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Agenda Section: Discussion

Item Title:
Transitioning Ownership of a Segment of MD 208

Suggested Action:

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to begin negotiations with the Maryland State Highway Administration for the purpose of transitioning ownership of, and/or performing upgrades and repairs to, the segment of MD 208 (Hamilton Street) within the corporate limits of the City of Hyattsville (from 38th Avenue to Queens Chapel Road) to the City of Hyattsville. Any such negotiations are non-binding, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney for legal sufficiency and shall require final approval from the Hyattsville City Council.

Summary Background:

There have been numerous issues associated with the inability to perform maintenance on this high-traffic segment of MD 208 including inconsistency in quality of roadways, incomplete sidewalks, and minimal visibility of crosswalks. This segment has been specifically identified as an issue for cyclists and pedestrians in the citizen-led 2008 Pedestrian and Bicycle Study and the recent City-sponsored 2018 Hyattsville Transportation Study. Ward 5 Councilmembers and City staff have received reports of the danger in crossing this major street. Transition of ownership will increase connectivity in conjunction with the major upgrades to Hyatt Park and the new location of the Hyattsville Police Department (3505 Hamilton Street).

The updated language will allow the City to work with the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) to develop a comprehensive list of funding options for efficient use of tax payer dollars. These options include but are not limited to:

- Applying to SHA's Access Management Program (and providing supporting documentation)
- Applying to SHA's Transportation Alternative Program (and providing supporting documentation)
- Developing MOU's with SHA (subject to Council approval)
- Working with the SHA District office or required permits and approvals
- Working with SHA's Office of Real Estate on transfer process

Next Steps:

Enter into discussions with MD SHA citing the guidelines listed.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

City Administrator Comments:

Recommend Support

Community Engagement:

N/A

Strategic Goals:

Goal 3 - Promote a Safe and Vibrant Community

Legal Review Required?

Pending