility along Cove Point Road, the existing lane width will be analyzed to determine if there is room for a bicycle lane and what that would do to the current traffic volumes. There will be consideration for all projects of the existing speed limits and AADT information, but a traffic analysis or traffic volume study is not part of this project. The speed limits on Solomons Island Road from south of Governor Thomas Johnson Bridge were recently reduced as advocated by the Solomons Civic Association. The speed limits will be reduced to 25 MPH.
Will the crosswalk projects include any roadway and signal changes to make crossing safer and easier? Is the crosswalk across Route 4 and Solomons Island is elevated?	The signal changes are something that will be looked into as the design process continues. The details for whether the crosswalk across Solomons Island Road will be raised or not will be worked out as the design process continues. The feasibility in this area for a raised crosswalk will be analyzed.
Is there a crosswalk across H G Trueman road to connect new sidewalks to existing sidewalks?	The crosswalks are there, however there are very limited sidewalk facilities along Solomons Island Road. The Patuxent Point Parkway project will help to provide additional crossings across Solomons Island Road to HG Trueman Road.
Have you identified the need to complete the sidewalk connection between Weis and the Firehouse?	The area of sidewalk between Weis and the firehouse is being looked at by the County. The County has plans to complete that sidewalk.
Lots of bicyclists use H G Trueman Road where South Connector Boulevard to Dowell Road, why not add the HG Trueman from Lusby Center Post Office to Southern Circle? Would it not be easier just to enhance H G Trueman Road from the Town Square to the Southern Connector Boulevard? (in reference to the Lusby Parkway Project)	The Project team is looking at H G Trueman as part of our overall future recommendations for the MPO to continue to look at. The team is identifying some sidewalk gaps along H G Trueman road. The Project Team will take that into consideration as part of the future recommendations for bicycle improvements along H G Trueman Road from Appeal Lane to Southern Connector Boulevard. Lusby Parkway is intended to be more of a main street with shops and restaurants, similar to the Solomons Island Boardwalk area. The Master Plan aims for Lusby Parkway to provide a main street feel to bring more economic opportunity to the area.
Have you looked at adding more pedestrian crosswalks in Solomons town centers, specifically at Langley Lane, C street and Woodburn Avenue?	This is not currently part of the 6 identified projects, but these are areas that can be looked at as part of our potential future recommendations for projects for the MPO within the Complete Streets Plan.
Is one of your recommendations going to be requiring Calvert County buses to have bike racks?	The County is working very closely with County Transportation service and our roadway network. The County is fully aware of what is going on and that it has been brought up in the past.



St. Mary's County Public Workshops

The following table summarizes the comments and questions received and responses that were provided during the St. Mary's County public workshops.

Table 4: Feedback Received During the St. Mary's County Public Workshops

Feedback Received During the St. Mary's County Public Workshops	
Comment	Response
What is the timeline for these improvements?	Not every MPO project goes into the CIP. Most MPO projects are planning projects. They are not for construction. It provides information and a catalyst for review for the jurisdictions to look at this down the road. This project only includes a high level, feasibility design so the construction of these projects will likely be a few years down the road.
Will there be an opportunity for public review and input on the design and cost report this summer?	The alternatives will be reviewed with the CAC team to get their feedback. The alternatives will then be revised before the second round of public meetings, where the alternatives and material will be presented to the general public for their input and feedback.
Will the St. Mary's Park trails include a connection to Three Notch Trail?	There are some existing bike facilities along FDR Boulevard that the St. Mary's Park Bike/Trail Routes project is looking to tie into. Three Notch Trail begins where FDR Boulevard connects to Three Notch Road. Therefore, the bicycle facilities will connect from St. Mary's Park to Three Notch Trail.
Three Notch Trail west of St. Andrews and east of Mechanicsville, was this piece funded, is that still planned?	Parks and Recs is working on the design for the Three Notch Trail in this location. It is unsure where they are in the funding process or in terms of building it.
Have you heard anything about connecting St. Mary's County and Calvert County with bike facilities on some future Thomas Johnson Bridge improvements?	Bike facilities on the bridge likely will not come before the bridge replacement. In the earlier priority letters that had been coordinated with the Tri-County council and others. There are still ongoing communications about whether this should be the #1 priority. Both Counties and the Tri-County Council have the bridge replacement as their #1 priority. The letters have been sent to the Secretary of Transportation for the State of Maryland. There is no funding for a new replacement anytime soon. MDOT has deemed that the bridge is safe. It will likely be 10-15 years before we see any changes.
Free right-turn slip lanes were identified as a hazard in the BIAC, specifically along route 235. Is changing the automotive lanes within the scope?	Changing the lanes to exclude free right-turn slip lanes is not currently a part of the 5 identified projects for St. Mary's County. This is something that can be looked at and analyzed as one of the future recommended projects for the County within the Complete Streets Plan.
Have potential park and ride options utilizing existing parking lots been identified for base employee bus route to help decrease base traffic? What about for carpooling options?	The project team is not looking to alter anything within the base as part of the 5 identified projects. The project will provide connections to the base through bicycle and pedestrian connections. It was noted that there will be no outside parking until the base has funding for a shuttle. In the previous Multi-Modal Study developed by JMT, there were issues pointed out for park and ride options. There are conversations between DPW&T and the naval base planners. With the reduction in 2012, the DOT cut funding and the base lost its shuttles. The County is trying to get funding for shuttles and carpools, but now with the pandemic, there is hesitancy to ride with other people.

