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Ms. Jenny Dempsey
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Re: FY28 Odenton Town Center Capital Project Priorities

OTC Branding
Transit infrastructure
Pedestrian connectivity and safety

Dear Ms. Dempsey:

The OTCAC reviewed and discussed its recommendations for the FY28 Priority Project list. We are delighted that several of the priority projects from previous years are underway. Because of these updates, the OTCAC has shifted items on the priority project list (attached) to bring more attention to projects that have lagged behind in implementation. Below is a brief explanation of the new top priority projects and new recommendations; however, local and regional multi-modal connectivity continues to be a major theme.

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 are difficult and unsafe to access. For example, many of the bus stops lack a sidewalk, concrete pad, bench, and shelter. The vision for the OTC is to become a pedestrian-oriented and multi-modal hub and the current condition of transit stops does not meet that vision. 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.

MD 175 Sidewalk and safe road crossings

The final design and construction of a sidewalk along MD 175 seems to have been delayed. The OTCAC recommends there be a focus and action taken to complete design and begin construction to facilitate a safe corridor for bicyclists and pedestrians. In addition, the OTCAC recommends that key intersections, like Town Center Boulevard and MD 175, include not only

new painted crosswalks; but also additional amenities for pedestrians and bicyclists crossing the street to ensure their safety.

MARC Station TOD and Odenton Community Park

With the selection of a developer for the TOD and the groundbreaking of the Odenton Community Park, there will be significant pedestrian activity in and around the train station. To help facilitate ease of access and safety, the OTCAC recommends capital projects that help to support this connectivity. These types of improvements could be rehabilitating the pedestrian underpass with better lighting and art or the acquisition and conversion of the rail spur into a rail trail to connect the Piney Orchard commercial area and points east to the MARC station.

Sincerely,

Colette Gelwicks, Chair
Odenton Town Center Advisory Committee

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

2026 Odenton Town Center Priority Projects

Top Priority Projects

Project	Description	Funding Sources	2026 Status
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	Design is at approximately 40% and is anticipated to reach 60% by the end of summer.
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	There are no significant bus stop upgrades planned for the OTC. The County installed new signs with new posts where needed, replacing old ones that were bent or leaning. This is being done for every stop on the County's network. The OTC has stops for County routes 202 and 205. Signage on the 205 was completed last year and the 202 will be completed this summer.
Upgraded and New Bicycle and Pedestrian Crossings	Upgrade current bicycle and pedestrian crossings, for example at Town Center Boulevard/MD 175 and constructing 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.

Supporting Priority Projects

Project	Description	Funding Sources	2026 Status
Odenton Community Park P584400/P584401	Design and build a community park that is central to Odenton Town Center.	County	The first phase of the project is under construction and is anticipated to be completed in early 2027. The second phase is to be determined.
Access to the Odenton Community Park	Create and improve bicycle and pedestrian access to the Odenton Community Park. Example locations include from the MARC parking lots and improving the MARC pedestrian tunnel (ex. better lighting, art, etc.)	State, County	Funding has yet to be determined.
Odenton Rail Spur	Create a hiker/biker trail connecting the Academy Yard project to the Odenton MARC train station.	Private, County	Funding has yet to be determined.
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	The project is anticipated to break ground by end of 2026.
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.

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 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)	Design is at 30% complete. The remaining cost and timeline for project completion to be determined.
MD 170 Streetscape	Retrofit MD 170 to include bicycle and pedestrian amenities.	State, County, Private	The MD 170 streetscape will be improved by the developers of Academy Yard and a capital improvement project connecting Odenton to the BWI Trail is slated for 2032.
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 capital improvement project connecting Odenton to the BWI Trail is slated for 2032.
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 Road and North Patuxent Road Sidewalk H508432	Provide bicycle and pedestrian improvements.	State, County, Private	The North Patuxent Road Sidewalk project has hit 30% design and is working on ROW. The project scope is from Becknel Avenue to Dovetail Lane.
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.
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.