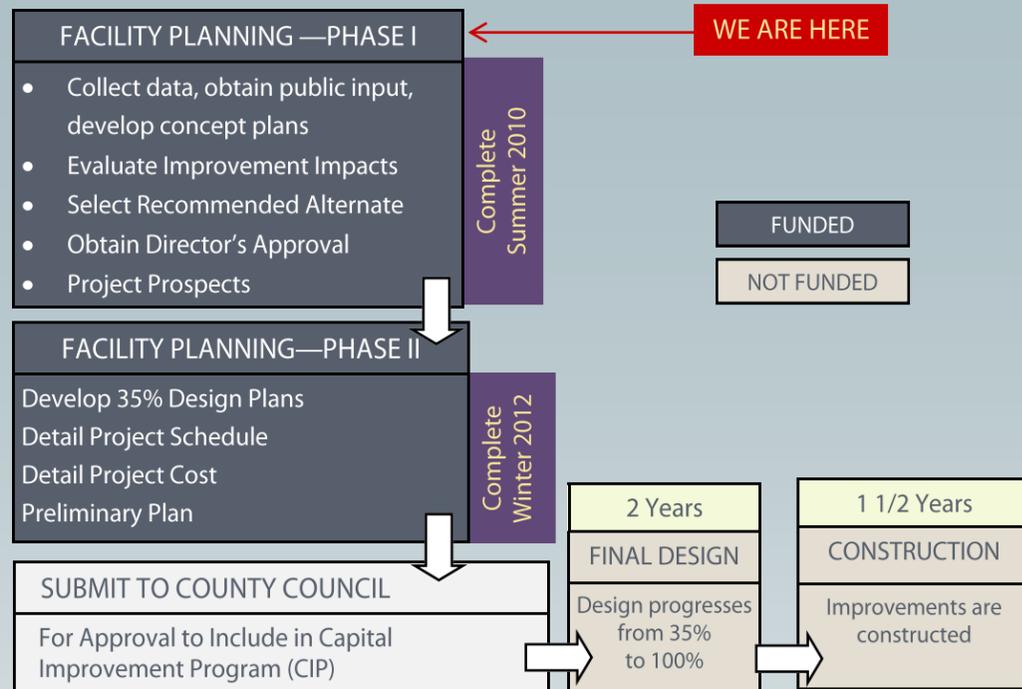


Project Planning Process/Schedule



Completed to Date

- Environmental Assessment
- Purpose and Need
- Traffic Study
- Draft Concepts

Next Steps for Facility Planning Phase I Study

- Obtain community input
- Refine concepts per public input
- Select Recommended Alternative
- Brief Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC)
- Obtain approval from Montgomery County Council's Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee (T&E) and DOT Director.

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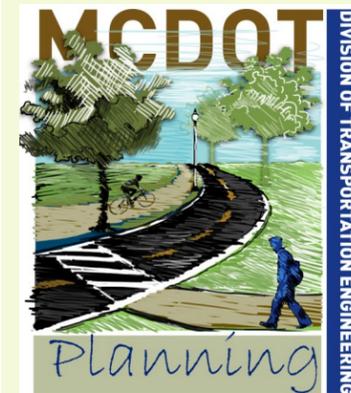
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Oak Drive / Ridge Road (MD 27)

Sidewalk Study

From Oak Drive (south intersection)
 To Bethesda Church Road

PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, December 8, 2009
 7:00pm—8:30pm

Damascus Elementary School
 10201 Bethesda Church Road
 Damascus, MD 20872



The Oak Drive/Ridge Road (MD 27) study extends along Ridge Road from Oak Drive (south) intersection to Bethesda Church Road, along Oak Drive, and along a short segment of Kingstead Road, just west of Oak Drive.

Welcome to the public meeting for the Oak Drive/Ridge Road (MD 27) Sidewalk Improvement Study.

The purpose of tonight's meeting is to:

- Introduce the Project Team;
- Provide a Project Overview;
- Explain the Project Schedule;
- Share the background data and;
- Listen to the community residents' input and answer questions.

