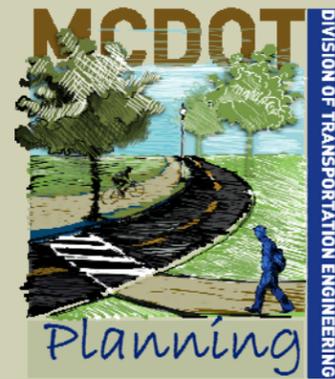




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THE PLAN AHEAD

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BRADLEY BOULEVARD PEDESTRIAN/CYCLIST SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS FACILITY PLANNING PHASE I STUDY

The safe and efficient accommodation of pedestrians and cyclists along the traveled way is equally important as the provisions for vehicles. Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) believes sidewalks and bicycle facilities enrich the livability of a community and serve as critical links in the transportation network by providing access to neighborhoods, transit, commercial districts, schools and recreation areas.

The Bradley Boulevard Improvements Project was initiated as a result of a request from the Bradley Hills Civic Association for greater pedestrian access along Bradley Boulevard.

MASTER PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

The 1990 Approved and Adopted Bethesda Chevy Chase Master Plan and the 2005 Countywide Bikeways

Functional Master Plan recommends pedestrian connections and a dual bikeway along Bradley Boulevard. The Dual Bikeway features both Class I Off-Road Shared Use Path and Class II On-Road Bike Lanes.

A Class I Off-Road Shared Use Path is physically separated from vehicular traffic by an open space or barrier and is generally eight to ten-feet wide. A Class II On-Road Bike Lane is typically a five-foot wide portion of roadway designated by striping, signing and pavement markings for the preferential or exclusive use of bicyclists.

As a comprehensive evaluation, Montgomery County Division of Transportation Engineering has initiated a Facility Planning, Phase I Study to evaluate the need for sidewalks, master planned bicycle facilities and safety improvements along Bradley Boulevard between Wilson Lane and Goldsboro Road.

PUBLIC MEETING

This newsletter is to invite you to attend the Bradley Boulevard Improvements public meeting. The purpose of the public meeting is to:

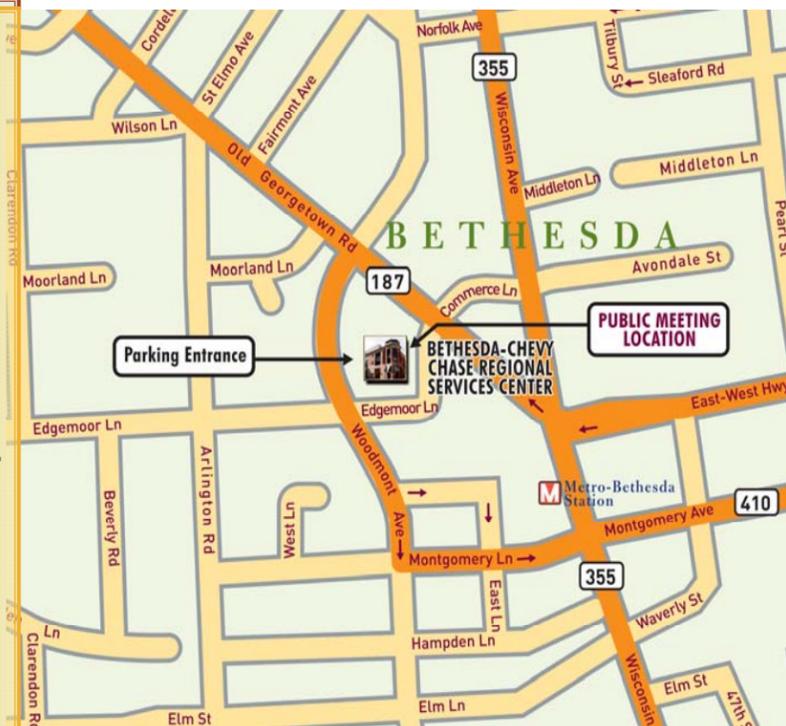
BRADLEY BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENTS PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, October 27, 2009 • 7:00 - 9:00 PM Bethesda-Chevy Chase RSC
Conference Room A 4805 Edgemoor Lane • Bethesda, MD 20814

