

## IN FAVOR

I ride my bike a lot in the southern part of the county including Bethesda, lower Rockville, Kensington and also into D.C. I use the Crescent Trail, the Bethesda Trolley Trail, Rock Creek Parkway and the bike lanes in downtown Bethesda.

I never use the OGR bike lane that is marked with white plastic sticks; that bike lane crosses (at grade) multiple dangerous ramps at 495 and 270. A trail that is much safer and covers the same territory is the parallel Bethesda Trolley Trail.

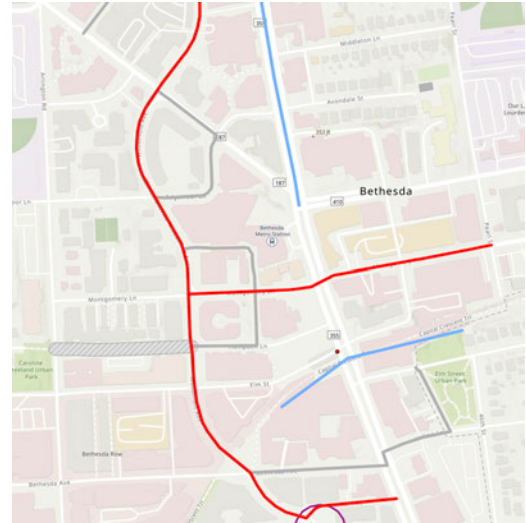
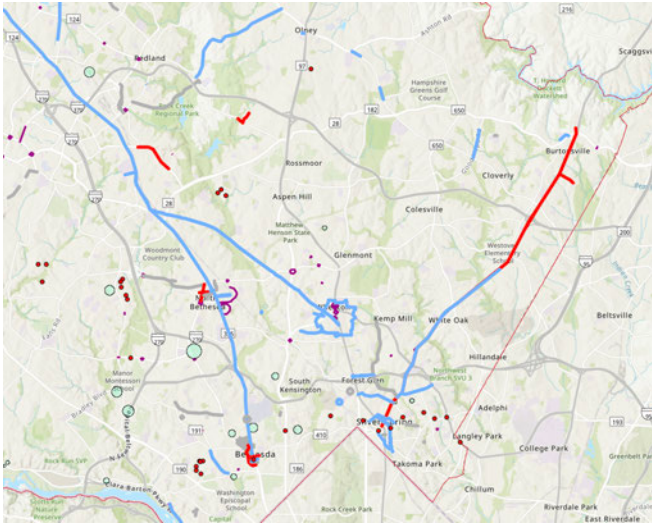
I rarely use the Little Falls Parkway lanes because they lead nowhere; they only go between River Road and Bradley Blvd. A more useful parallel bike trail goes from Little Falls Parkway at Dorsett to Norwood Park at 355 at the south end of Bethesda. Unfortunately it is not well maintained and has a lot of roots impinging on the asphalt.

When I cross LFP on the Crescent Trail, there are very few walkers and cyclists on the dedicated lanes which go nowhere. In comparison the Crescent Trail is used so much that it should have two bike lanes plus a wide pedestrian sidewalk.

One of my friends was recently thrown from his bike when a car parked in the bike lane on OGR opened a door. He was hospitalized overnight with a concussion. I see white bike death markers on Mass Avenue and River Road almost daily.

Marc Korman has helped to keep construction equipment from blocking the temporary bike lane on Montgomery Avenue west of 355. This was after the construction had totally blocked the original bike lane. Marc got them to put up Jersey walls to create a bike lane that they mostly keep open. This is certainly not a welcome change for drivers, nor were the LFP closure nor the OGR intrusion.

I am grateful for Marc's responsiveness and grateful for Montgomery County trying to make biking safe, accessible and attractive. How is the County creating a master plan that includes pedestrians, bikes and cars? To me this county plan is not a master plan that makes bike transportation viable. Where do people need to walk and bike to and from? Currently bike lanes are not safe, stop abruptly, and are not well maintained.



These maps don't reflect where we need bike routes that take people where they need to go. We need to analyze where people travel, how far and by what means. Maybe AI can help.

Your generation is facing some massive challenges. For me the glass ceiling was no fun, but the climate ceiling is in a whole other dimension. I read about a lightning flash that was over 500 miles long. Biking is very climate friendly in addition to the good effect that it has on health.

Thank you for your service.

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