

Fenton Village Bike and Pedestrian Projects

Project Newsletter Number 7, June 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 Fenton Street Cycletrack Meeting - June 22 at 6:30 p.m.

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation will be hosting a virtual community meeting on **Tuesday, June 22, 2021 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** to discuss the start of the design phase for Alternative E. The selected alternative has a general conceptual layout, but we want to hear from you about how we can improve this design as we work toward completing preliminary design later this year. The meeting will have a brief presentation about the project followed by breakout sessions focused on different sections of the corridor.

Registration for this meeting is required in advance. You can register and view plans at the project website, accessible by clicking here:

<https://tinyurl.com/FentonVillage>.

Grove Street Neighborhood Greenway - Stage 1 Construction Start.

M-C-D-O-T presented plans for the Grove Street Neighborhood Greenway Pilot - Stage 1 at a November 2020 meeting. Unfortunately, procurement took longer than expected, and manufacturing of the low-profile walking lane barrier had to wait until procurement was completed.

We expect to begin installation of the Stage 1 treatments in late June or early July. See the page 3 for an overview of the changes coming to Grove Street this summer.

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:

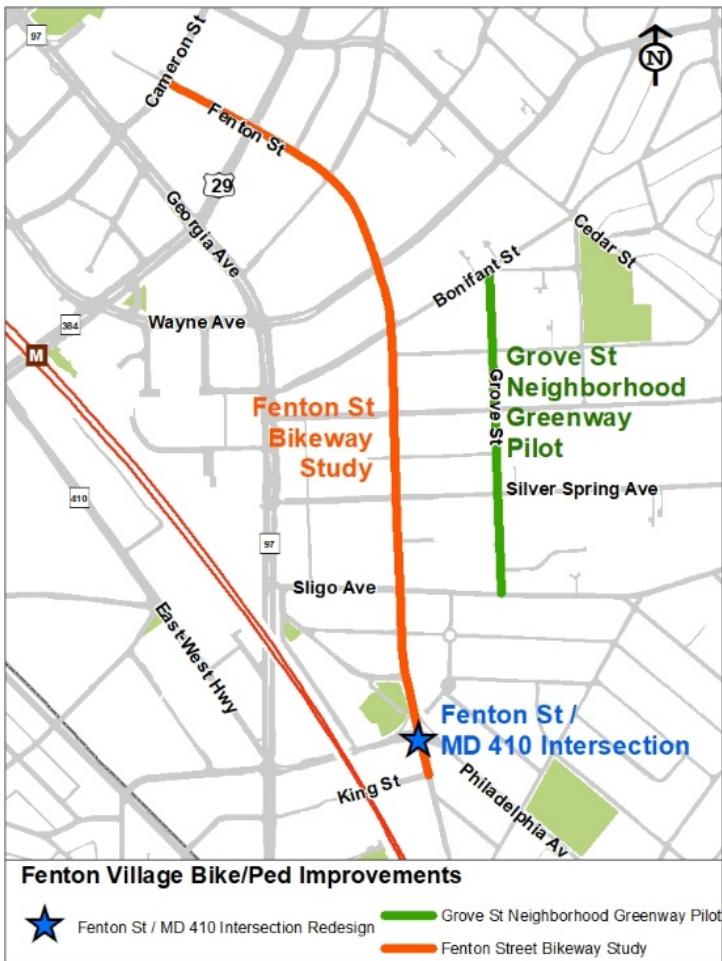
- Phase: Preliminary Design.
- Phase completion: Fall 2021.
- Next phase: Final Design.
- Happening now: Design.

Fenton Street/Maryland 410 Intersection:

- Phase: Preliminary Design.
- Phase completion: Summer 2021.
- Next phase: Intermediate Design.
- Happening now: Inter-agency coordination and permitting.

Grove Street Neighborhood Greenway:

- Phase: Preconstruction.
- Phase completion: June 2021.
- Next phase: Pilot Stage 1.
- Happening now: Construction preparation.



(End of updates at a glance section).

Grove Street Neighborhood Greenway Pilot Overview & Update.

We expect construction to begin in late June or early July on the Stage 1 treatments along Grove Street.

M-C-D-O-T will monitor traffic volumes and speeds over the next few months to determine the effectiveness of the treatments and determine how to proceed with Stage 2. We will hold a community meeting in the Fall of 2021 to get feedback from the community about Stage 2.

