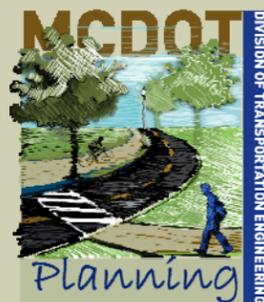




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Goldsboro Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Facility Planning Study in Progress

The safe and efficient accommodation of pedestrians and cyclists on public road facilities is just as important as accommodating cars and vehicles. The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) believes sidewalks and bike facilities enrich the livability of a community and serve as critical links in the transportation network by providing pedestrian and bicycle access to neighborhoods, transit, commercial districts, schools, parks and other recreation areas.

Accordingly, MCDOT's Division of Transportation Engineering (DTE) initiated a Facility Planning, Phase I Study to evaluate the need for sidewalks and on-road bike facilities along Goldsboro Road from MacArthur Blvd. to River Road (MD 190) and reconfiguration of the MacArthur Blvd. intersection providing safe pedestrian access to several transit stops, Glen Echo Park, connectivity to neighborhoods, and improve bicycle access along the corridor. The Goldsboro Road Project was initiated as a result of a request from the Tulip Hill Citizens Association for greater pedestrian access along Goldsboro Road.

GOLDSBORO ROAD

Goldsboro Road is an undivided two-lane two-way roadway with a posted speed limit of 35 mph. The roadway is located in a predominately single-family residential community in Bethesda, Maryland, east of

Glen Echo Park, with relatively small commercial centers at just east of the Massachusetts Ave intersection and just north of the MacArthur Blvd intersection. There are limited pedestrian facilities along Goldsboro Road. The only continuous sidewalk is along the southern side of the roadway, from Tulip Hill Terrace to approx. 1/4 mile east of Massachusetts Ave. Goldsboro Road is served by Ride-On Route 29.

MASTER PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

Goldsboro Road is identified in the 1990 *Bethesda-Chevy Chase Master Plan* as two-lane arterial A-84 from MacArthur Blvd. to Massachusetts Ave. and as two-lane major highway M-93 (MD 614) from Massachusetts Ave. to River Road. The 2005 *Countywide Bikeway Functional Master Plan* proposes on-street bike lanes BL-1 along Goldsboro Road.

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

This newsletter is to provide a brief overview of this project and to invite you to attend the public workshop where you can learn more information regarding this project and provide us with your input.

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

December 4, 2013 • 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 Walt Whitman High School—Cafeteria
 7100 Whittier Boulevard • Bethesda, MD 20817

