

Subject: <u>Testimony & Fiscal Impact Statement</u> Council Resolution No. _____- 2015 pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code, declaring that a portion of County right-of-way named Hale Haven Drive located in Ellicott City, Howard County, Maryland containing approximately 0.0538 acres is no longer needed by Howard County, Maryland for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to grant a permanent access and utility easement to Verizon Wireless; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to grant the easement if he finds that the land may have a further public use.

To: Lonnie R. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer

From: James M. Irvin, Director Department of Public Works

Date: June 24, 2015

The Department of Public Works has been designated coordinator for preparation of testimony relative to the above referenced Council Resolution that provides for the conveyance of a permanent access and utility easement to Verizon Wireless.

The County acquired a public right-of-way from Curtis B. Sykes and Virginia B. Sykes by deeds dated (i) October 1, 1999 and recorded among the Land Records of Howard County, Maryland at Liber 4920, folio 62, and (ii) June 20, 2000 and recorded among the Land Records of Howard County, Maryland at Liber 5135, folio 333. The right of way was acquired for the construction of the roundabout along Hale Haven Drive, between the intersections of Montgomery Road and Roundhill Road.

The County has reviewed and approved the request from Verizon Wireless for the conveyance of a permanent access and utility easement on County right-of-way, said easement consisting of 0.0538 acres.

There is no fiscal impact to the County. The easement will be conveyed to Verizon Wireless at no cost.

Representatives of this department will be present at the public hearing to answer any questions or concerns. If you require any further information concerning this matter or have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

cc: Jennifer Sager Steve Sharar Tom Meunier File