Improving Transportation Safety for People Bicycling & Walking in Bethesda

B-CC High School 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Presentation at 6:45)

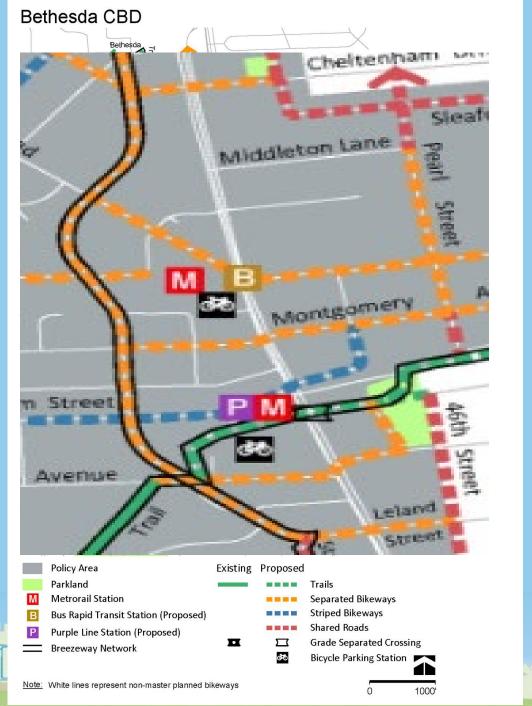
Tuesday October 9, 2018



Purpose of Meeting

- Overview of Evening
- Review Master Planned
 Improvements (adopted 4/2017);
 Countywide Bike Plan Fall 2018
- Overview of Bethesda Loop
 Projects, Montgomery Park's Little
 Falls Parkway at CCT Alternatives;
 Funding & Schedule (and what's new for FY19-FY24 as of May 2018)
- Breakouts for Questions (Projects, Parks, M-NCPPC & WABA)



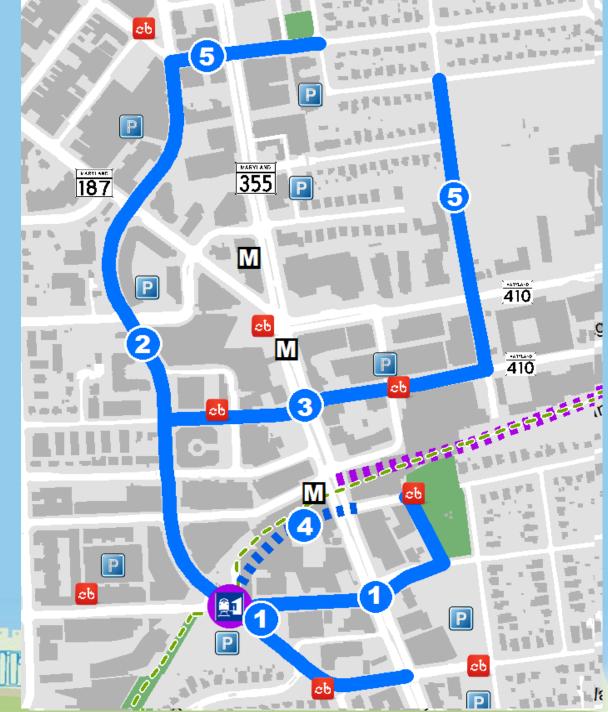


Bethesda Loop Projects

- Capital Crescent Surface Trail (Bethesda Ave / Willow Lane)
- 2. Woodmont Ave*
- 3. Montgomery Lane / Ave*
- 4. CCT Tunnel under Wisconsin Ave
- 5. Cheltenham & Pearl*
- *Newly Funded Project FY19-FY24 CIP







Priorities & Challenges

- Safety
- Parking & Loading
- Business access
- Bus and Rail Transit Access
- Utilities
- Accessibility
- Traffic signals & Agency Coordination
- Trees & Landscaping
- Active development

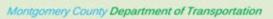
- Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) for all modes
- Purple Line & New Metrorail Entrance
- Volumes of People Biking& Walking
- Stormwater
- Streetscape
- Education
- and more...



