

PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT • SUMMER 2017

Public Meeting Scheduled for September

The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) and Worcester County invite interested persons to attend a public meeting on **Thursday, September 14, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** about improvements and upcoming projects in the area. The main objective of this meeting is to familiarize attendees with the previous and proposed work being done to address bicycle and pedestrian safety in the West Ocean City area. Exhibits will be on display and MDOT SHA and Worcester County representatives will be available to answer questions. **No formal presentation will be given.** You may arrive at any time during meeting hours and walk through at your own pace. (See details on back of newsletter.)

Questions and Answers

Why is this meeting necessary?

There is growing concern in the community regarding bicycles and pedestrians along Golf Course Road, Center Drive, and Keyser Point Road as well as along US 50. Lighting and signing installations have been completed in the area, and a shared-use path along US 50 is currently being designed. MDOT SHA and Worcester County will be answering questions and soliciting feedback on projects in those areas, as well as general bicycle and pedestrian safety in the community.

What work has been completed along Golf Course Road, Center Drive, and Keyser Point Road?

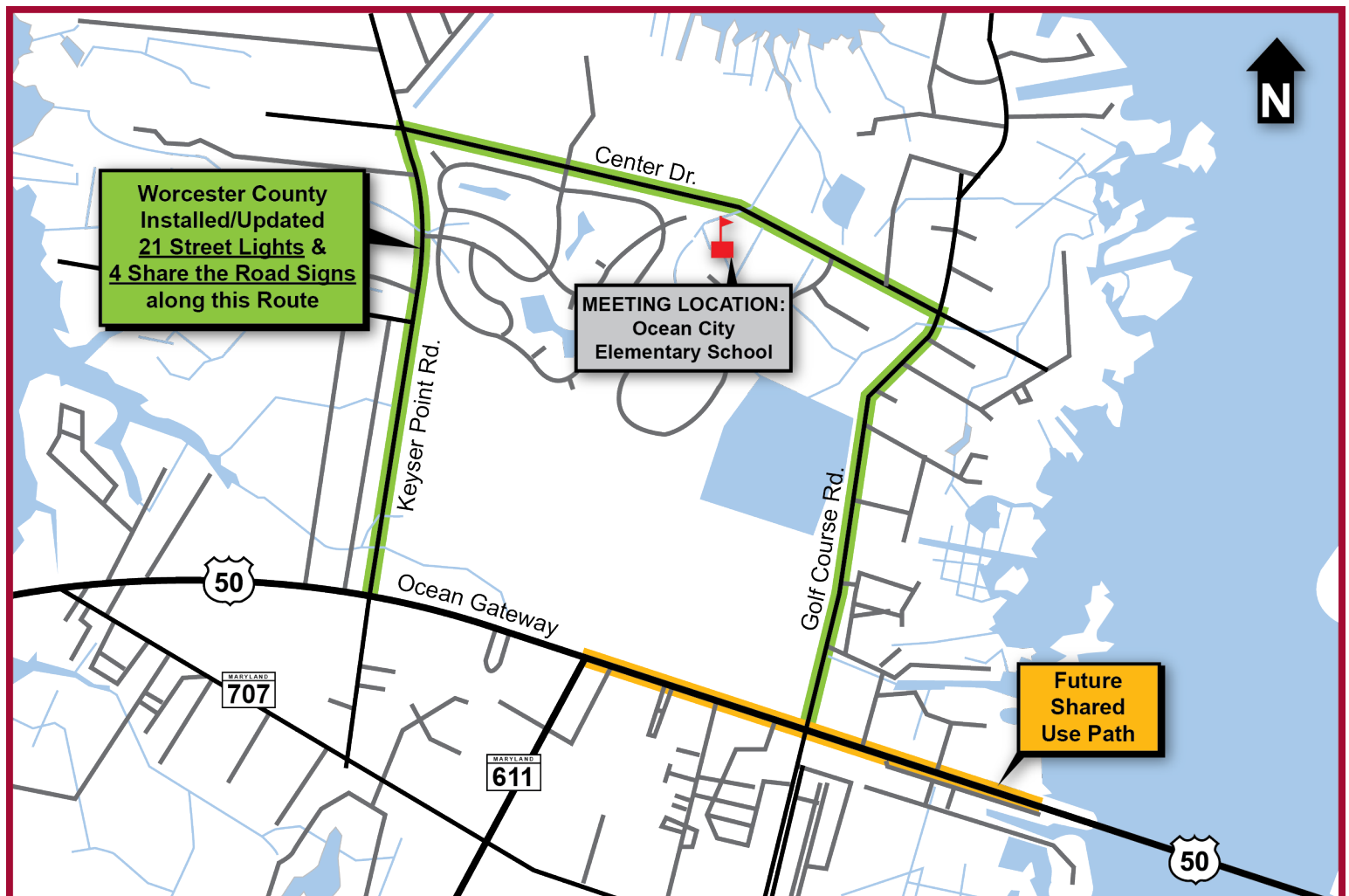
Worcester County completed two projects in the area to enhance safety for bicycles and pedestrians. The County completed the installation and update of 21 standard street lights on the Golf Course Road, Center Drive, and Keyser Point Road loop in June of 2017. Worcester County also installed Share the Road signs in four locations in 2016.

What bicycle and pedestrian project is being designed on US 50?

MDOT SHA is currently designing a 10-foot-wide shared-use path along US 50. The path will run from MD 611 (Stephen Decatur Highway), along the south side of US 50, crossing US 50 to the north side at Inlet Isle Lane, and connect to the sidewalk over the Harry Kelly Bridge. Design is scheduled to be completed in the early Spring of 2018 and the construction schedule will be developed once funding becomes available.

What else is being done for bicycle and pedestrian safety?

MDOT SHA has completed several projects to enhance bicycle and pedestrian safety in and around West Ocean City. A crosswalk and an accessible/countdown pedestrian signal (APS/CPS) was installed on the east leg at the intersection of US 50 and MD 611. Wrong Way bike signs were installed along US 50 from MD 611 to the Harry Kelly Bridge. MDOT SHA also has a standing *Walk Smart* Committee and *Walk Smart* Campaign to provide pedestrian safety public awareness over the past several years. MDOT SHA will be increasing the presence of this campaign in and around West Ocean City.



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Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety

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Request for Assistance

Feedback Requested

MDOT SHA and Worcester County would like your feedback on other improvements you would like to see implemented for bicycle and pedestrian access and safety in West Ocean City. There will be staff members available at the meeting to take your comments as well as a survey and comment station. We would like your feedback to help determine what other steps you would like to see taken to enhance bicycle and pedestrian safety and access.

For questions, please contact:

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