

# PUBLIC NOTICE

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In compliance with Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 (49 U.S.C. § 303(c)), hereinafter referred to as “Section 4(f),” and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) implementing Section 4(f) regulations (23 CFR Part 774). FHWA in cooperation with Baltimore City’s Department of Transportation (BCDOT) provides public notice of its proposal to make a de minimis impact finding under Section 4(f) regarding the effects of the proposed Park Circle intersection improvements on a portion of Druid Hill Park, and to provide the opportunity for public review and comment of this proposed determination.

The current intersection is an unconventional pair of signals, which prohibit some traffic movements, and provide challenges for pedestrians navigating the intersection. The proposed action would simplify the intersection by removing the existing complex two-signal system and bringing all roadways to a single point with a single traffic signal. Previously prohibited left turn movements on Reisterstown Road will be allowed. Left turn lanes will be added on eastbound and westbound Druid Park Drive. Combining the two existing unconventional pair of traffic signals into one signalized intersection will simplify the traffic and pedestrian movements, making them easier and safer to navigate. Sidewalk facilities will be upgraded to modern ADA standards.

The proposed de minimis impact finding is based on coordination with the officials with Baltimore City Recreation and Parks (BCRP) and BCDOT. The officials with jurisdiction are Federal or designated State agencies that own and/or administer the affected portion of the property protected by Section 4(f). The officials have been notified of FHWA’s intent to make de minimis impact findings. Should the officials with jurisdiction concur, FHWA will issue a finding of de minimis impact.

Pursuant to 23 CFR 774.5(b)(2), notice is hereby provided of the proposed de minimis finding determinations. Comments regarding the proposed Section 4(f) de minimis impact findings may be submitted to FHWA and BCDOT in writing or through the BCDOT website during the 15-day comment period; the comment deadline is posted on the city website (<http://archive.baltimorecity.gov/government/agenciesdepartments/transportation.aspx>).

**Written comments may be provided to:**

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ATTN: Park Circle Intersection Improvements