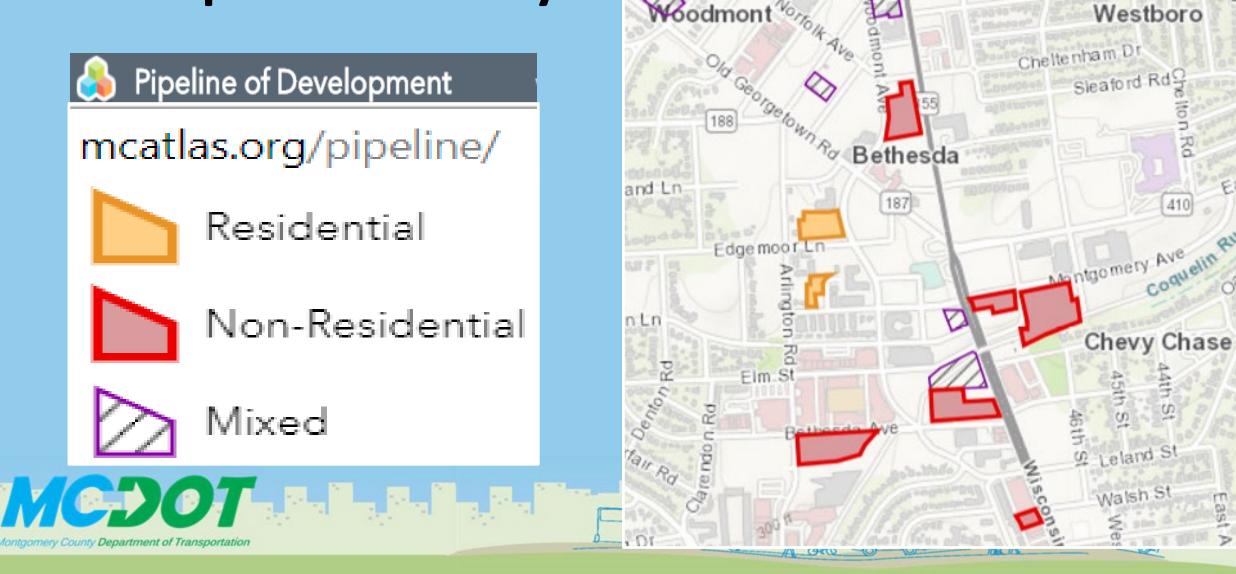








Bethesda Loop Development Activity



Glenbrook

Knoll

Maple Ave

Highland Ave

W Virginia Ave

Types of Safety Improvements





Two-way Separated Bike Lane



Conventional Bike Lane





Crosswalk with median refuge





Green Pavement Markings & Bike Signal



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pedestrians • cyclists • drivers



Landscaped & Curbed

Modular Raised Curb







Flex Posts & Paint

Planter Boxes



Curb Stops

Capital Crescent Surface Trail

(Bethesda Ave/Willow Lane - Breakout Station #1A

- Two-way bikeway from Woodmont Ave to 47th Street
- Design to continue through 2019
- Construction anticipated in 2019
- Challenges: Timing, Wisconsin Avenue Intersection







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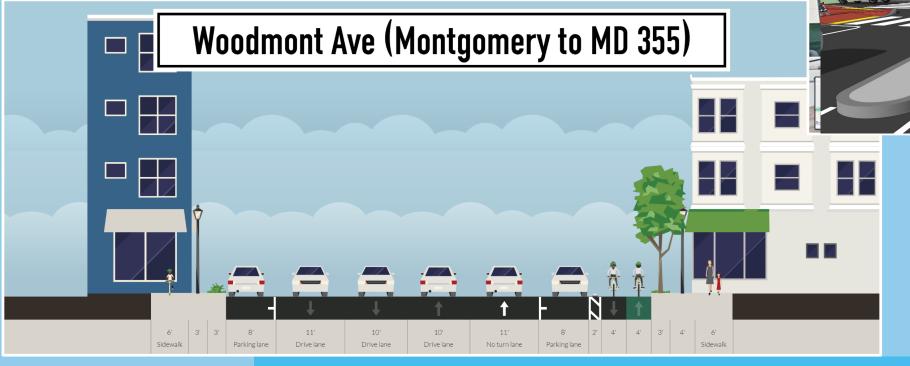


Woodmont Avenue Bikeway

Breakout Station #2 Norfolk Ave south to MD 355

- Conceptual Improvements
- Design to continue through 2019
- Construction 2019-2020

Challenges: Parking, 9 intersections, Business Access





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Bethesda Ave at Woodmont Ave Intersection

