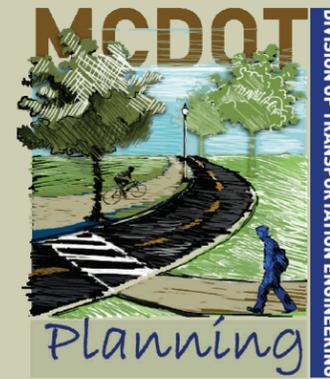




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THE PLAN AHEAD

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FREDERICK ROAD (MD 355) BIKEPATH PUBLIC MEETING

The safe and efficient accommodation of pedestrians and cyclists along the roadway is equally important as the provisions for vehicles. Montgomery County's Department of Transportation (MCDOT) believes sidewalks, shared-use paths, and bikeways enrich the livability of a community and serves as critical facilities in the transportation network by providing multi-modal access to neighborhoods, transit, commercial districts, schools, and recreation areas.

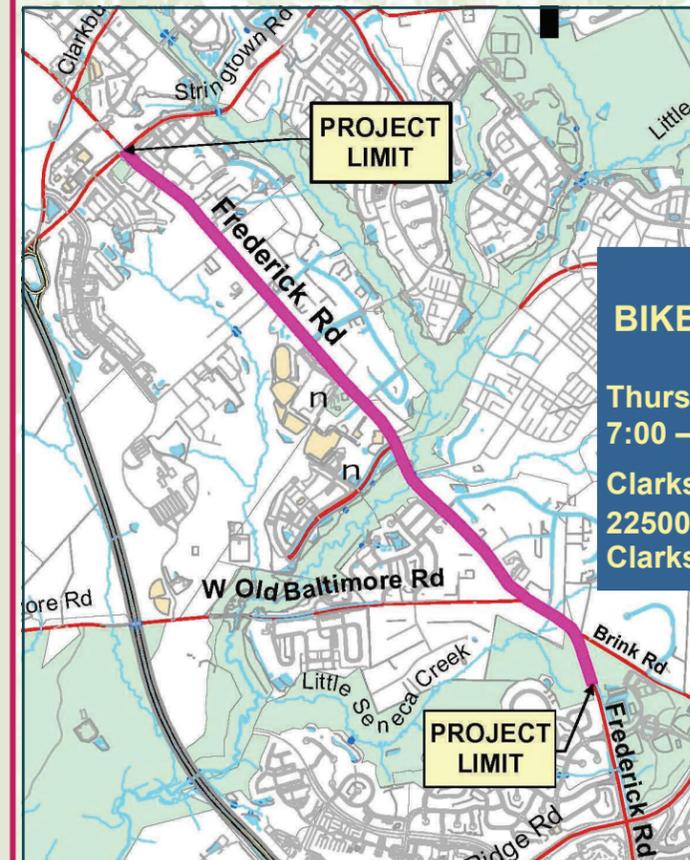
Accordingly, MCDOT has initiated the Frederick Road Bike Path Project to ensure bicycle access and connectivity to important area-wide destinations and activity centers.

MASTER PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

As with all new transportation projects MCDOT refers to the recommendations set forth in the adopted and approved Master Plan to implement and enhance the proposed visions of the area.

The *Approved and Adopted 1994 Clarksburg Master Plan* and the *2005 County-wide Bikeways Functional Master Plan* recommends a dense bikeway network within the Clarksburg Area, with an emphasis on bikeway access from neighborhoods to shopping and employment areas as well as to key community facilities.

Specifically, the master plans recommend a shared use path along Frederick Road (MD355) from Watkins Mill Road to the Frederick County Line. A Shared Use Path is physically separated from vehicular traffic by an open space or barrier and is generally eight to ten-feet wide.



FREDERICK ROAD BIKEPATH PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday, December 20, 2012
 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Clarksburg High School Cafeteria
 22500 Wims Road
 Clarksburg, MD 20871

PUBLIC MEETING

The purpose of this newsletter is to invite you to attend the first public meeting for the Frederick Road (MD 355) Bike Path Project. For any project to be successful, MCDOT considers public involvement critical to designing a new facility and will continually seek feedback throughout the process.

Frederick Road Bikepath project limits extend from Stringtown Road to Milestone Manor Lane.

For more information, please contact **Wayne Christiansen - Project Manager**
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FREDERICK ROAD BIKE PATH (STRINGTOWN ROAD TO MILESTONE MANOR LANE) PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday, December 20, 2012
 Clarksburg High School Cafeteria
 22500 Wims Road
 Clarksburg, MD 20871

From MD 355 North
 Turn right onto Wims Road. Clarksburg High School is on the right. Use first driveway to enter into school's staff / visitor's parking lot.

From MD 355 South
 Turn left onto Wims Road. Clarksburg High School is on the right. Use first driveway to enter into school's staff / visitor's parking lot.



FREDERICK ROAD BIKEPATH (STRINGTOWN RD-MILESTONE MANOR LA)

The purpose of this public meeting is to:

- Introduce the Project Team and establish meaningful lines of communication between the Project Team and the public;
 - Share project information with the public in an all-inclusive manner;
 - Present displays of the proposed bike path alignment;
 - Clarify any issues concerning the master-planned improvements;
- Gather feedback from the public.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why is it important to attend this meeting?

MCDOT believes that public input is the key to an effective planning process because it allows the Project 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 meeting?

At the public meeting, you will get an opportunity to meet the representatives from different agencies who are a part of the Project Team. Displays will be arranged where you can learn about the design process. You may ask questions of the Project Team and offer any suggestions that would meet the objectives of the project.