Feedback Received During the St. Mary's County Public Workshops	
Comment	Response
Are there sites that may have STS bus shelters installed?	The STS bus shelters will be looked at in the alternative development process. The bus stop study that was completed in 2019 has recommendations for bus stop shelters that the team will take a look at during the alternatives design process.
There has been talk about doing a bus loop route using FDR and Three Notch Road and connections between different commercial developments that is short enough that someone could use it to go out to lunch and be back within an hour.	This could be looked at as part of the Complete Streets Plan recommendations for STS to consider.
Will you be considering roundabouts instead of stop signs?	FDR Boulevard Phase 3A and 3B are fully funded. Phase 3A design is complete from Chancellors Run to Buck Hewitt Road, which includes sidepath. Phase 3B from Buck Hewitt up to Pegg Road will follow and both should be completely constructed by Spring of 2023. Phase 3B includes a sidepath and a connection to part of that trail, jumps onto the utility easement and connects up to Pegg along that. The Shangri-La Drive and Willows Road project is fully funded too which will put a sidewalk in to take you to Lancaster Park and up along Willow Road. Both are funded and in the pipeline. FDR Boulevard will continue using roundabouts wherever possible.
Are we getting a roundabout in Wildewood Parkway?	The Wildewood Parkway roundabout is in planning at this point and the County has requested additional funds. This roundabout is requested in the 2022 budget.
Langley Road on the CAC comments slide is incorrectly labeled. That roadway is named Lexwood Drive.	The Project Team will double check that for future maps/deliverables.
As a cyclist, I am very impressed by the areas identified. Every one of those areas had me nodding in agreement as they were presented.	N/A

Post-Workshops Online Survey

The Post-Workshop Online Survey responses are shown in **Appendix B**. A total of 8 survey responses were received during the public comment period, as summarized in the table below.

Table 5: Post-Workshops Online Survey Responses

Online Survey Responses			
County	Resident	Government Employee	Total
Calvert County	2	1	3
St. Mary's County	1	2	3
Charles County	2	0	2

The participants heard about the public workshops in a variety of ways, including social media, email, and websites. Most of the survey responses rated the accessibility and navigation, audio, and visual aspects of the Public Workshops as ‘excellent’, while the workshop activities were rated as ‘average’ by most participants. The majority of responses noted that the information presented was comprehensive, clear, and concise and that the workshop dates and times typically were convenient. One response noted that it would have been beneficial to offer two different times for the workshops for people with consistent schedule conflicts.

C-SMMPO Public Meetings

The following table summarizes the comments and questions received and responses that were provided during the two C-SMMPO Public Meetings.

Table 6: Feedback Received During the C-SMMPO Public Meetings

Feedback Received During the C-SMMPO Public Meetings	
Comment	Response
You should consider changing the location of the Patuxent Point Parkway crossing of Route 4. There is so much dynamic traffic at that intersection that I cannot imagine feeling safe on foot or bike there.	The Project Team chose this location to best facilitate the residences along Patuxent Point Parkway and Asbury Solomons by providing an access point to the Solomons Towne Center. Traffic signal modifications at this intersection will likely be required to accommodate pedestrian and bicycle crossings.
For the Great Mills Alternative B why not close off access for those businesses when given alternative exits and continue the shared use path?	The intention of Alternative B for Great Mills Road Corridor project is to close or consolidate accesses where there are multiple or large driveways. A business will not be closed off entirely from Great Mills Road, but the access points will be consolidated if an alternative access is provided on the collector distributor roadway.
Has anyone considered the business impact on closing off the access to the Great Mills Road?	The businesses that are being considered for possible access closure will always still have at least one entrance/exit onto Great Mills Road. If an access is closed along Great Mills Road, the business will receive an additional access along the collector distributor roadway. The goal is to reduce pedestrian crossings along Great Mills Road.
How do bicyclists cross to get onto the Naval base from Great Mills Road?	The bicyclists will use the existing bike lanes on Three Notch Road to the west of this intersection on both sides. The bicyclists will cross at the proposed pedestrian and bicyclist’s crosswalk on the west side of the intersection. The proposed 10’ wide shared use path will transition through a depressed curb onto the existing Three Notch Road bike lanes.
For the Tulagi Place/NAS PAX – Great Mills Road project, how would someone bike onto the base access the gate on the east side of Cedar Point Road?	St. Mary’s County recently applied to the DCIP for a crossing of Three Notch Road on the west side of the intersection to Gate 1. The C-SMMPO Complete Streets Plan will incorporate the crossing and sidewalks that St. Mary’s County recently applied to the DCIP for.
Wildewood is interested in a roundabout on Wildewood Parkway and Wildewood Boulevard?	The Wildewood Parkway roundabout is not part of the proposed segment-specific concepts. However, in the next revision stage of the Draft Plan the Project Team will be developing an Implementation Plan which will include future project recommendations for the MPO. The Wildewood Parkway roundabout will be considered as a future recommendation project.



