

**REIMAGINING
DUAL HIGHWAY
TOGETHER**

DUAL HIGHWAY VIRTUAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY FORUM

Hosted by The Greater Hagerstown Committee's Vision Forum

WELCOME



Steven Stitely

Chair of GHC Vision
Forum



Jim Bender

City Engineer - City of
Hagerstown



Chief Kifer

Hagerstown
Chief of Police

SPEAKERS & AGENDA

8:30 AM – Welcome & Introduction – *Steven Stitely, Greater Hagerstown Committee*

**8:35 AM – Roadway / Streetscape Projects – *Jim Bender (City Engineer),
Linda Puffenbarger (SHA District 6 Engineer), and
Paul Nicol (District 6 Traffic)***

**8:50 AM – Public Safety/Public Nuisance Issues – *Chief Kifer, Hagerstown Police Department and
Captain Lewis, HPD Operations Division***

9:05 AM – Participant Feedback & Discussion

9:25 AM – Wrap-Up & Next Steps





GOALS OVERVIEW

- Engage community and business owners along Dual Highway
- Update Stakeholders on key topics impacting the Dual Highway corridor, including traffic and pedestrian safety, and public safety
- Explore interest in establishing a grassroots Dual Highway alliance
- Gather ideas and feedback for future collaboration

LONG-TERM VISION

A Community-Led Path Forward:

The Vision Forum's goal is to bring together business and property owners along Dual Highway to shape a shared future — one that reflects the pride, potential, and purpose of this important gateway into Hagerstown.



Our Vision:

To transform the Dual Highway corridor into a **thriving, attractive, and economically vibrant gateway** — a corridor that:

- **Supports existing businesses** by increasing visibility, improving access, and strengthening customer flow.
- **Encourages new investment** and redevelopment that complements the area's character and community needs.
- **Enhances aesthetics and functionality** through better landscaping, signage, lighting, and walkability.
- **Builds connections** between tourism, local commerce, and the new growth surrounding Meritus Park, Field House, Fairgrounds, Black Rock GC, MSOM, and other nearby developments.
- **Fosters collaboration** among businesses, property owners, and local agencies to identify shared priorities and advocate for improvements.

What Makes This Unique:

This is not a government initiative — it's a **grassroots alliance**. The Greater Hagerstown Committee's Vision Forum is here to help launch the effort, but the leadership and momentum will need to eventually come from *you* — the people who live, work, and invest along this corridor.

Our Goal Today:

- To continue a conversation that grows into a sustained effort — one that unites local voices, builds partnerships, and brings a renewed sense of identity and opportunity to the Dual Highway.
- To educate stakeholders on key topics impacting the Dual Highway corridor





Jim Bender

City of Hagerstown

City Engineer

Roadway / Streetscape Projects

8:35 AM – 8:50 AM

***Updates on corridor
conditions and related
transportation projects***

Dual Highway – new sidewalk construction



Dual Highway – signalized crosswalk



Dual Highway – intersection improvements



Dual Highway – adaptive traffic signals



Route 40 Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP)



The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (SHA) has initiated the US 40 (Dual Highway) project as part of the [Pedestrian Safety Action Plan \(PSAP\)](#), which identifies areas of need and prioritizes corridors for pedestrian and bicycle safety projects.

Route 40 Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP)





Chief Kifer

**Hagerstown
Chief of Police**

Public Safety/Public Nuisance Issues

8:50 AM – 9:05 AM

***Understanding new ordinances,
addressing issues on vagrancy
and public nuisance***



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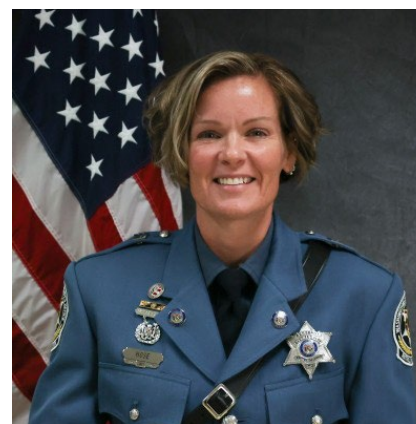
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SHERIFF BRIAN K. ALBERT



Joining Us Today:

Captain James Grimm
Patrol Division



Sgt. Carly Hose
Public Information
Officer

Washington County, MD
Meet the Team



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Department of Business and Economic Development

Economic development is programs, policies and activities that seek to improve the economic well-being and quality of life for a community by creating and retaining jobs and providing a stable tax base.



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Business Leader



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Support Specialist



Tonia Davis
Office Manager



**Steven
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**Chair of
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Participant Feedback & Discussion

9:05 AM – 9:25 AM

Interactive stakeholder input
session

Identifying topics and priorities for
future meetings



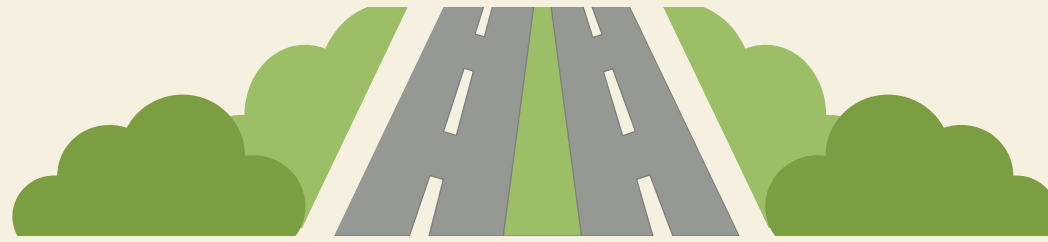
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Wrap-Up & Next Steps

9:25 AM – 9:30 AM

Invitation to participate in a grassroots business alliance and next meeting information and follow-up survey



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