What if I cannot attend the meeting are there other ways to provide input?

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 or by contacting the Project Manager, Wayne Christiansen at 240-777-7266 or by e-mail: wayne.christiansen@montgomerycountymd.gov

What happens after this meeting?

Your comments and concerns will be taken into consideration as the Project Team refines and finalizes various concepts. The concept that best addresses the project's purpose and

need and the concerns of the community will be selected as the Recommended Bike Path Alignment.

Who receives this newsletter?

The newsletter is mailed to Homeowner Associations representing the subject Project 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 Frederick Road (MD 355) Bike Path Project, MCDOT would be pleased to have your name added to the project's mailing list.

Please contact the Project Manager, Wayne Christiansen by e-mail: wayne.christiansen@montgomerycountymd.gov



MCDOT WANTS YOUR FEEDBACK

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: wayne.christiansen@montgomerycountymd.gov

Your input is important, as it allows Montgomery County's Department of Transportation (MCDOT), decision makers and elected officials to understand the concerns of the community. Your comments will become a part of public records and will be available for the general public to review.

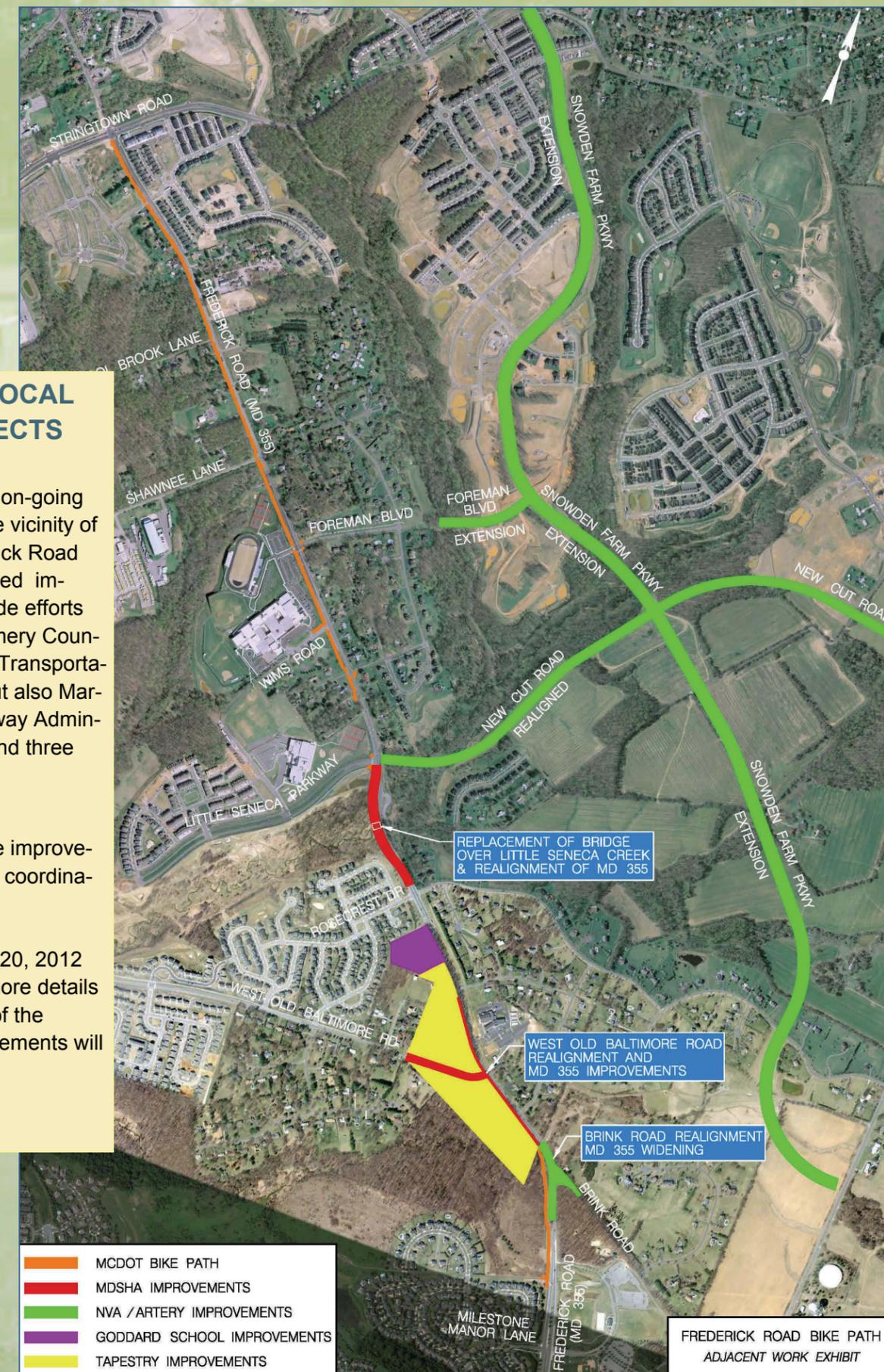
Due to the high volume of comments we received, we regret that we may be unable to respond to each inquiry. MCDOT assures you that all comments will be read and evaluated.

ON-GOING LOCAL AREA PROJECTS

This map depicts on-going projects within the vicinity of MCDOT's Frederick Road bikepath. Proposed improvements include efforts not from Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT), but also Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA), and three private developers.

Given the multiple improvements, significant coordination is necessary.

At the December 20, 2012 public meeting, more details and explanation of the numerous improvements will be discussed.



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