Feedback Received During the C-SMMPO Public Meetings	
Comment	Response
Can you talk about what level of detail is in the Plan about the cost process or funding opportunities for projects?	The cost estimates will be developed in future revision stages of the Draft Plan. This project is different from other MPO projects.
Is there any consideration for adding bus locations or routes in this area?	The Project Team is recommending a new bus stop location at the Patuxent Point Parkway crossing of Solomons Island Road near the Solomons Towne Centre. The CAC has provided a few locations for potential new bus routes or stop locations that will be incorporated into the future recommendations section for the MPO. Our overarching document will be a complete streets guideline for the MPO, to be used as a resource or tool to guide future projects.
We have to make it clear that the Suburban Commercial context zone and other context zones are not necessarily all commercial land use zones. We need to make sure the SHA definitions are consistent with what the Project Team is proposing.	Our Project Team will take a look at the Context Zones Concepts to see if there's anywhere to provide more clarity. NOTE: After the meeting, Sean Varsolona (SHA) took the developed Context Zone Concepts and Draft Plan material to the Context Zone Liaison at MDOTSHA. The Liaison confirmed that the language used in the Draft Plan is consistent with the MDOT documents.
A general Complete Streets Plan recommendations for adopting a local complete streets policy will be very helpful for getting elected official buy-in.	Part of the Complete Streets Plan will have some policy and guidelines within the Implementation Plan section.
Will there be sidewalks along Route 5 from Academy Hills so residents can safely walk to downtown? It's not safe now and you can't cut through apartments because the back gate is always shut.	A sidewalk connection along Route 5 from Academy Hills is not currently part of the Segment-Specific Concepts but will be considered as a future recommended project for the MPO.
Will the off-road trail sections be suitable for wheel-chairs?	At this stage in the design process, the conceptual plans do not identify what type of materials the trails will be developed with. All curb ramps included in the future design will be ADA compliant.
For the Three Notch Trail, wouldn't mid-block crossings be safer?	The Project Team does not recommend mid-block crossings across large intersections with 4-6 travel lanes, due to safety concerns. It is a safer approach to direct bikes and pedestrians to the marked crosswalks at the intersection with controlled signal timing.



Post-Meetings Online Survey

The Post-Meetings Online Survey responses are shown in **Appendix C**. A total of 2 survey responses were received during the public comment period, as summarized in the table below.

Table 7: Post-Meetings Online Survey Responses

Online Survey Responses			
County	Resident	Government Employee	Total
Calvert County	0	1	1
St. Mary's County	1	0	1

The participants who filled out an online-survey heard about the public meetings through an email and through an article in the Southern Maryland News. One of the survey responses rated the accessibility and navigation, audio, and visual aspects of the Public Meetings as 'excellent', while the other responses rated them as fair or good. Both responses noted that the information presented was comprehensive, clear, and concise. One participant noted that the meetings dates and times were convenient, but the other participant stated that he was not aware of the meetings until after they had occurred. That participant watched the recording of the meetings on the MPO website.



APPENDIX A:

INFORMATIONAL FLYERS



Complete Streets Plan Virtual Public Workshops



The Calvert-St. Mary's Metropolitan Planning Organization (C-SMMPO) recognizes the need for developing a Complete Streets Plan to ensure that residents, workers, and visitors can safely walk or bike to nearby schools, restaurants, places of employment, and other local amenities. This project is an effort to make the region a better place to live and enhance the quality of life for the surrounding community. This project will include preliminary design alternatives for identified project locations that will improve the multi-modal network in the area.

C-SMMPO is hosting a series of virtual Public Workshops to introduce the Complete Streets Plan project and gather input and feedback from the community. There will be two virtual Public Workshops for each County to provide more opportunity for attendance. The information presented at the workshops will be specific to the corresponding County. Please use the below links to register for one of the two upcoming virtual Public Workshops for your County of residence.

Public Workshop for Calvert County

<p>April 14, 2021 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm https://bit.ly/calvert0414</p>	OR	<p>April 15, 2021 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm http://bit.ly/calvert0415</p>
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Public Workshop for St. Mary's County

<p>April 21, 2021 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm http://bit.ly/stmary0421</p>	OR	<p>April 22, 2021 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm http://bit.ly/stmary0422</p>
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The Public Workshops will be recorded and uploaded to the St. Mary's County website, the Calvert County website, and the C-SMMPO website along with other materials. An online survey will be made available after the Public Workshops to gather further comments regarding the project. Calvert County and St. Mary's County can mail printed packets of the Public Workshop material to anyone who is unable to access or use a computer to attend a meeting. To request an information packet for Calvert County, please call 410-535-1600 ext. 2356. To request an information packet for St. Mary's County, please call 301-475-4200 ex. 71507.





Complete Streets Plan Virtual Public Meetings

Design Alternatives and Draft Plan



The Calvert-St. Mary's Metropolitan Planning Organization (C-SMMPO) recognizes the need for developing a Complete Streets Plan to ensure that residents, workers, and visitors can safely walk or bike to nearby schools, restaurants, places of employment, and other local amenities. This project is an effort to make the region a better place to live and enhance the quality of life for the surrounding community. This project will include preliminary design alternatives for identified project locations that will improve the multi-modal network in the area.

C-SMMPO is hosting two virtual Public Meetings to gather input and feedback from the community on the design alternatives. Please use the below links to register for one of the two Public Meetings for the project. The same information will be presented at both meetings.