(Breakout Station #1B)

- Past, Present & Future
- Business Access
- Bethesda Row
- Bikeways & Sidewalks
- Purple Line Station
- CCT Trail & Tunnel
- Metro Station South Entrance











Montgomery Ave / Lane (MD 410)

Breakout Station #3 Woodmont Avenue to Pearl Street

 Conceptual Improvements (Graphic)

- Design to continue through 2019
- Construction 2019-2020
- Challenges: Wisconsin Avenue Intersection, three lanes to two







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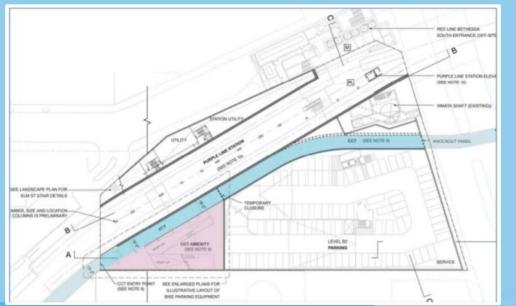
Capital Crescent Trail Tunnel

Woodmont Ave / Civic Green under MD 355

- Conceptual Improvements (Graphic)
- Initial 35% planning & design to continue through 2019
- Final Design & Construction 2019-2022
- Challenges: Tunnel & Building
- Separate Meeting Later









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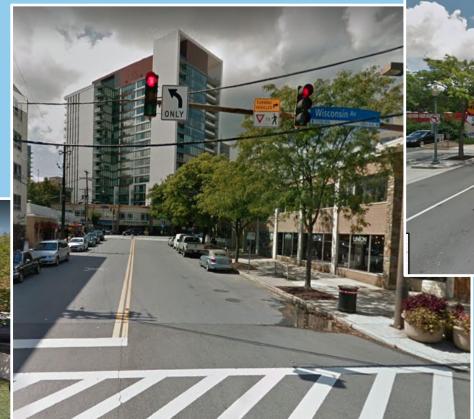
Cheltenham & Pearl Street

Woodmont Avenue to Tilbury Street & MD 410 to Sleaford Road (no breakout)

 Conceptual Improvements (Graphic) - Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Improvements

- Design to continue through 2019
- Construction 2019-2020
- Challenges: Wisconsin Avenue Crossing, Parking, Business Access







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Montgomery Parks

 Interim "road diet" in January 2017; (12) alts June 2018

Road diet observations:

- 3-4% drop LFP peak hour traffic corridor
- No change Dorset Ave
- Increase Hillandale Rd both directions
- ~17 mph avg speed
- 67% reduction in crashes

Schedule

- Tonight: (3) Alternatives
- Winter 2018/19: (1)
 Recommended Alternative





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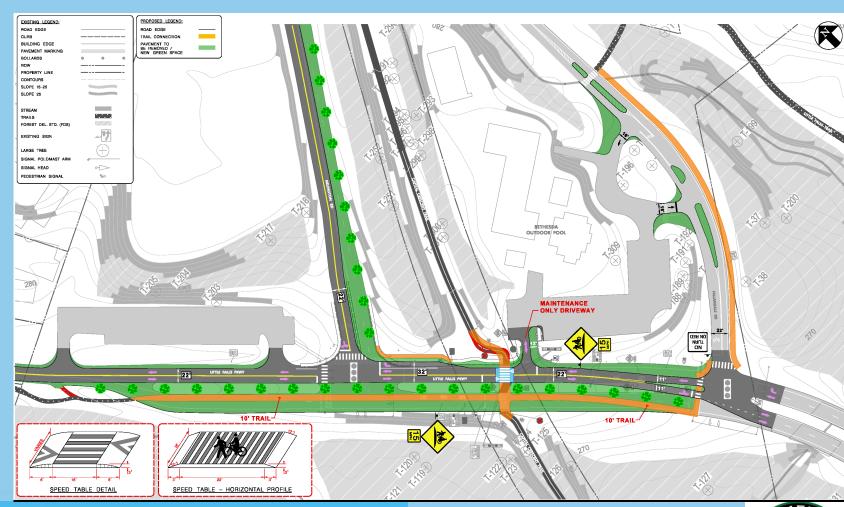
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Alternative A: Permanent Road Diet

