

MONTROSE AVE

Community Feedback Summary

BACKGROUND

In 2011, City Council adopted the Complete Streets Policy. This policy required that street improvements be made for all roadway users as part of regular maintenance whenever possible. When streets are repaved, this provides an opportunity to upgrade parts of the street to better serve people of all ages and abilities by improving safety, access, and mobility.

In coordination with the upcoming repaving project on Braddock Road from East Raymond Avenue to Richmond Highway, the City issued an online feedback form to gather community input on issues and potential improvements to the roadway. The feedback form was open from February 8 to February 26, 2021 during which 58 responses were received. The feedback is summarized below.

ISSUES & CONCERNS

Survey respondents were asked what their highest priority concerns were on the street. Respondents could choose up to three of the options listed below:

- People drive too fast
- It is difficult to cross the street
- Missing or substandard sidewalks
- Missing or substandard curb ramps
- It is difficult to bike on this street
- People driving go around turns too fast
- People driving do not stop when they are supposed to
- It is difficult to see at intersections because of poor or blocked views
- I have no concerns
- Other (please specify)

The top issue identified by over 75 percent of respondents was that **people drive too fast**. Over half of respondents said **it is difficult to see at intersections**. More than a third of respondents also said **it is difficult to cross the street**. Approximately 25 percent of respondents reported some other issue.

“OTHER” Concerns

Respondents were able to select “other” as an option and provide narrative comments on their concerns with the street. The following summary is intended to catalog the range of different concerns on the street.

- The road is too narrow because of on-street parking
- Drivers cut through Lynhaven from Richmond Highway
- All-way stops are desired
- The intersection of Montrose Ave and Glebe Road is challenging; it’s hard to cross, and visibility is an issue
- Increased traffic speed from Potomac Yard development
- Ashby Street should be a one-way street to improve safety at Montrose Ave/Glebe Rd/Ashby St
- Speed humps would help slow down cut-through traffic
- People block alleyways with their cars, making it difficult to see

DESIRED CHANGES

Survey respondents were also asked what changes they would like to see on the street. Respondents could choose up to three of the options below:

- Add new or improve curb ramps
- Add new or improve crosswalks
- Add or improve sidewalks
- Improve access to bus stops
- Add or improve facilities for people biking
- Add or improve street signs
- Improve visibility at intersections
- Traffic calming measures
- None; I don't think the street needs safety or accessibility improvements
- Other

The top desired change was **add traffic calming measures** and **improve visibility at intersections**. Around 22 percent of respondents also reported some "other" desired change.

"OTHER" Desired Changes

Respondents were able to select "other" as an option and provide narrative comments on their desired changes to the street. The following summary is intended to catalog the range of different desired changes.

- All-way stop at Montrose and Glebe
- Turn restrictions to reduce cut-through traffic from Richmond Highway to Glebe Road
- Crosswalk warning signs
- No speed bumps
- Traffic signal
- Enforce parking restrictions near intersections and alleyways
- Repave the street
- Restrict parking by alleyways

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Survey respondents were able to submit additional narrative comments. What these respondents shared is summarized below. Please note, these comments reflect the views of individuals and may not align with one another.

- Missing crosswalk across Montrose Avenue at Richmond Highway
- Preserve street parking
- Drivers do not respect crosswalks
- Cut through traffic from Richmond Highway is a major issue
- Intersection with Glebe Road is challenging due to visibility issues, speeding traffic, and unusual intersection layout
- An all-way stop is desired at Montrose Avenue and Wesmond Drive
- Repaving the alleyways is desired
- Street is not safe for pedestrians
- Speeding is a key concern; traffic calming is desired
- Closing Montrose Avenue to general traffic should be considered
- Traffic increasing with new development
- Drivers ignore the "No Thru Street" sign on Wesmond Drive