Public Meetings for C-SMMPO Complete Streets Plan

July 14th, 2021
6:00-7:30pm

Click the link below to join us for the virtual presentation.

<https://bit.ly/csmmpo0714>

No access to a computer? Call into the presentation by telephone only using the information below.

Phone: (301) 715-8592

Meeting ID: 989 8921 9024 | Passcode: 508324

OR

July 20th, 2021
6:00-7:30pm

Click the link below to join us for the virtual presentation.

<https://bit.ly/csmmpo0720>

No access to a computer? Call into the presentation by telephone only using the information below.

Phone: (301) 715-8592

Meeting ID: 966 6275 7461 | Passcode: 463784

The Public Meetings will be recorded and uploaded to the C-SMMPO website along with other materials. An online survey will be made available after the Public Meetings to gather further comments regarding the project. The C-SMMPO can mail printed packets of the Public Meeting material to anyone who is unable to access or use a computer to attend a meeting. To request an information packet please call 301-475-4200 ex. 71507.





APPENDIX B:

POST-WORKSHOP ONLINE SURVEY RESPONSES

Q1 Please provide your contact information below:

Answered: 8 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
First and Last Name	100.00%	8
Company	0.00%	0
Address	0.00%	0
Address 2	0.00%	0
City/Town	0.00%	0
State/Province	0.00%	0
County of Residence	100.00%	8
Country	0.00%	0
Email Address	100.00%	8
Phone Number	0.00%	0

#	COMPANY	DATE
	There are no responses.	
#	ADDRESS	DATE
	There are no responses.	
#	ADDRESS 2	DATE
	There are no responses.	
#	CITY/TOWN	DATE
	There are no responses.	
#	STATE/PROVINCE	DATE
	There are no responses.	
#	COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	DATE
1	Charles	4/29/2021 8:25 PM

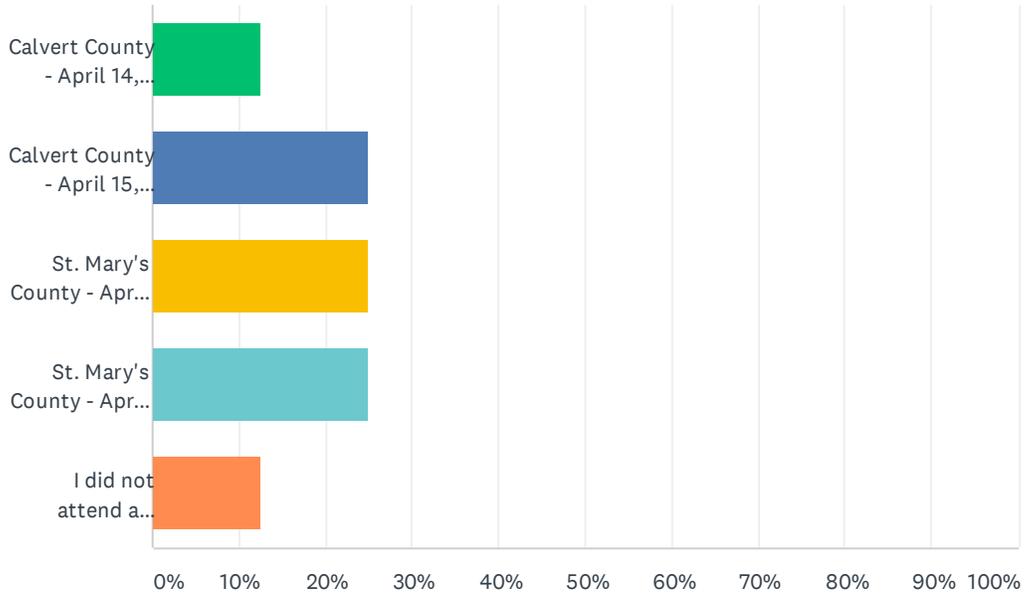
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2	St Mary's	4/27/2021 3:27 PM
3	St. Mary's	4/26/2021 4:32 PM
4	St. Mary's	4/26/2021 3:09 PM
5	Charles	4/22/2021 8:31 AM
6	Calvert	4/16/2021 5:43 PM
7	Calvert	4/16/2021 5:22 PM
8	Calvert	4/14/2021 6:52 PM
#	COUNTRY	DATE

There are no responses.

Q2 Please tell us which Virtual Public Workshop you attended:

