

Fenton Village Bike and Pedestrian Projects

Project Newsletter Number 5, January 2021.

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Thank you for your interest in the Fenton Village bike and pedestrian projects! The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (M-C-D-O-T) is continuing planning efforts for the three related bike and pedestrian improvement projects in Fenton Village. We will provide regular updates through newsletters like this one.

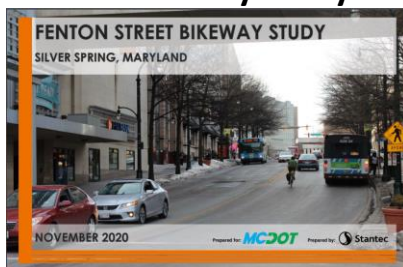
UPCOMING MEETING.

The Montgomery County Planning Board will receive a briefing from Planning Staff and M-C-D-O-T on Thursday, January 21, 2021 regarding the Fenton Street Bikeway Study. The Planning Board is expected to recommend a preferred alternative for the Fenton Street Bikeway at the meeting. Their recommendation will go to the County Council's Transportation & Environment Committee in a few weeks.

The item is scheduled for 3:15 p.m., but the Planning Board can run early or late depending on other items on the calendar. If you would like to attend or sign up to speak, please visit the Planning Board website: <https://montgomeryplanningboard.org/agendas/>

Note that the deadline to sign up to testify is noon on Wednesday, January 20.

Fenton Bikeway Study Available.



The Fenton Street Bikeway Study report and potential alternatives are now available on the project website. Be sure to check them out!

Sign up for email updates!

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation maintains an email list to provide updates and information about the Fenton Village Bike & Pedestrian projects. To stay in the loop, we encourage

you to sign up. Emails are usually limited to just one or two per month. To sign up, use the [form](#) available on the project webpage or email Matt.Johnson@MontgomeryCountyMD.gov and request to be added to the email list.

Updates At A Glance.

This section provides a quick update of the status of each project.

Fenton Street Bikeway Study:

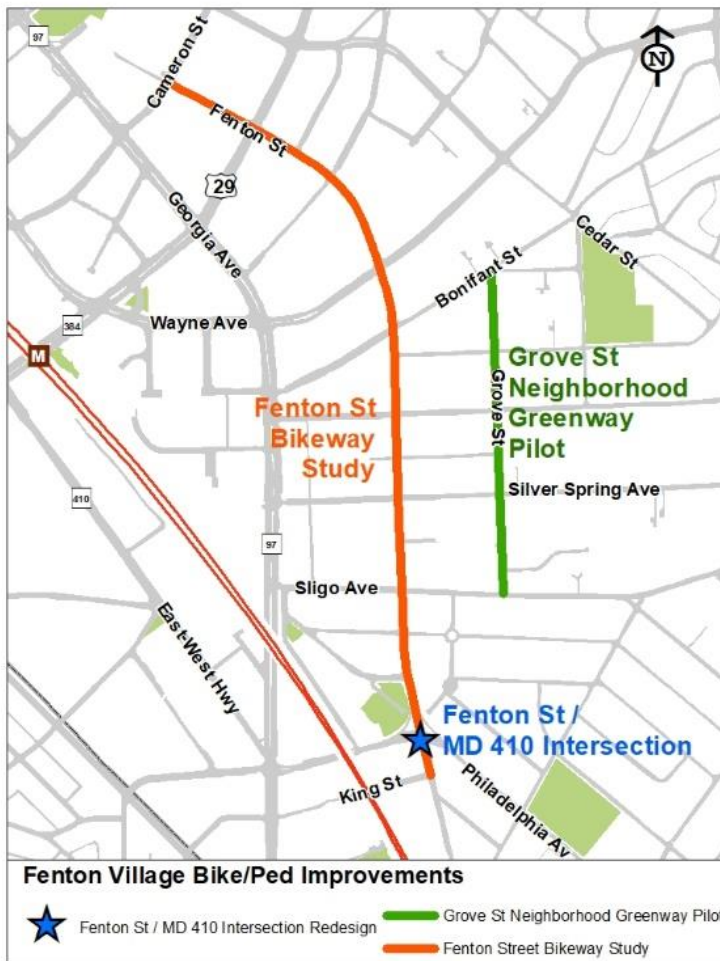
- Phase: Study Completed.
- Phase completion: November 2020.
- Next phase: Preliminary Design.
- Happening now: Selection of preferred alternative.

