



REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act- *de minimis* Finding; Capper-Cramton Property Disposal

MD 500: MD 410 to MD 208

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) is considering community and safety enhancements along MD 500 from MD 410 to MD 208 in Prince George's County. This project is located adjacent to the Northwest Stream Valley Park.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE PROJECT

Why is this work necessary and what improvements are proposed?

The purpose of the project is to improve pedestrian access and safety along MD 500 from MD 410 to MD 208 in Prince George's County.

The scope of work includes reconstructing the existing painted medians to include raised, vegetated medians, replacing and widening sidewalk to meet current Americans with Disability Act (ADA) requirements, replacing curb and gutter, replacing traffic signals with new Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS), replacing/upgrading pedestrian lighting, resurfacing the roadway and completing drainage improvements.

Why are comments being requested?

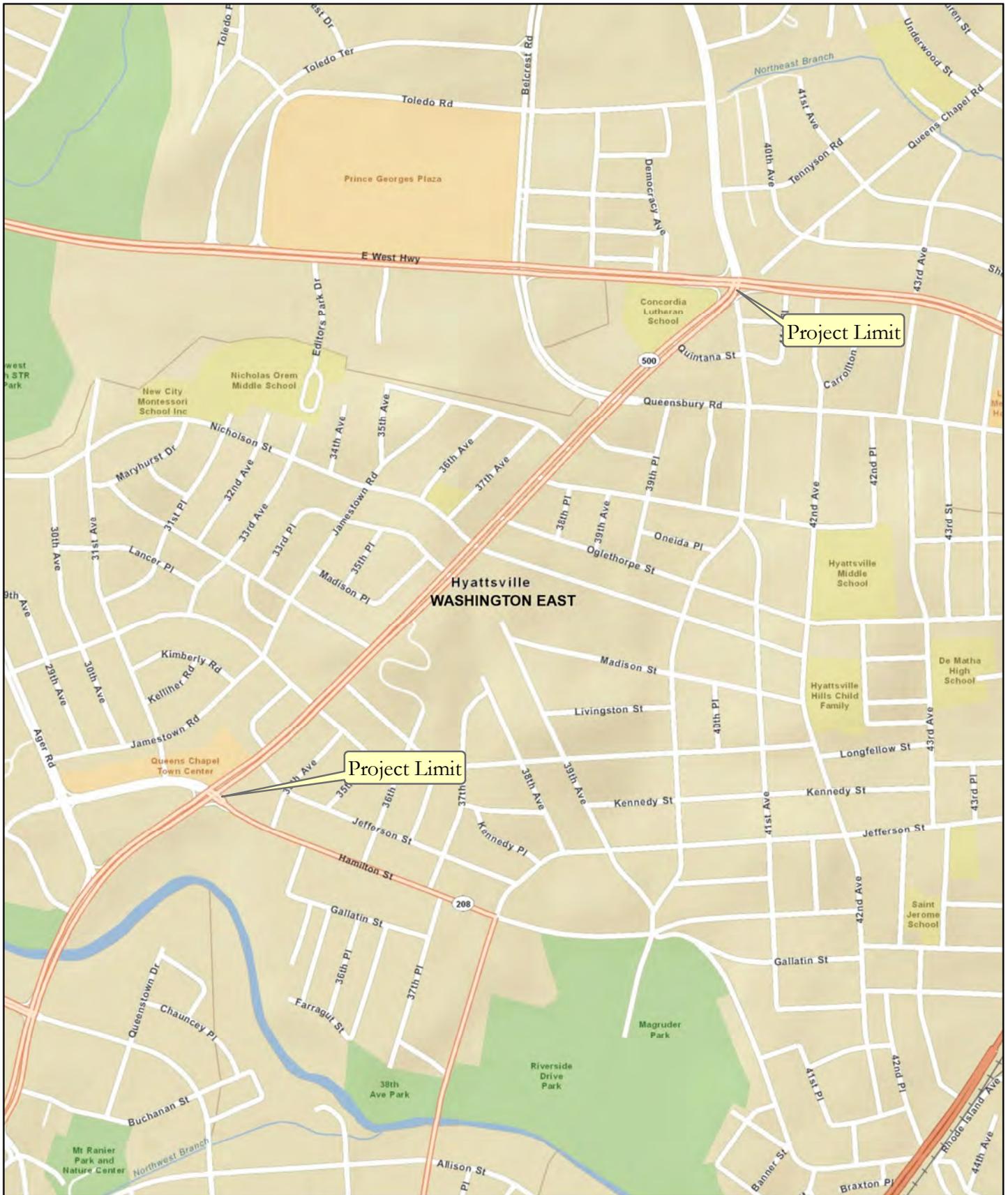
Section 6009(a) of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) allows the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to determine that certain transportation uses of Section 4(f) land will have no adverse effect on protected resources. With respect to publicly owned parks and recreation areas, a finding of *de minimis* impact may occur if a transportation project does not "adversely affect the activities, features and attributes" of the Section 4(f) resource. When this is the case, the finding of FHWA requires written concurrence from the official(s) with jurisdiction over the resource. Public notice and opportunity for public review and comment on the finding is required. Public notice and opportunity for public review and comment on the finding is required. In addition, the parcel of land in question was purchased as park property through the use of Capper Cramton funding. Public notice and opportunity for comment is also requested on the disposal of this property (Capper Cramton Parcels 25 and 26, Northwest Branch Unit 2).

What are the impacts to protected Section 4(f) resources?

An existing outfall located in the southwest quadrant of MD 500 and MD 208 is in need of repair and is partially located within the Northwest Stream Valley Park, owned by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). Although the right-of-way required from the park is considered a "use" as defined by Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act (1966), there will be no negative impact on activities, features, and attributes that qualify the recreation area for protection under Section 4(f). SHA, through this notice, is notifying the public that it will request the Federal Highway Administration make a *de minimis* (or minor) impact finding, in accordance with Section 4(f). M-NCPPC, as officials with jurisdiction, concurred with the *de minimis* finding on April 11, 2013. The public is requested to provide comments on this finding.

Do You Have Additional Questions or Comments?

Please contact Ms. Sarah Gentner, SHA Project Manager, (410) 545-8877 or toll-free (866) 462-0020 or Ms. Caryn G. Brookman, SHA Environmental Manager, (410) 545-8698 or toll-free (866) 527-0502, www.roads.maryland.gov.



**Project Location Map
Washington East Quad**

1: 12,000
April 11, 2011

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Community Safety and Enhancement
Prince George's County