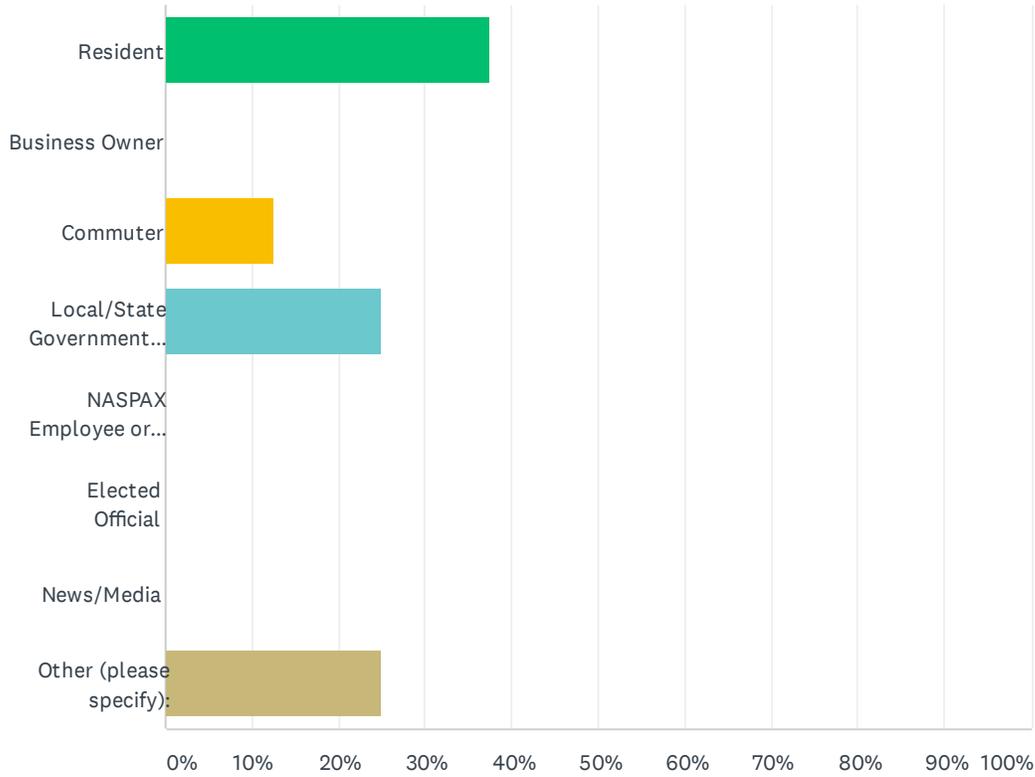
Answered: 8 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Calvert County - April 14, 2021	12.50%	1
Calvert County - April 15, 2021	25.00%	2
St. Mary's County - April 21, 2021	25.00%	2
St. Mary's County - April 22, 2021	25.00%	2
I did not attend a workshop	12.50%	1
TOTAL		8

Q3 Please select the option that most accurately represents you:

Answered: 8 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Resident	37.50%	3
Business Owner	0.00%	0
Commuter	12.50%	1
Local/State Government Employee	25.00%	2
NASPAX Employee or Base Resident	0.00%	0
Elected Official	0.00%	0
News/Media	0.00%	0
Other (please specify):	25.00%	2
TOTAL		8

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY):	DATE
1	regional bicycle and pedestrian advocate	4/29/2021 8:25 PM
2	Transportation Demand Management Specialist	4/22/2021 8:31 AM

Q4 Please provide any additional questions, thoughts, comments, suggestions, or ideas about the projects that have been identified as part of the Complete Streets Plan in your County:

Answered: 7 Skipped: 1

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	All of the projects in the St. Mary's portion would be valued additions to the bicycle and pedestrian network. I was somewhat disappointed in the limited scope of projects identified in Calvert County.	4/29/2021 8:25 PM
2	The roundabout on wildewood pkwy and wildewood blvd. I was glad to hear that is being set up for approval.	4/27/2021 3:27 PM
3	I absolutely agree with and will use the proposed St. Mary's walkways and bike paths.	4/26/2021 4:32 PM
4	Just what I added during the workshop	4/26/2021 3:09 PM
5	Even though I do not live in the part of Calvert County in which these projects will be done I was pleased to see that they would benefit the community in numerous ways.	4/16/2021 5:43 PM
6	I think it's important to continue to consider a safer pedestrian and/bicycle way to get to Cove Point Park. The roadway is extremely narrow and does not have much margin for error for motorists.	4/16/2021 5:22 PM
7	Since there were only 6 projects (all in Lusby) will the plan also cover the other areas of Calvert County?	4/14/2021 6:52 PM

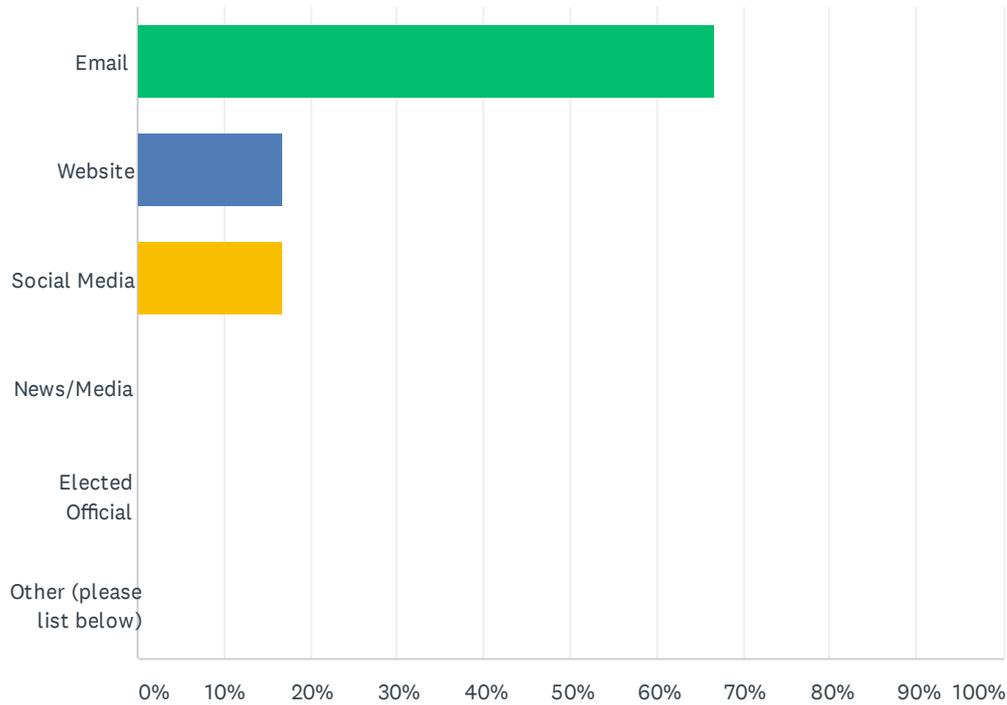
Q5 Please provide any additional comments or concerns you may have about other safety issues or pedestrian and bicycle network gaps you are aware of within Calvert and/or St. Mary's Counties:

