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Fenton Village Bike and Pedestrian Projects: Project Newsletter

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The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) is holding a public meeting to brief the community on and receive feedback about several bicyclist and pedestrian safety improvement projects in the Fenton Village and downtown Silver Spring areas.

The projects to be discussed are:

- Fenton Street / Maryland 410 Intersection Redesign
- Grove Street Neighborhood Greenway Pilot
- Fenton Street Bikeway Study

If you are unable to attend the meeting, but would like to provide your comments and/or questions, please contact:

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Fenton Street Bikeway Study:

MCDOT is restarting the feasibility study for the Fenton Street Bikeway that originally kicked-off in 2017. Fenton Street is identified in the County's Bicycle Master Plan for a separated bikeway.

This study will look at the possible configurations of a bikeway in the Fenton Street corridor between Cameron Street and King Street. The study will examine the benefits and tradeoffs between different options, including cost, parking, loading, traffic congestion, and urban design.

This project includes only a study. Design is not included as part of this project. No determination will be made whether to advance this project until the study has been completed and its merits evaluated.

The project limits are Fenton Street from Cameron Street in the north to King Street in the south.

Grove Street Neighborhood Greenway:

A neighborhood greenway is a street where the safe movement of bicyclists and pedestrians is prioritized and the fast, through movement of vehicles is minimized. Tools can include speed treatments such as speed humps and diversionary treatments. Grove Street is identified as a future neighborhood greenway in the County's adopted Bicycle Master Plan.

The Grove Street project will be a pilot project. Treatments will use temporary materials that can be modified or removed. Before implementation, a study of Grove *and* adjacent streets will be conducted to determine baseline conditions.

At this meeting, basic concepts will be introduced. However, a second public meeting will be held before implementation of pilot treatments to gather additional feedback.

The project limits are Grove Street from Bonifant Street in the north to Sligo Avenue in the south.

Fenton Street / Maryland 410 Intersection Redesign:

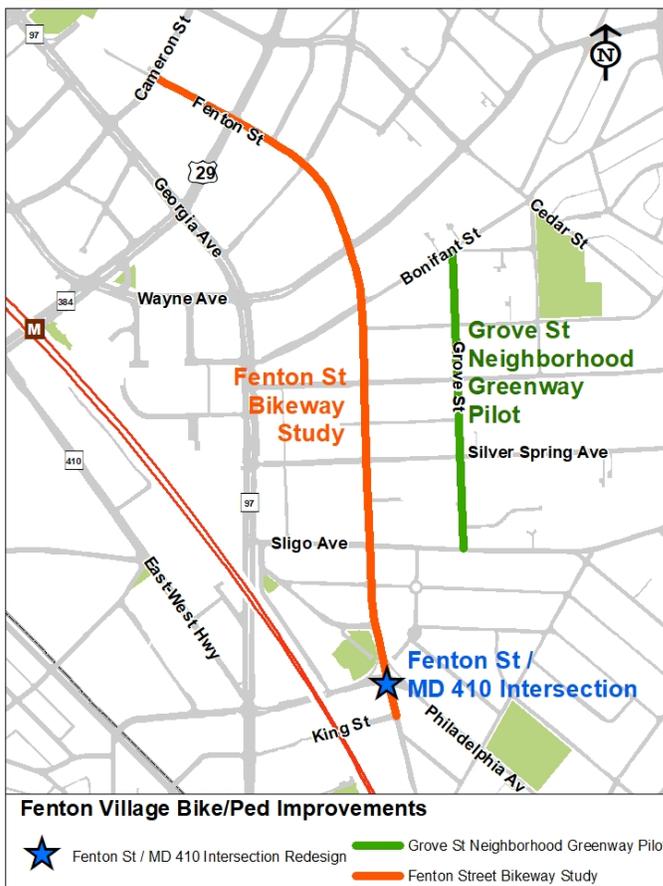
The intersection of Fenton Street and Maryland 410 was built with high-speed right turn ramps on the northern half of the intersection. These elements add additional impervious surface and do not represent a safe design for pedestrians and cyclists. MCDOT is undertaking a redesign of this intersection to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety and reduce the amount of impervious surface.

This project will include the development of conceptual and final design plans, followed by construction.

The project limits are roughly one block in each direction from the intersection of Fenton Street and Maryland 410.

Public Meeting:

The public meeting will be held **Tuesday, January 21, 2020** from **7 p.m. to 9 p.m.** at **East Silver Spring Elementary School** in the **multipurpose room**. The school is located at **631 Silver Spring Avenue**, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.



Learn more by visiting the project on our website: www.bikemontgomery.com.

Public Input:

MCDOT encourages you to provide your input by submitting comments by emailing the Project Manager, Matt Johnson at Matt.Johnson@MontgomeryCountyMD.gov or calling him at 240-777-7237.

Comments may also be mailed to:

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Please submit any comments no later than Wednesday, February 12, 2020.

Public input is the key to an effective planning process as it allows MCDOT and Montgomery County decision makers to understand the needs of the community.

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