Fenton Street/Maryland 410 Intersection:

- Phase: Preliminary Design.
- Phase completion: Spring 2021.
- Next phase: Intermediate Design.
- Happening now: Review of preliminary design, inter-agency coordination.

Grove Street Neighborhood Greenway:

- Phase: Procurement.
- Phase completion: January 2021.
- Next phase: Pilot Stage 1.
- Happening now: Procurement.



(End of updates at a glance section).

Grove Street Neighborhood Greenway Pilot

The implementation of the Grove Street Stage 1 pilot treatments has been delayed due to a slower-than expected procurement process. Originally, we had hoped to install the treatments in November 2020, however, the procurement process is ongoing. At this time, we expect installation will take place in late February or March of 2021. Due to this delay, we expect to leave the Stage 1 treatments in place through Summer 2021.

Stage 1 will include a walking lane along the west side of Grove Street, separated from traffic with a raised barrier that is mountable by emergency vehicles. Other treatments will include speed humps, a mini-roundabout at Grove & Silver Spring Avenue, and painted bump-outs at several intersections.

M-C-D-O-T will hold a community meeting in Summer 2021 to discuss the plans for Stage 2 of the pilot.

The Grove Street treatments are part of a pilot and will be interim-style treatments that can be easily removed or modified. These are not permanent treatments. In the first stage of the pilot, M-C-D-O-T will focus on speed treatments to slow down drivers. A sample of possible interim treatments are shown in the images in the sidebar.

(Sidebar.) What is a “Neighborhood Greenway”?

A "Neighborhood Greenway" is a street where the safe movement of pedestrians and cyclists is prioritized and the fast, through movement of vehicles is discouraged. Tools can include speed treatments, like speed humps and chicanes, and volume management, like diverters.



Row 1, left image: Speed hump. Right image: bump-out.



Row 2, left image: mini roundabout. Right image: walking lane.

(End of What is a Neighborhood Greenway sidebar).

Fenton Street Bikeway Study.

In November 2020, M-C-D-O-T held a virtual community meeting to present the findings of the Fenton Street Bikeway Study and 7 potential alternatives. These are available on the project [website](#).

As noted on the first page of the newsletter, the Planning Board will receive a briefing on the Fenton Street Bikeway on January 21.

The preferred alternative is expected to be selected by the County Council's Transportation & Environment Committee in Spring 2021, at which point the design phase will start. Design is expected to take approximately 24 months. Community meetings will be held periodically throughout the design process.

Fenton Street / Maryland 410 Intersection Redesign.

This project will result in the redesign of the Fenton Street / Maryland 410 (Philadelphia Avenue & Burlington Avenue) intersection to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety and reduce impervious surface.

M-C-D-O-T has continued development of the hybrid option, as discussed in our previous newsletters in June and November. At this time, we are coordinating with the Department of Permitting Services, the Maryland State Highway Administration, and the Montgomery County Parks Department to refine the design and address concerns.

The design has been tweaked since the last community meeting to reduce impacts to park property and trees. Once the 30% design is complete in Spring 2021, M-C-D-O-T will hold a community meeting.

(Contact Information Section.)

The project websites are located at: <https://tinyurl.com/FentonVillage> and <https://tinyurl.com/Grove-Street>.

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To sign up for the project update mailing list, please send an email to Matt.Johnson@MontgomeryCountyMD.gov and indicate you're interested in the Fenton Village projects mailing list.

The Division of Transportation Engineering (D-T-E) can be reached by phone at 240-777-7270. You can follow them on Twitter at @MoCo_DTE. The D-T-E website is <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dte/index.html>.

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