

Glenmont Exchange Inc.

Minutes of the March 18 Meeting

Attendees: Ernie Benjamin, Dorinda Danneman, Oriole Saah, David Shaw, Pete Jervey, Ira Ungar.

Guest speakers: Brett Deane State Highway Authority, Khursheed Bilgrami MCDOT Traffic

Correspondence from Susan Johnson: [link to Wheaton Patch](#) regarding Glenmont Enterprise Zone progress and March 27 public hearing..

Brett Deane is the SHA project manager for **the Georgia Ave-Randolph Road Interchange** Project. He presented utilizing a large rendering showing the proposed improvements, attached. Major construction awaits the move of Fire Station 18 which is on schedule to be relocated in January, 2014. The current schedule has the project being advertised for bids in October and construction of the interchange to begin sometime in March, 2014.

There will be 7 major phases of construction with a total duration of approximately 3 years. The phases are briefly discussed here:

- 1.) Construct temporary roadway to the south of Randolph Road and the east of Georgia Avenue.
- 2.) Shift traffic to newly constructed intersection and construct the western third of the Bridge.
- 3.) Shift traffic to the outsides and construct the middle third of the structure.
- 4.) Shift traffic to the completed sections and construct the final third of the structure.
- 5.) Construct the northern retaining walls to support the new westbound Randolph Road ramps.
- 6.) Construct the southern retaining walls to support the new eastbound Randolph Road ramps.
- 7.) Finish the tie-ins, islands, and complete the landscaping and any other punch-list items.

During Construction, traffic will be maintained utilizing the same number of lanes currently operating now.

This project does not include any Geometric modifications to the intersection of Georgia Ave and Layhill Road.

Khursheed Bilgrami, a traffic engineer with MCDOT Traffic, spoke on **traffic speed on Randolph Rd.**

He said he observed traffic on Randolph Road in considering the Glenmont Exchange Resolution to reduce the speed limit to 35 mph between Georgia Ave. and Kemp Mill Rd. He found considerable speeding in this region. He concluded that the 35 mph limits across the two school zones between 6:30 and 8:00 AM and 1:30 and 3:00 PM needed to be reinforced with larger, more assertive displays. He also concluded that a 40 mph speed limit between Glenallen Ave and Tivoli Lake Blvd. would be appropriate. He said a report with these conclusions would be available in about a month.

Fire Station 18 was scheduled to move to an interim location close to the final location across Georgia Ave.

at the site of the former Glenmont Elementary School. The interim location has changed to the site of Wheaton Rescue Squad 2 at 11435 Grandview Ave. in Wheaton, photo and map attached. The Rescue Squad will move to new quarters. The height of one of the bays will be increased to accommodate the size of the fire truck. The change of location comes with a savings of about one million dollars.

The design plans for the permanent station will be available in about 6 weeks according to Project Manager Charles Edwards.

The next meeting date is April 22.