- Change in vehicle travel time over pre- road diet condition: +7 Seconds
- Pedestrian/bike wait time to cross LFP: ~ 0 seconds
- 40% impervious surface reduction
- 0 acres forest area impacted
- Est. cost: \$800,000





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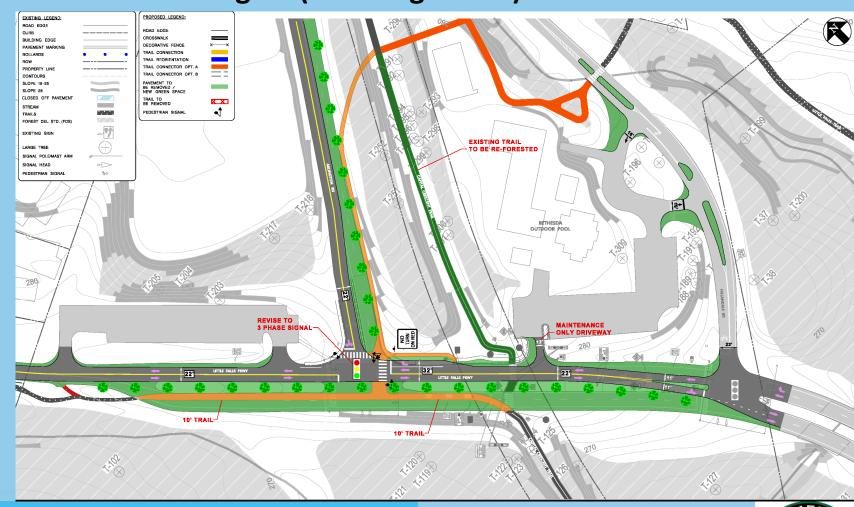
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Alternative B: Trail Reorientation to Traffic Signal (To Arlington Rd)

- Change in vehicle travel time over pre- road diet condition: +13 Seconds
- Pedestrian/bike wait time to cross LFP: ~ 29 seconds
- **37%** impervious surface reduction
- 0.3 acres forest area impacted
- Est. cost: **\$1.5** M



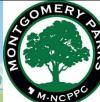


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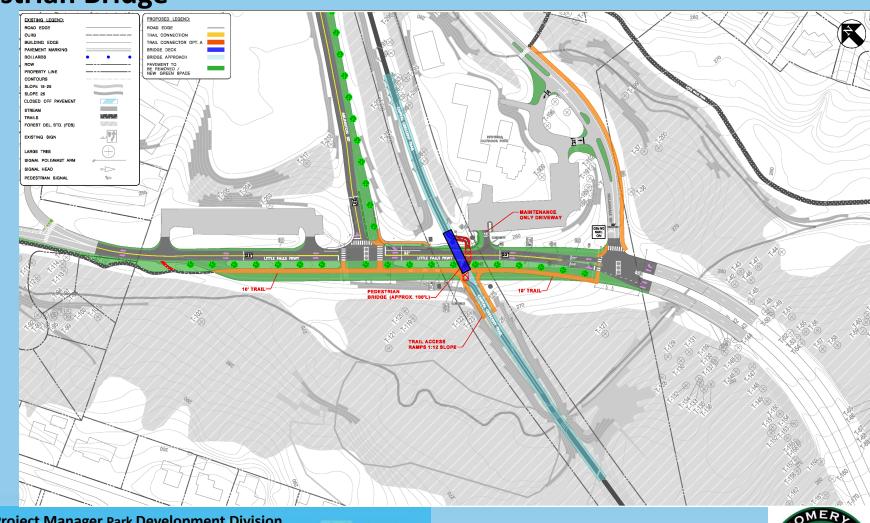
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Alternative C: Install Pedestrian Bridge

- Increase in vehicle travel time over pre- road diet condition: -3 Seconds
- Pedestrian/bike wait time to cross LFP: ~ 0 seconds
- 20% impervious surface reduction
- 0.4 acres forest area impacted
- Est. cost: **\$4 M**





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Next Steps

Breakouts

1A: CCST

1B: Bethesda Ave at Woodmont Ave

2: Woodmont Avenue

3: Montgomery Ave / Montgomery Lane

4: Parks – CCT at Little Falls Parkway

5: M-NCPPC

6: WABA

Stay Informed

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dote/projects/bethesdabikewaypedfacilities/index.html



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