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Chair, Odenton Town Center Advisory Committee

November 3, 2025

Ms. Jenny Dempsey
Anne Arundel County Office of Planning and Zoning
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Re: FY27 Odenton Town Center Capital Project Priorities

Dear Ms. Dempsey:

At the monthly October meeting of the Odenton Town Center Advisory Committee (OTCAC), the Committee reassessed its recommendations from the FY26 project priority list for FY27. We are providing you with details of important modifications for consideration by the appropriate County departments in support of key investments in Capital Projects for the Odenton Town Center (OTC).

The Committee formulated these updated recommendations using its deliberative process including review of public feedback from various sources, assessment of priority project status, proposed developments the Committee reviewed in 2025, and the influence these projects have on establishing priorities. With these revisions, the OTCAC continues supporting all efforts the County undertakes to schedule and complete the Top Priority and Supporting Priority Projects, which are essential to help Odenton achieve the mission of the OTCMP.

In addition to the attached list of capital projects that the OTCAC has identified as being a priority, the OTCAC identified one major theme for future capital projects - regional connectivity.

Bus Stop Improvements and Safe Routes to Transit

The OTCAC elevated Bus Stop Improvements and Safe Routes to Transit to a top priority to encourage ridership growth and enhance accessibility, safety, and comfort for all transit users. Today, many bus stops across the Odenton area do not have protection from weather or traffic, and are difficult to reach, particularly for families, older adults, and individuals with physical disabilities. The vision for the OTC is to become a pedestrian-oriented and multi-modal hub. Facilitating the use of public transportation from points outside of the OTC helps achieve this vision and can help address first and last-mile issues. The OTCAC understands there may be

funding available for bus stop improvements Countywide, but would advocate that those funds be targeted for projects in the OTC, given its prominence as one of three town centers in the County, and is becoming a flagship Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) for the State.

Regional Trail Networks

In addition to public transportation connections, the OTCAC recommends that bicycle and pedestrian facilities be a priority to connect individuals from the region to the OTC. Several existing projects, such as the WB&A Trail and South Shore Trail, will connect points south and east, but funding is needed to connect the more populous areas of northern areas to the OTC. The "Odenton to BWI Trail Feasibility Study" was recently completed, but the project has not been advanced. The OTCAC strongly urges that this connection be constructed to create additional bicycle and pedestrian connections to the northern regions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Colette Ghicci". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

CC: Sam Snead, Director, Office of Transportation
Councilmember Julie Hummer

2025 Odenton Town Center Priority Projects			
Top Priority Projects (Funded or Partly Funded)			
Project	Description	Funding Sources	2025 Status
Odenton Community Park P584400/P584401	Design and build a community park that is central to Odenton Town Center.	County	This project is in the Bid Documents phase.
MARC Station Parking Garage & Transit-Oriented Development C565500/C565501/C565502	Construct a mixed-use and multi-modal development on the west parking lot of the Odenton MARC Train Station that includes residential and commercial uses as well as a parking garage. The OTCAC recommends that first- and last-mile solutions be integrated into the TOD design to facilitate greater public transportation ridership.	MDOT, County, Private	Construction Documents. The parking garage project has been funded.
Grid Streets in the Town Center Core (Berger Street, Hale Street, Duckens Street, Baldwin Road, Nevada Avenue, Dare Street) H563800/H563801	Complete the design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction for all streets per the OTCMP to the maximum extent practicable. The project will create greater connectivity as well as bicycle and pedestrian amenities.	County to fund design and acquisition; construction funded by County and/or private developers through required streetscape improvements.	Design Development. The right-of-way acquisition process is ongoing.
MD 175 Sidewalk: MD 170 to Sappington Station Circle H580000/H580001	Complete a final design and construct a sidewalk along the north and south side of MD 175.	MDOT-SHA, County	The project is currently at 15% design, under review for line, grade, and typical at MDOT SHA.
Bus Stop Improvements / Safe Routes to Transit H590600	Enhance bus stops to include various amenities, including but not limited to waiting pads, benches, and a shelter. The Safe Routes to Transit program will improve access to transit stops through bicycle and pedestrian facility upgrades with a focus on providing access to stop locations without ADA access and improving roadway crossing safety in the location of transit stops.	County	\$50,000 is available for bus stop improvements.
Supporting Priority Projects (Funded or Partly Funded)			
Project	Description	Funding Sources	2025 Status
MD 175 Improvements: Mapes Road/ Charter Oaks Boulevard to MD 170 AA436_21	Complete improvements along MD 175 from Mapes Road/Charter Oaks Boulevard to MD 170 to increase capacity. Includes intersection improvements, medians, sidewalks, and a hiker/biker trail.	MDOT-SHA (current scope is Mapes Road to Nevada Avenue)	30% design complete. The remaining cost and timeline for project completion to be determined.
Town Center Boulevard to Reece Road H371200/H371203	This project creates a 0.23-mile link from Reece Road to Town Center Boulevard, constructed through Fort Meade property.	County	The project is currently in the design phase.

South Shore Trail P372000/P372005	Design, acquire property, and construct a trail utilizing the abandoned WB&A Railroad between Annapolis and Odenton.	Federal, MDOT-SHA, County	Phase II (OTC to Holladay Park Road/MD 3) is under construction.
WB&A Trail P393600	Design and construction of a paved multi-use trail on portions of the roadbed of the former WB&A Railroad. The trail will link the South Shore Trail in Odenton with the Patuxent River and an existing rail trail in Prince George's County. The OTCAC recommends that improvements be dedicated to bicycle and pedestrian improvements.	Federal, MDOT, County	Phase IVb spur will be replaced with traffic improvement for the WB&A Trail Crossing at Waugh Chapel Road and Old Waugh Chapel Road.
Priority Projects Not Currently Funded			
Project Title	Description	Funding Sources	2025 Status
MD 170 Streetscape	Retrofit MD 170 to include bicycle and pedestrian amenities.	State, County, Private	Partial sections will be improved by the developers of Academy Yard.
Odenton Avenue	Design and construction of the planned road connecting Annapolis Road (MD 175) and Town Center Boulevard. The project will create greater connectivity.	State, County, Private	The alignment concept has changed due to the right-of-way acquisition. Site Plan for OTC at Seven Oaks routes Odenton Avenue east to a midpoint of Town Center Boulevard.
Odenton Rail Spur	Create a hiker/biker trail connecting the Academy Yard project to the Odenton MARC train station.	Private, County	The County has decided not to acquire the property.
Odenton Road and North Patuxent Road Sidewalk	Provide bicycle and pedestrian improvements.	State, County, Private	Funding has yet to be determined.
Pine Street Extension	Planning, design, and construction of Pine Street between MD 170 and Winmeyer Avenue. The extension will provide greater connectivity.	Private, County	Partial sections will be improved by the developers of Academy Yard.
Shared Use Path from Odenton Road at Sappington Station Roundabout North to BWI Trail	Create a shared-use path linking the South Shore Trail at the Sappington Station roundabout to the BWI Trail.	County	A feasibility study was completed in 2022. Funding has yet to be identified.
Upgraded and New Bicycle and Pedestrian Crossings	MD 175 between the Dairy Queen/Post Office and the Sappington Station roundabout: Upgrade current bicycle and pedestrian crossings. Construct a mid-block crossing to connect Odenton Health and Technology Campus to the Odenton Shopping Center.	MDOT-SHA, County	Funding has yet to be determined.
WB&A Trail to MARC Station	Develop bicycle and pedestrian facilities connecting the WB&A Trailhead at the intersection of Piney Orchard Parkway and Odenton Road to the MARC Station.	County	Funding has yet to be determined.