Answered: 3 Skipped: 5

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	There is a large walking community in Lexington Park. Safe bridges to cross Great Mills Rd. and Chancellor's Run Rd. are needed as well.	4/26/2021 4:32 PM
2	Just what I mentioned during the workshop	4/26/2021 3:09 PM
3	It was difficult to distinguish bicycle from pedestrian trails in the slide show. Suggest the slides use icons to clearly indicate.	4/14/2021 6:52 PM

Q6 How did you hear about the Virtual Public Workshop?

Answered: 6 Skipped: 2

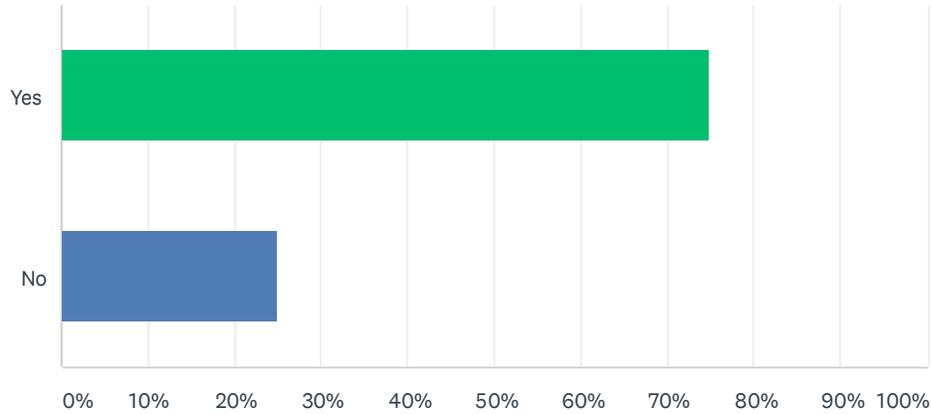


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Email	66.67% 4
Website	16.67% 1
Social Media	16.67% 1
News/Media	0.00% 0
Elected Official	0.00% 0
Other (please list below)	0.00% 0
TOTAL	6

#	HOW ELSE DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE PUBLIC WORKSHOP?	DATE
1	But it was two days before!! That was not enough time for most to get involved and it showed because barely anyone showed up.	4/27/2021 3:27 PM
2	Website	4/22/2021 8:31 AM
3	I received an email from my employer regarding the workshop.	4/16/2021 5:43 PM

Q7 Were the workshop days and times convenient for you?

