

Howard County

Bus Stop/ Walking Routes Evaluation Form

Please Check each item below when evaluating a bus stop. These conditions should be addressed when determining where a stop should be or when a stop should be moved. This form should be used when evaluating walking conditions.

SCHOOL / BUS	Elkridge Elementary/Elkridge Landing Middle School
ROAD NAME	River Road @ Rockburn Hill Road
OBSERVATION DATE/TIME	9/12/2024 @ Approx 9:10 AM & 9/13/24 @ Approx. 8:45 AM
PERSON MAKING COMPLAINT	[REDACTED]
PHONE NUMBER	Residents corresponded via Email
OBSERVATION BY	Melissa Marchetti

Conditions	Things to be Observed	Observations	EXCEPTIONS (Please Explain)
Walking Type	Road shoulder composition, width, markings, sidewalks, hazards	No sidewalks present: no lane designations or center lines: 20 Foot roadway width	<p>The traffic was light at the time of the 9:00 AM pick up of students observed on 9/12 & 9/13/2024. Current bus stop is located at the termination of two dead-end streets. The area is heavily marked with parking restrictions which is favorable for a school bus maneuvering the area. Students access stop via Rockburn Hill Road. Students can safely walk along road shoulder (no lane or center line designations present). There is a guardrail located on the SE side of the roadway to prevent pedestrians and vehicles from leaving the roadway. The roadway curves in one area and the roadway does lead to several homes at the top of the hill with minimal motor vehicle traffic.</p>
Posted Speed		25 mph	
Traffic Volume	Number and type of traffic during bus operational times	Very little residential traffic: no transient traffic	
Age of Students	Elementary/Middle/High	Elementary /Middle	
Traffic Control Devices	Stop signs, traffic lights, warning signs, crossing guards, etc.	Rockburn Hill Rd controlled by a stop condition. Multiple parking restrictions along both River Rd & Rockburn Hill Rd	
Nearest Stop	Distance children are walking to stop	Furthest distance is 0.36 mi	
Area Type	Residential or Commercial, in town, subdivision, etc.	Rural	
Roadway Clasification	State or County Road, single or multi lane	County	
Sight Distance	Obstructions - trees, hills, etc. safe stopping distance	Amble sight distance approaching the bus stop. Bus stop is at a dead-end	
Intersections	Main road intersection, number of lanes, etc.	Intersection only allows for one turning movement in each direction	
			RECOMMENDATIONS
			<p>The requested bus stop near 6189 Rockburn Hill Rd is unfavorable due to the tighter area when attempting to turn around (41ft x 31ft area). There is a fire hydrant in close proximity and it is surrounded by private property. The current stop allows for nearly double the square footage and is surrounded by public property. During a follow up observation</p>

Road Configuration	Straight, Curves, Grade	Dead-End Road	In the morning of 9/13/24, with an HCPSS Bus Driver Trainer, they concluded that attempts to utilize the former "bus turn around" or use of residential driveways is not safe or sufficient for school buses.
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