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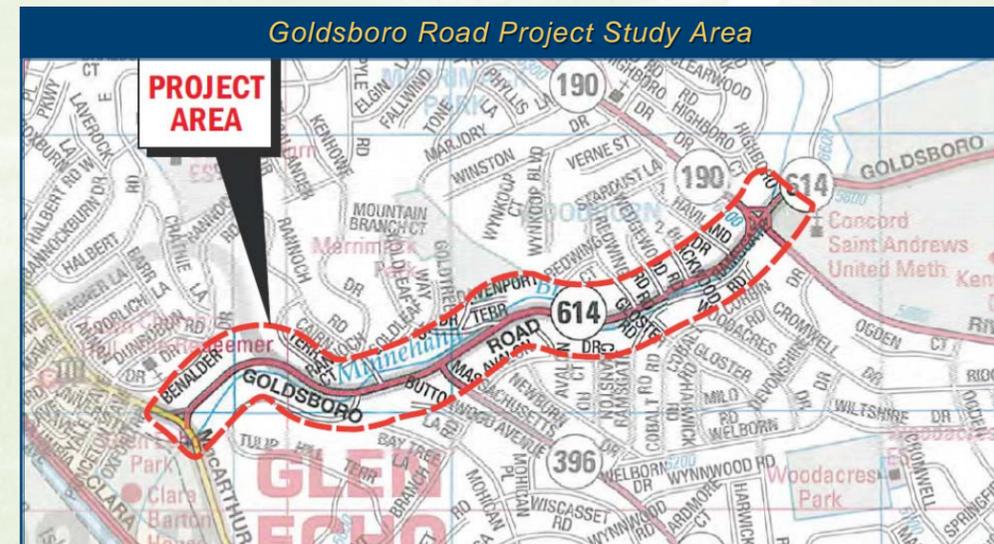
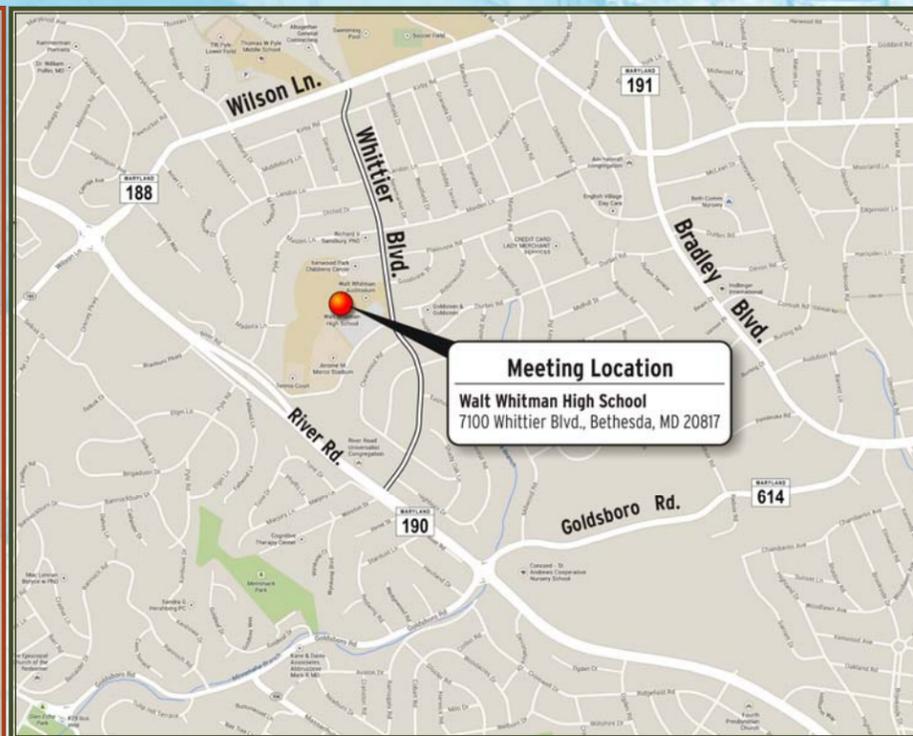
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Directions to the Goldsboro Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Public Workshop

Walt Whitman High School is located at 7100 Whittier Boulevard in Bethesda. The parking lot in front of the school can be accessed through the main entrance on Whittier Boulevard, or directly from Braeburn Parkway.

The workshop will be held in the school's cafeteria. Signs will be provided to direct you to the cafeteria from the school's main entrance.



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



Bicyclists riding on Goldsboro Road

What if I can not attend the meeting? Is there any other way that I can be certain that you will receive my input?

We certainly understand that your schedule may not permit you to attend the public workshop. After the public workshop, the workshop materials will be available on the project website at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dte/projects/goldsboro/index.html>. The public will have one month (through **January 3, 2014**) to submit any comments. MCDOT encourages you to stay involved! The public may forward comments to MCDOT by the following manners:

- By the attached postage-paid Public Comments Form;
- By regular mail to the Project Manager, Greg Hwang at 100 Edison Park Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20878; and
- By e-mail to Greg.Hwang@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.

For more information, please contact Greg Hwang - Project Manager
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Project Website: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dte/projects/goldsboro/index.html>

What stage is the Goldsboro Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Project?

The Goldsboro Road Bike and Pedestrian Improvements Project 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;
2. Obtaining public input;
3. Developing concept plans;
4. Preparing preliminary cost estimates; and
5. Selecting a Recommended Alternative.

What happens after this workshop?

Your comments and concerns will be taken into consideration as the Study 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 Alternative. A newsletter informing the community of the Recommended Alternative will be mailed to the public.

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 Goldsboro Road Bike and Pedestrian Improvements Project, MCDOT would be pleased to have your name added to the project's mailing list, please contact the **Project Manager, Greg Hwang**.

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 estimates and project schedule. Submit to County Council for approval to include in Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

FINAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

If approved for full funding and is included in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), complete final design and construction.

LEGEND

- CURRENTLY FUNDED
- NOT FUNDED

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 workshop 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.



Pedestrian Crossing at Wedgewood Road

 **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: Greg.Hwang@montgomerycountymd.gov

Public input is the key to an effective planning process. It allows decision makers and elected officials to understand the concerns of the community. Once they are received, your comments become part of the public records. Additionally, your comments may be included and/or summarized in the Goldsboro Road Bike and Pedestrian Improvements Project Prospectus and other project documents. Due to the high volume of comments we receive, we regret that we are unable to respond to each inquiry. The MCDOT thanks you in advance for taking the time to provide your written comments and/or e-mail and assures you that all comments will be read and evaluated.