Answered: 8 Skipped: 0

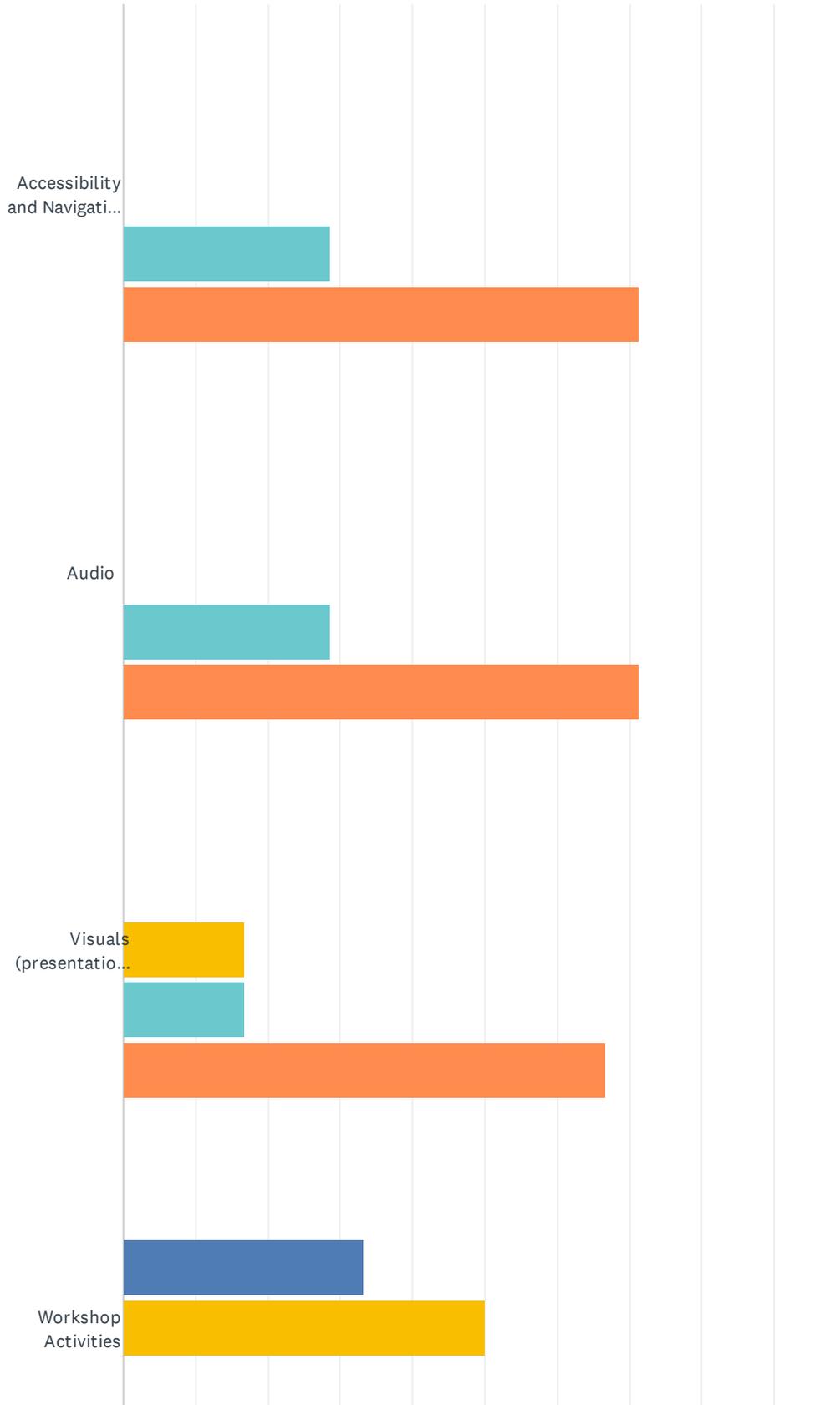


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	75.00% 6
No	25.00% 2
TOTAL	8

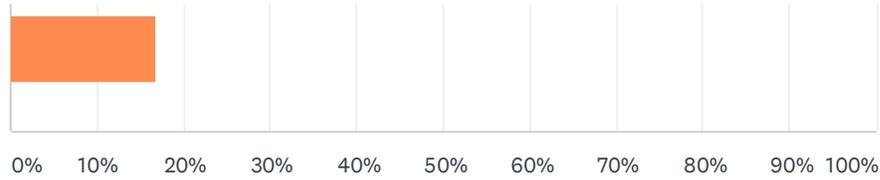
#	IF NO, WHY NOT? WHAT DAY/TIME WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER?	DATE
1	It would be helpful, however, if the two alternate dates for workshops also had different times, for those with a regular conflict (e.g. second shift jobs)	4/29/2021 8:25 PM
2	Maybe a weekend afternoon when people (the hardworking residents of your community) are not working.	4/27/2021 3:27 PM
3	later in the evening	4/26/2021 4:32 PM

Q8 Please rate the following aspects of the Virtual Public Workshop:

Answered: 7 Skipped: 1



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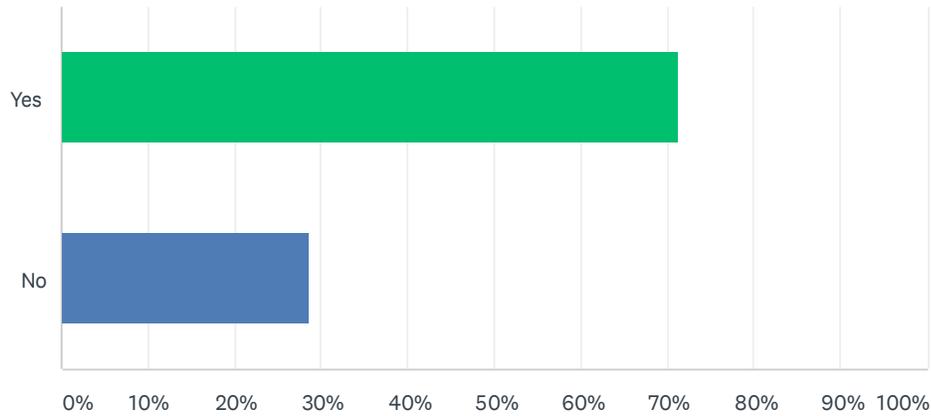
■ Poor
 ■ Fair
 ■ Average
 ■ Good
 ■ Excellent

	POOR	FAIR	AVERAGE	GOOD	EXCELLENT	TOTAL
Accessibility and Navigation (you were able to participate using Zoom or download materials from the C-SMMPO website)	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	28.57% 2	71.43% 5	7
Audio	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	28.57% 2	71.43% 5	7
Visuals (presentation, maps, handouts, etc.)	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	16.67% 1	16.67% 1	66.67% 4	6
Workshop Activities	0.00% 0	33.33% 2	50.00% 3	0.00% 0	16.67% 1	6

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Maps are tiny when viewed on tablets or other devices without a large monitor.	4/29/2021 8:25 PM
2	The yes/no questions were elementary and could have been better thought out but there was only like 8 people and the community was not aware of the meeting. No	4/27/2021 3:27 PM
3	Thought the survey questions could have been more meaty and pulled more from the participants, such as what changes would make it easier for you to ride the bus or bike?	4/26/2021 3:09 PM

Q9 Was the information presented comprehensive, clear, and concise?

