**Project Description**

This project provides for the funding of the Capital Crescent trail, including the main trail from Woodmont Avenue in Bethesda to
Silver Spring as a largely 12-foot-wide hard-surface hiker-biker path, connector paths at several locations, a new bridge over Connecticut Avenue, a new underpass beneath Jones Mill Road, supplemental landscaping and amenities, and lighting at trail junctions, underpasses, and other critical locations.

**ESTIMATED SCHEDULE**

The surface trail is scheduled for construction in FY21.

**PROJECT JUSTIFICATION**

This trail will be part of a larger system to enable non-motorized traffic in the Washington, DC region. This trail will connect to the existing Capital Crescent Trail from Bethesda to Georgetown, the Metropolitan Branch Trail from Silver Spring to Union Station, and the Rock Creek Bike Trail from northern Montgomery County to Georgetown. The trail will serve pedestrians, bicyclists, joggers, and skaters, and will be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the Bethesda CBD Sector Plan, and the Purple Line Functional Master Plan. The project will help the County achieve its Vision Zero goals to reduce deaths and serious injuries on County roadways to zero by 2030.

**OTHER**

The County will continue to coordinate with the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) to identify options to build a sidewalk or path alongside the Purple Line beneath Wisconsin Avenue and the Air Rights and Apex buildings in Bethesda. If the County and the MTA identify feasible options, the County will consider adding them to the scope of this project in the future. However, no funding for a tunnel under Wisconsin Avenue is included as cost estimates continue to increase significantly.

**FISCAL NOTE**

The project schedule and cost estimates were updated in FY17 as a result of the MTA’s proposed public-private partnership for the Purple Line and reflects the actual bid by the Concessionaire.

**DISCLOSURES**

A pedestrian impact analysis has been completed for this project.

**COORDINATION**