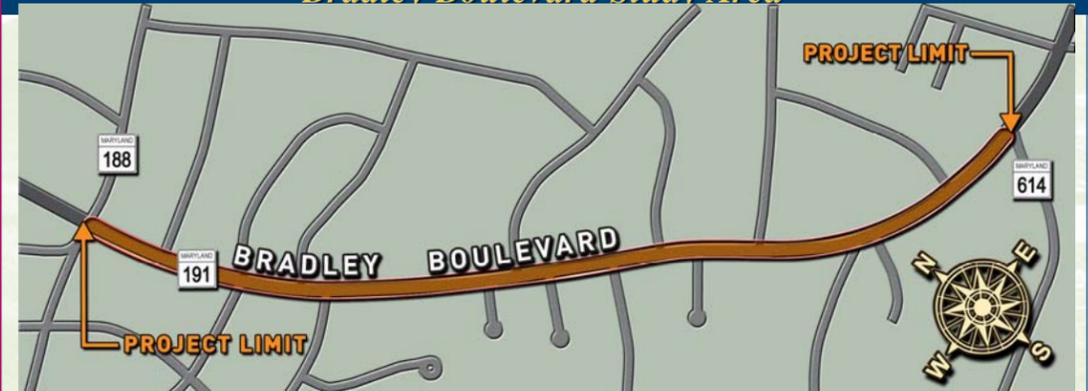


Directions to Public Meeting

From Bradley Boulevard, head east on Wilson Lane to a right turn on Old Georgetown Road. Follow Old Georgetown Road to a right turn on Woodmont Avenue. Turn into the second parking entrance on the left. Take the elevators from the parking garage to the PLAZA LEVEL (P). The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center is located at the center of the plaza.



Bradley Boulevard Study Area



For more information, please contact Patricia D. Shepherd - Project Manager
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http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-DTE/Projects/ProjectHome.aspx

The Life of a Transportation Project

FACILITY PLANNING-PHASE I

Collect data, obtain public input, develop concept plans, evaluate and select preferred alignment/cross section. Obtain Director's and Montgomery County Council's Transportation Infrastructure, Energy and Environment committee (T&E) approval.

FACILITY PLANNING-PHASE II

Develop 35% design plans, cost estimate and project schedule.

Submit to County Council for approval to include in Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

If approved for full funding and is included in the CIP, complete final design and construction.

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Bicyclists riding Westbound at Brite Drive

2. Obtaining public input;
3. Developing concept plans and selecting a Recommended Alternative.

What happens after this meeting?

Your comments and concerns will be taken into consideration as the Study Team refines and finalizes the concepts. The concept that best addresses the project's purpose and need and the concerns of the community will be selected as the Recommended Alternative. A newsletter will be mailed informing the community of the Recommended Alternative.

Who receives this newsletter?

The newsletter is mailed to Home Owner Associations representing the subject Study Area and property owners directly abutting the subject roadway whose names appear on the County's Geographical Information System (GIS) database.

If you would like to receive future newsletters on the Bradley Boulevard Improvements Project, MCDOT would be pleased to have your name added to the project's mailing list. Please contact the Project Manager, Patricia Shepherd at 240-777-7231 or by e-mail to: patricia.shepherd@montgomerycountymd.gov

1. Introduce the Study Team and establish meaningful lines of communication between the Study Team and the public;
2. To share project information with the public in an all-inclusive manner;
3. Present the concepts being evaluated that propose to improve pedestrian/cyclist/vehicular safety and;
4. Gather feedback from the public.

We certainly understand that your schedule may not permit you to attend the public meeting. You may share your comments by completing and returning the postage-paid Public Comments Form by **November 10, 2009** or by contacting the Project Manager, Patricia Shepherd at 240. 777. 7231 or e-mail to: patricia.shepherd@montgomerycountymd.gov

What is Facility Planning?

Facility Planning for transportation improvements is an evaluation process that furnishes design plans which are approximately 35% complete. It is managed in two phases. Phase I addresses two essential questions:

- What will the improvements be?
- Why are the improvements necessary?

Phase II addresses:

- How will the improvements be performed?
- How long will the design/construction take?
- How much will the improvements cost?

The components of both Phase I and II provide enough information for elected officials to determine whether or not the project is justified to be fully funded for design and construction.

What stage is the Bradley Boulevard Improvements Project?

Bradley Boulevard Improvements is in Phase I of the Facility Planning Process, which is the beginning of the analysis. Phase I generally provides 15% design and involves:

1. Collecting background data, reviewing the Master Plan and identifying pending developments within the project limits;

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why is it important for me to attend this meeting?

MCDOT believes that public input is the key to an effective planning process because it allows the Study Team and decision makers to understand the needs of the community. The public meeting will also allow you to learn more about the project and provide an opportunity to voice your concerns.

What should I expect at the public workshop?

At the public workshop you will get an opportunity to meet the representatives from different agencies who are a part of the Study Team. Displays will be arranged where you can learn about the Facility Planning process and the alternatives being evaluated. You may ask questions of the Study Team and offer any suggestions that would meet the objectives of the project.

What if I can not attend the meeting?

Is there any other way that I can be certain that you will receive my input?



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MCDOT WANTS YOUR FEEDBACK

The MCDOT encourages you to provide your concerns on the postage-paid Public Comments Form included with this newsletter. If you have access to the internet, you may e-mail your comments directly to the project manager at: patricia.shepherd@montgomerycountymd.gov

Your input is important as it allows MCDOT, decision makers and elected officials to understand the concerns of the community. Your comments become a part of public records and may be included and/or summarized in the Bradley Boulevard Improvements Project Prospectus. Due to the high volume of comments we receive, we regret that we may be unable to respond to each inquiry. MCDOT assures you that all comments will be read and evaluated.

Public input is the key to an effective planning process.
Let MCDOT hear from you!