Answered: 7 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	71.43% 5
No	28.57% 2
TOTAL	7

#	IF NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN:	DATE
1	Being told it's being worked without actually hearing the plans that are coming up was annoying because it had to be asked what are the next steps for the the team.	4/27/2021 3:27 PM
2	See response to #5 above	4/14/2021 6:52 PM



APPENDIX C:

POST-MEETING ONLINE SURVEY RESPONSES

#1

COMPLETE

Collector:
Started:
Last Modified:
Time Spent:
IP Address:

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Q1

Please provide your contact information below:

First and Last Name

County of Residence

Calvert

Email Address

Q2

July 20, 2021

Please tell us which Virtual Public Meeting you attended:

Q3

Local/State Government Employee

Please select the option that most accurately represents you:

Q4

Please provide any additional questions, thoughts, comments, suggestions, or ideas about the Context Zone Concepts that were presented during the meeting:

I didn't see where there would be any lighting improvements in the areas where crosswalks and bike/walking paths will be installed. Is this elsewhere in your plan?

Q5

Please provide any additional questions, thoughts, comments, suggestions, or ideas about the Segment-Specific Concepts for the 11 project locations that were presented during the meeting (please identify the project(s) you are commenting on by number or name):

Do you have anyone working on an SHSP for each county? There will be state funds available to support infrastructure and I can help with data, etc for your plan.

Q6

Email

How did you hear about the Virtual Public Meeting?

Q7

Yes

Were the meeting days and times convenient for you?

Q8

Please rate the following aspects of the Virtual Public Meeting:

Accessibility and Navigation (you were able to participate using Zoom or download materials from the C-SMMPO website) **Excellent**

Audio **Excellent**

Visuals (presentation, maps, handouts, etc.) **Excellent**

Q9

Yes

Was the information presented comprehensive, clear, and concise?

Q10

Respondent skipped this question

Please provide any additional comments or thoughts about the Virtual Public Meeting that you'd like to share with us:

#2

COMPLETE

Collector:

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Time Spent:

IP Address:

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Q1

Please provide your contact information below:

First and Last Name

County of Residence

St Mary's

Email Address

Q2

I did not attend a meeting

Please tell us which Virtual Public Meeting you attended:

Q3

Resident

Please select the option that most accurately represents you:

Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Please provide any additional questions, thoughts, comments, suggestions, or ideas about the Context Zone Concepts that were presented during the meeting:

Q5

Please provide any additional questions, thoughts, comments, suggestions, or ideas about the Segment-Specific Concepts for the 11 project locations that were presented during the meeting (please identify the project(s) you are commenting on by number or name):

The St Mary's Park / Bike Trail projects depend heavily on utility corridors. Traditionally utilities do not allow the general public using their corridors for biking, hiking, etc. and are actually posted restricting public use. Have you secured permission from the utilities who own the applicable corridors to use the corridors for public trails?

I live on Indian Bridge Road. I regularly drive both it and St Andrew's Road. Given the amount of traffic on St Andrew's and the speed at which it typically travels, implementing a HAWK signal to allow biker / hiker trail users to cross St Andrew's presents a lot of risk of accidents. You will obviously need to implement some way for trail users to cross St Andrew's but that's a real high volume, high speed route. Perhaps it is time for a traffic circle or two as has been proposed several times as part of past development projects.

Q6

How did you hear about the Virtual Public Meeting?

Other (please list below),

How else did you hear about the Public Workshop?:
Was unaware of any street plans until I saw the article about them in the July 23, 2021 article of the Southern Maryland News. County projects have a history of being poorly advertised in general.

Q7

Were the meeting days and times convenient for you?

No,

If NO, why not? What day/time would have been better?:
I was unaware of the meetings until I saw a July 23, 2021 newspaper article about them. Since most people work during the day holding meetings in the evenings would be most convenient for me.

Q8

Please rate the following aspects of the Virtual Public Meeting:

Accessibility and Navigation (you were able to participate using Zoom or download materials from the C-SMMPO website)

Fair

Visuals (presentation, maps, handouts, etc.)

Good

Comments:

Getting to the meeting video presentations or this survey took a little sleuthing The. links posted in the newspaper article all returned 404 page not found errors. I had to web search for the MPO. Ok for me because I'm experienced with the web. Not all citizens are as experience or comfortable.

Q9

Was the information presented comprehensive, clear, and concise?

Yes

Q10

Please provide any additional comments or thoughts about the Virtual Public Meeting that you'd like to share with us:

Respondent skipped this question

Q10 Please provide any additional comments or thoughts about the Virtual Public Workshop that you'd like to share with us:

Answered: 2 Skipped: 6

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	It would have been nice to see a progress or flow chart, \$\$ being invested and where, population charts to show impact on the communities...	4/27/2021 3:27 PM
2	Except for minor comments above, thought it was successful in educating people and hopefully sending you additional ideas.	4/26/2021 3:09 PM