Project Description

MCDOT has initiated a Planning Study to evaluate sidewalk improvements along:

1. The West side of Oak Drive from Ridge Road (south intersection) to Ridge Road (north intersection).
2. The East side of Ridge Road (MD 27) from Oak Drive (south intersection) to Bethesda Church Road.
3. Kingstead Road from Oak Drive to the John Haines Neighborhood Park.

Project Purpose

The purpose of the Oak Drive / Ridge Road Phase I Sidewalk Improvement Study is to promote and enhance continuous, safe pedestrian facilities between residential neighborhoods, schools and community facilities; improve access to transit stops and commercial facilities within the Damascus Town Center; and implement the approved Master Plan vision in the study area.

Project Need

The proposed sidewalk facilities are needed to address pedestrian demand and provide connectivity to existing and planned pedestrian facilities. Sidewalk improvements would support access to community facilities, schools, commercial establishments and transit services along and beyond the study area, as recommended in the 2006 Damascus Master Plan.

The proposed improvements may also allow future flexibility by the Board of Education in setting school attendance boundaries and/or bus routing programs.

Oak Drive

Oak Drive is a county-maintained two-lane primary residential roadway with a posted speed limit of 30 miles per hour (mph). The right-of-way varies in width from 30 feet to approximately 80 feet. Existing sidewalk is located on the west side of Oak Drive between the John T. Baker Middle School and Ridge Road (north intersection).

The No-Build Alternative (Alternative 1) and two Build Alternatives are under consideration for Oak Drive as represented in the typical cross section drawings to the right. Sidewalk is being considered only on the west side of Oak Drive.

Sidewalk is being considered on the south side of Kingstead Road only.

Ridge Road (MD 27)

Ridge Road is a state-maintained two-lane arterial roadway with a posted speed limit of 30. The right-of-way varies in width from 40 feet to approximately 140 feet. Along Ridge Road, between Oak Drive (south intersection) and Bethesda Church Road, there are intermittent pedestrian facilities, and Ridge Road is a signed Shared Roadway (preferred bicycle route designated by signage) with on-road bike lanes in each direction (shoulder space has been delineated for preferential use by bicycles).

The No-Build Alternative (Alternative 1) and two Build Alternatives are under consideration for Ridge Road, as represented in the typical cross section drawings to the right. Sidewalk is being considered only on the east side of Ridge Road under Alternatives 2 and 3.

**Note: Steep slopes exist in several areas along Ridge Road and may require retaining walls and/or significant grading to provide sidewalk.*

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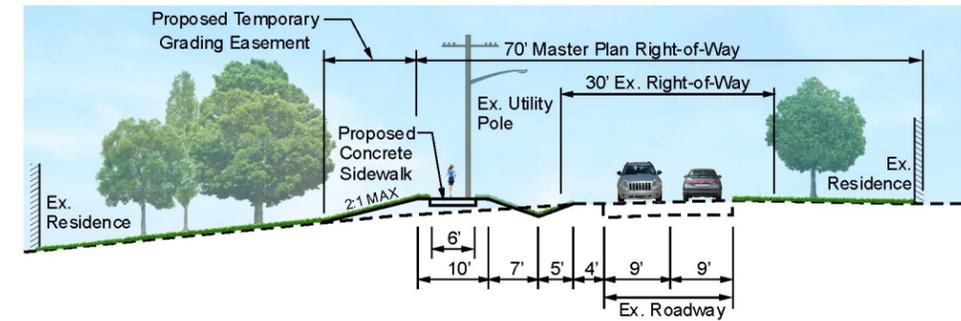
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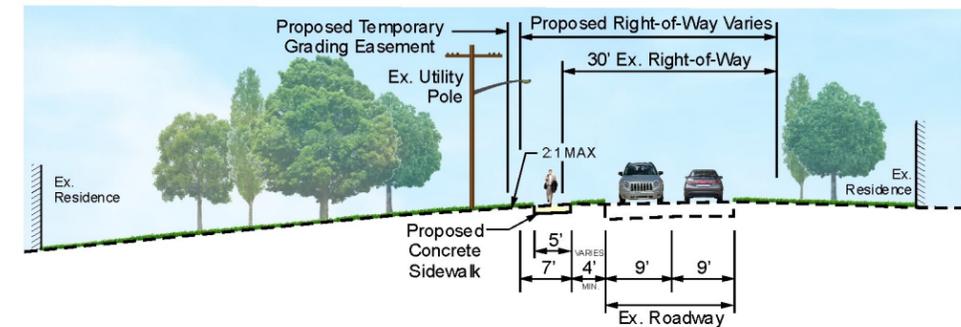
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Sidewalk Alternatives Under Consideration

