

## Road Improvements in Ashton

The October 22 issue of The Gazette listed State road construction projects that the County is funding. Although these projects are certainly important, we were dismayed to see that the improvements planned for the intersection of Routes 108 and 650 in Ashton were not included. This upgrade is needed for safety reasons and to reduce severe traffic congestion. It is also a requirement for Ashton Meeting Place (AMP) to move into the construction phase.

Over three years of dedicated volunteer effort has gone into insuring that the AMP design conforms to the Ashton-Sandy Spring Master Plan resulting in a plan that will bring a shopping area to Ashton that will be compatible with the community's rural atmosphere. Several other projects also depend on the same road improvements. It is time for the County to support the Ashton community's efforts by funding the road improvements that have already gone through design and engineering phases, have been through all the approvals, and are ready for the construction process to begin.

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