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Eastport Residents,

Last year some of your neighbors came to the City with concerns about pedestrian and vehicle safety on Chesapeake Avenue between the Eastport Shopping Center and Sixth Street. They met with city staff in relevant departments and some mitigation measures were enacted:

1. The parking area of the road was painted to separate it from the driving area and provide a visual narrowing of the street that helps reduce speeds.
2. We worked with residents to remove visual obstructions making it difficult to enter from side streets.
3. A temporary crosswalk was installed on the corner of Chesapeake and Burnside to make crossing the street easier and prevent dangerous passing of left turning vehicles.

Before the city makes this crosswalk permanent or adds any more potential crosswalks we need to accomplish two things:

1. Feedback from residents We want to give residents the opportunity to submit comments in favor or against permanent installation of the crosswalk.
2. A traffic study. The intent was that this would be a 6 month pilot project which requires the review of before and after temporary installation data. We are not able to do the “after” data collection because all traffic studies have been suspended due to the coronavirus pandemic. This is due to the significant number of people who are still teleworking and with the schools closed, the data yields significantly lower vehicular volumes and significantly increased pedestrian and bicycle volumes making the studies invalid.

While we cannot move forward on this project until we have a traffic study we can collect comments now. Please submit any comments to: imgrieco@annapolis.gov

Thank you

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