

Fenton Village Bike and Pedestrian Projects

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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 MEETINGS.

There are two upcoming meetings for the Fenton Village Bike & Pedestrian Projects. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, both meetings will take place in a virtual setting only. Advance registration is encouraged for both meetings, so we can send log-in information directly to you.

On **September 29 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**, M-C-D-O-T will present the implementation plan for Stage 1 (speed treatments) of the **Grove Street Neighborhood Greenway Pilot**. To register for the meeting, view meeting materials, or give feedback, please visit the project webpage: <https://tinyurl.com/Grove-Street>. Meeting materials will be posted approximately one week before the meeting.

On **November 18, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**, M-C-D-O-T will present the findings of the **Fenton Street Bikeway Study** and will show a set of design alternatives. An update will be provided about the **Fenton Street / Maryland Route 410** intersection project as well. The virtual meeting will provide an opportunity for you to ask questions and provide feedback. Meeting materials will be posted approximately one week prior to the meeting. For more information and to register for the meeting, please visit the project website: <https://tinyurl.com/FentonVillage>.

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: Planning Study.
- Phase completion: Fall 2020.
- Next phase: Preliminary Design.
- Happening now: Analysis of alternatives.

Fenton Street/Maryland 410 Intersection:

- Phase: Preliminary Design.
- Phase completion: Summer 2020.
- Next phase: Intermediate Design.
- Happening now: Review of preliminary design, inter-agency coordination.

Grove Street Neighborhood Greenway:

- Phase: Pilot Design.
- Phase completion: Summer 2020.
- Next phase: Pilot Stage 1.
- Happening now: Development of Stage 1 implementation plan.



(End of updates at a glance section).

Grove Street Neighborhood Greenway Pilot

We had a successful virtual community meeting on July 15. M-C-D-O-T received lots of feedback from residents about the treatments they were interested in seeing applied to Grove Street along with treatments they did not want to see.

It's not too late to provide feedback before the meeting. M-C-D-O-T is conducting an [online survey](#) to hear your preferences about Grove Street. That survey will remain open until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 4. If you haven't yet had a chance to share your thoughts with us, please take a few moments to fill out the survey.

Based on the survey and the comments we receive, our team will develop an implementation plan for Stage 1 of the pilot, which we will implement in late fall 2020. The September 29 meeting will give you a chance to weigh in on the implementation plan.

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.

We have been hard at work conducting the study of potential impacts since the January 2020 meeting. The effort is looking at how a bikeway will impact traffic and parking, how much different options will cost, and how to deal with issues in the corridor like loading and utilities.

The team is finalizing the alternatives that will be presented at our November 18 meeting and preparing to run each of them through the traffic modeling process. Each alternative will be posted on the project webpage at least a week before the meeting.

Following the public engagement process this fall, the County will select a preferred alternative to move forward into design in early 2021.

Fenton Street / Maryland 410 Intersection Redesign.

This project will result in the redesign of the Fenton Street / Maryland Route 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 newsletter in June. 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.

We will provide an update to this project at the Fenton Street Bikeway Study meeting on November 18.

(Contact Information Section.)

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

The Project Manager is Matt Johnson. His phone number is 240-777-7237. His email is Matt.Johnson@MontgomeryCountyMD.gov.

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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