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# THE PLAN AHEAD

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## Goldsboro Road Pedestrian & Bicycle Improvements Preferred Alternative

On December 4, 2013, the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) held a public meeting at Walt Whitman High School to present and share information on the planning study to evaluate master planned bicycle lanes and sidewalk along the one-mile stretch of Goldsboro Road from MacArthur Boulevard to River Road. 43 people attended the meeting. MCDOT presented three alternatives and solicited comments.

To date, 61 out of 65 comments that the Department received expressed support for the project and/or one of the alternatives.

### GOLDSBORO ROAD

Goldsboro Road is an undivided two-lane roadway with a posted speed limit of 35 mph and fronted predominately by residential communities. At the western limit of the project is Glen Echo Park, small commercial center, and the MacArthur Boulevard Trail which parallels the C&O Canal. Despite having major pedestrian attractions, access to Ride-On Route 29, there is limited pedestrian connectivity and no marked bike lanes along Goldsboro Road.

The 2005 Countywide Bikeway Functional Master Plan proposes on-street bike lanes BL-1 along Goldsboro Road.

### PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

Based on the public comments we received and input from agency stakeholders, the Preferred Alternative is a refinement of the December 2013 Alternate 2. Due to the limited space in the newsletter, the typical section is provided below. However, you may view detailed plans of the Preferred Alternative online at the project website:

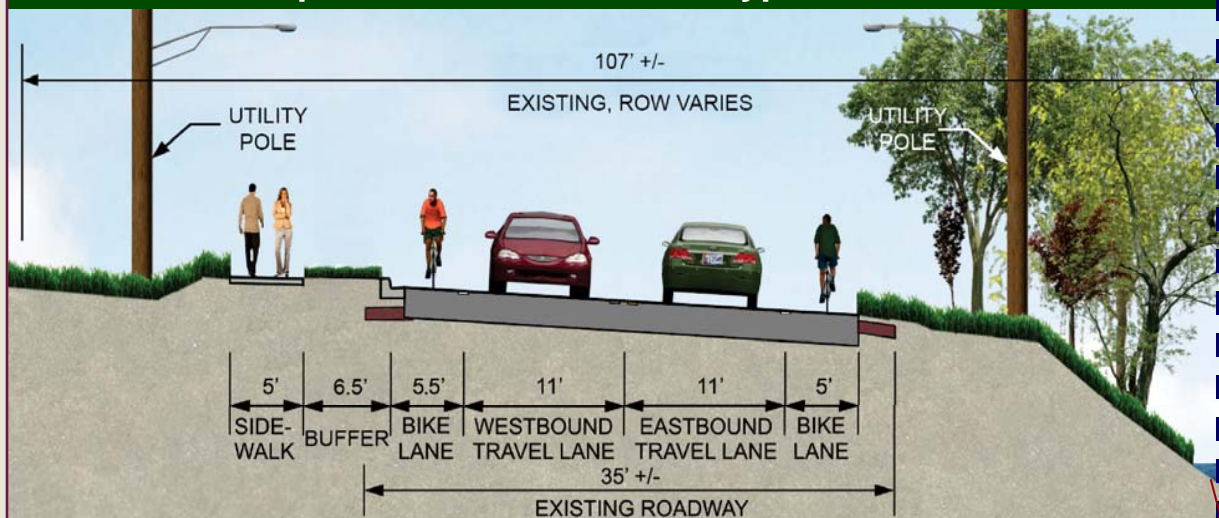
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The Preferred Alternative provides safe, direct pedestrian and bicycle access along the Goldsboro Road, provides connections to existing and proposed bicycle and pedestrian facilities, improves access to transit facilities, complies with the master-plans, and includes crosswalks and refuge islands to allow pedestrians to safely cross Goldsboro Road, River Road and MacArthur Boulevard.

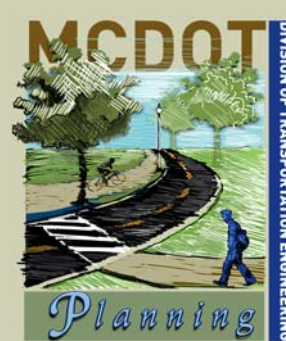
The proposed typical section for Goldsboro Road meets the Montgomery County Design Standards and will include the following features:

- Two 11-foot travel lanes
- 5 to 5.5-foot bike lane in each direction
- 5-foot wide sidewalk along the north side, with green buffer
- 5- foot wide sidewalk along the south side at select locations, with green buffer
- Street lighting

### Proposed Goldsboro Road Typical Section



To view Preferred Alternative detailed plans, please link to :  
<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dte/projects/goldsboro/index.html>.



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Your input is important!  
Please provide us with your  
comments and return by:

**FRIDAY  
AUGUST 29, 2014**

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## GOLDSBORO ROAD PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS

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# PUBLIC COMMENTS FORM

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### PUBLIC COMMENTS FORM – MCDOT Welcomes your Feedback!

Public input is the key to an effective planning process, as it allows MCDOT to understand the concerns of the community. We encourage you to complete the form below. Your comments will become a part of the public files and may be included and/or summarized in the Project Prospectus and other public documents. Due to the high volume of comments we receive, MCDOT regrets that responses will not be provided to all comments, but we assure you that all comments will be read and evaluated.

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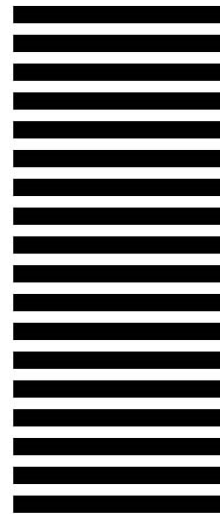




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## The Next Steps

### PROJECT PROSPECTUS

The *Project Prospectus* is the culmination of the Phase I Planning Study, documenting the evaluation of concepts, analysis of impacts, and participation and comments from the public and other stakeholders. The *Project Prospectus* is anticipated to be completed and made available online at the project website in August 2014.

### FACILITY PLANNING PHASE II

Once the *Project Prospectus* is approved, the Goldsboro Road Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements project will advance to Facility Planning, Phase II.

A new MDCOT Project Manager will be assigned, and he/she will continue open dialogue with the public and all stakeholders. During the Phase II process, 35% design plans will be developed, as well as a detailed schedule and cost estimate. Phase II for



### WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!

Please submit any comments or feedback you want to share with our office by **August 29, 2014**. We encourage you to use the postage-paid Public Comments Form included with this newsletter. You may also e-mail your comments directly to the project manager at:  
[Greg.Hwang@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Greg.Hwang@montgomerycountymd.gov)



*Bicyclists riding on Goldsboro Road*

Goldsboro Road Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements is estimated to be completed in Summer 2016.

At the end of 35% design, there is enough information to allow elected officials and the public to determine whether or not to fund 100% design and construction of the project as it competes for funding with all the other transportation projects in the County. The County Executive and the County Council will make the final funding decisions.

During the life of the Goldsboro Road Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements project, your feedback and input is vital. MCDOT encourages you to stay involved!

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