

10A. Motion to allow the option for commercial businesses impacted by MDOT's Exit 16 Improvements to either replace signage per updated sign ordinance, relocate existing signage or replace signage with signage similar to existing.

Description:

The Mayor and Council have previously approved allowing the commercial businesses impacted by MDOT's Exit 16 to be non-conforming properties. As a result of the new MDOT Right of Way, businesses will no longer meet the requirements of the ordinances such as building setbacks. Adding the signage to the non-conforming properties lets the commercial owners impacted by this project know that we are sympathetic to the cost for the new signage to meet the updated ordinance and the cost that they are already incurring to accommodate the new right of way. It also lets these business owners know that they are not being singled out to replace signage while other business owners not impacted by Exit 16 Improvements are allowed to keep their signage in place.

In addition, it is yet to be determined, the economic and inconvenience associated with the 24-month project as it relates to lane closures, traffic delays, construction equipment, lack of accessibility by patrons, lack of visibility to store frontage and general dirt and debris associated with construction.