

Transportation Committee  
Tuesday September 11, 2018 Report

**Maryland Avenue from Rice Street to Dale Street**

Nick Fischer from Ramsey County Public Works (RCPW) was there to talk about Maryland Ave, in addition to Mark Voerding from Commissioner Janice Rettman's office. Some highlights of the conversation:

Maryland Ave is still probably 3-5 years away from a mill & overlay project. It's now standard practice to replace the drains and curb ramps when they do these projects, but when it was last done (2014ish) that wasn't yet standard.

Discussed potential changes that could be made at M&O time. One suggestion made by Nick Fischer is to remove the never-used parking on the south side of the street and stripe it as a three-lane layout, which would eliminate the swoop-around danger on one side, and could provide a refuge area in the center lane. Another suggestion was to keep the two lanes, but replace one parking lane with bike lanes (slightly increasing the area for swoop-around on the north side, but making it mostly impossible on the south).

There is a section of Maryland west of Western Ave which will be torn up in a few weeks, and we're hopeful that this may give an opportunity to put in a bump out at Arundel, but stay tuned.

Requested some interim pedestrian crossing treatments in our area, either at Farrington, Galtier, or Woodbridge. Nick Fischer committed to getting cameras out this fall to get a pedestrian count done on Maryland, which is the first step. If the counts meet warrants, there's a good chance we could get a rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RRFB) installed at one or more intersections by next spring.

**Brainstorm Session: Active Initiatives**

**Sidewalk Audit**

It was decided to plan an audit of sidewalk conditions.