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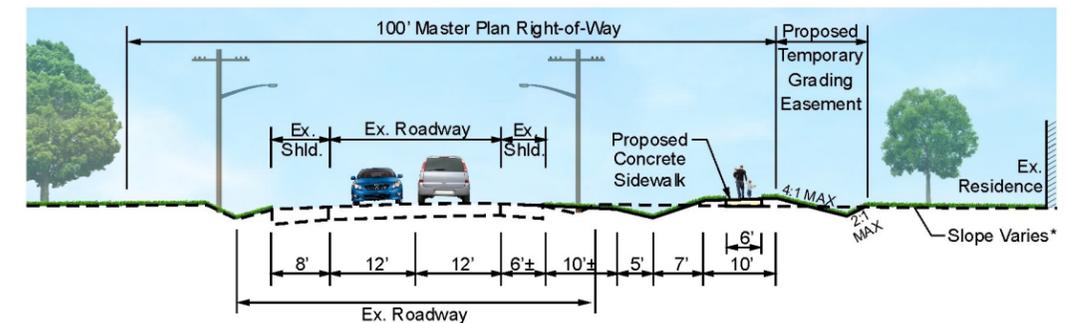
OAK DRIVE ALTERNATIVE 2 - MASTER PLAN ALTERNATIVE - 70' Master Plan Right-of-Way



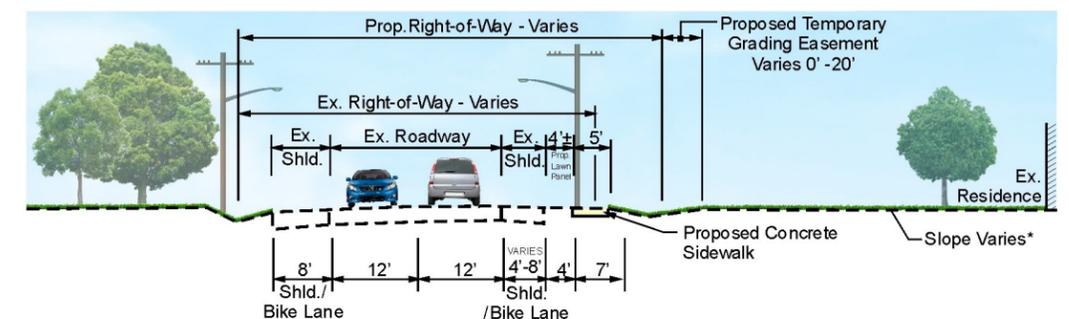
OAK DRIVE ALTERNATIVE 3 - MODIFIED MASTER PLAN ALTERNATIVE

Sidewalk offset 4' min. from existing pavement edge (West side of Oak Drive only)

RIDGE ROAD ALTERNATIVE 1 - NO BUILD (NOT SHOWN)



RIDGE ROAD (MD 27) ALTERNATIVE 2 - MASTER PLAN ALTERNATIVE - 100' Master Plan Right-of-Way



RIDGE ROAD (MD 27) ALTERNATIVE 3 - MODIFIED MASTER PLAN ALTERNATIVE

Sidewalk offset 4' min. from existing shoulder edge (East side of Ridge Road only)