## KINGS PARK COMMUNITY UPDATE BRADDOCK ROAD TRAFFIC FLOW IMPROVEMENT STUDY

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# Widen Braddock Road

# Braddock Road Multimodal Study Citizen Advisory Group Recommendations

May 15, 2017

#### 1. Introduction

During February 2014, Supervisor Cook formed a <u>Braddock Road Multimodal Study</u> <u>Citizen Advisory Group</u>. The group has, as members, representatives from Home Owners Associations (HOA) and Civic Associations (CA) from each of the communities surrounding Braddock Road and provides the opportunity for each of these communities to have a voice in the Braddock Road Multimodal Study. Kings Park is one of these communities. Our representative is Jim Sobecke. Multimodal, by the way, is just an official title to reflect that the study includes motorized and self-propelled vehicles as well as pedestrians, all of which may use or try to cross Braddock Road.

### 2. Specific Options of the Braddock Road Improvement

The Citizen Advisory Group studied these options:

- 1. A no-build option wherein no <u>major</u> changes are made to Braddock Road and connector streets; leave things as they are.
- 2. Widen Braddock Road option
  - a. Add one HOV lane in each direction (east bound and west bound) from Guinea Road to I-495,

<u>or</u>,

- b. Add one general-purpose lane in each direction (east bound and west bound) from Guinea Road to I-495.
- 3. Build a Transit Center option within the confines of the Kings Park Shopping Center general area. A proposal for a Park-and-Ride at the KPSC was added later to the study.
- 4. Add Spot Improvement options to the intersections of roads that cross Braddock Road between Twinbrook Road and Ravensworth Road, to include I-495 ramps, to improve traffic flow along Braddock Road.
- 5. Improve Pedestrian and Bicyclist Access and Safety option around the Braddock Road traffic improvement area.

# 3. What Did the Braddock Road Multimodal Study Citizen Advisory Group Recommend?

As of 3 May 2017, the Braddock Road Multimodal Study Citizen Advisory Group **does not support** Options 1, 2, and 3. The Advisory Group **does support** Options 4 and 5.

## **Option 4: The Spot Improvement Option**

Under the Spot Improvement Option, changes will be made at the intersections of roadways that cross Braddock Road. These roadway intersection changes occur from Twinbrook Road to Ravensworth Road, to include I-495 ramps. Here are the Spot Improvement Option road intersections changes proposed for Braddock Road as far as I know them:

- 1. Guinea Road and Braddock Road
- 2. Burke Lake Road and Braddock Road
- 3. Grantham Road and Burke Lake Road
- 4. Kings Park Drive and Braddock Road
- 5. Stone Haven Drive and Braddock Road
- 6. Danbury Forest Drive/Wakefield Chapel Road at Braddock Road
- 7. Glen Park Drive and Braddock Road
- 8. Inverchapel Road and Braddock Road
- 9. Port Royal Road and I-495 ramps
- 10. NB I-495 to EB Braddock Ramp
- 11. Ravensworth Road and Braddock Road
- 12. Twinbrook Road and Braddock Road
- 13. Olley Lane and Braddock Road
- 14. Southampton Drive and Braddock Road
- 15. Braddock Road before Danbury Forest Drive/Wakefield Chapel Road Intersection

#### **Option 5: Improve Pedestrian and Bicyclist Access and Safety Option**

Street crossings will be added and existing crossings improved for the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians along Braddock Road.

Pedestrian and bicyclist paths will be added to the Braddock Road area in 2024. The proposed paths would follow the Braddock Road right of way. The paths will serve as a safe place to walk or bicycle and will also connect to Braddock Road pedestrian/bicyclist crossings.

#### Option 5 Includes High-intensity Activated crossWalK (HAWK) Beacon

The HAWK Beacon manages the benefits of improved traffic flow with safe street crossings of pedestrians/bicyclists. The crossing along Burke Lake Road after Rolling Road and before Grantham Street will have a HAWK Beacon.

## 4. Next Step for Kings Park Residents

According to a Supervisor Cook Facebook post of April 25, 2017, the next Community Meeting will be June 26, 2017, at 6:30 at Lake Braddock Secondary School. After two years of Advisory Group meetings, you will see and hear the findings made by the members, your representatives, of the <u>Braddock Road Multimodal Study Citizen</u> <u>Advisory Group</u>. Staff of the Fairfax County Department of Transportation will present the findings in detail.

### DO NOT MISS THIS MEETING