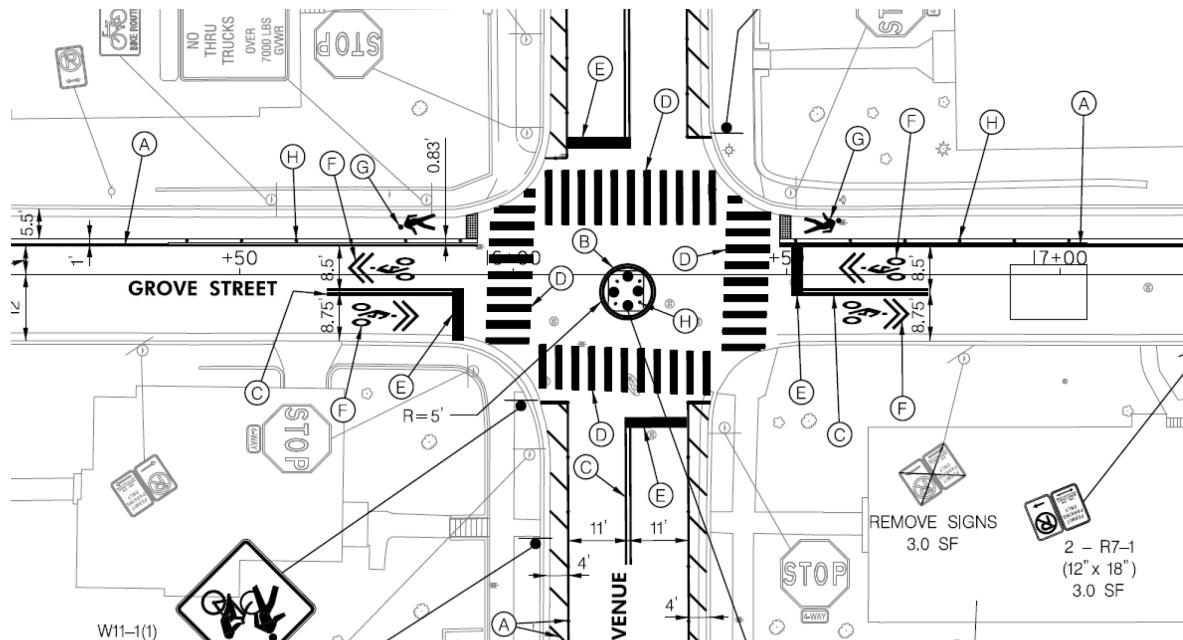
The Grove Street treatments are part of a pilot and will be interim-style treatments that can be easily removed or modified. These are not permanent

treatments. In the first stage of the pilot, M-C-D-O-T will focus on speed treatments to slow down drivers.

What is coming to Grove Street with Stage 1?

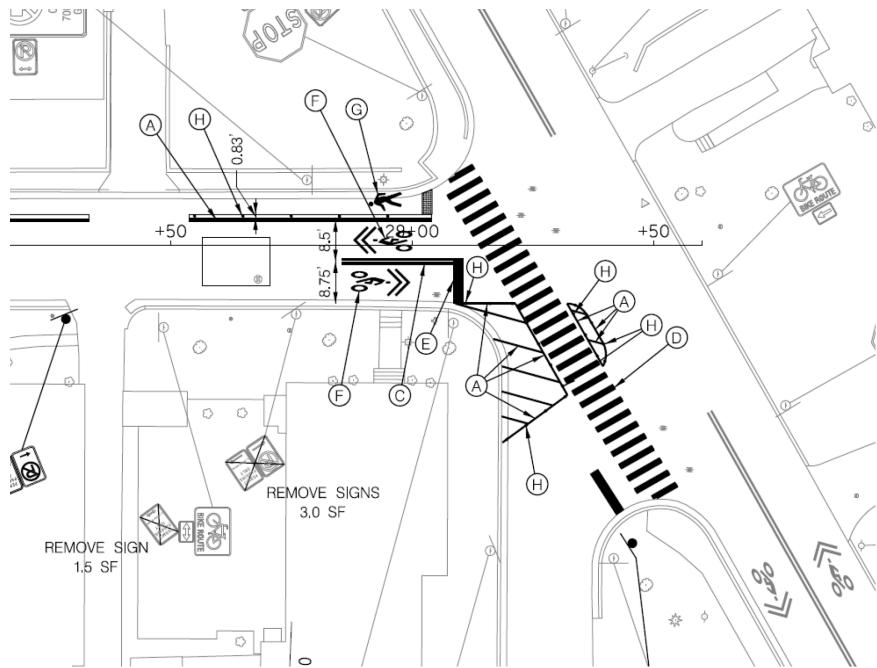
Stage 1 will include a walking lane along the west side of Grove Street, separated from traffic with a raised barrier that is mountable by emergency vehicles. The walking lane will be about 5 to 6 feet wide. Crosswalk markings will be installed at intersections.

At the intersection of Grove Street and Silver Spring Avenue, a mini-roundabout will be installed. The intersection will still have an all-way stop, but drivers will have to go around the small circle when going straight or turning left. We expect this to reduce instances of stop sign violations and reduce speeds.



Above: Grove Street & Silver Spring Avenue with a mini-roundabout and bump-outs. North is to the right.

At several intersections, painted bump-outs with plastic flexposts will be installed to reduce pedestrian crossing exposure and make the roadway feel narrower, which is proven to reduce speeding. At the intersection of Grove Street, Bonifant Street, and Hankin Street, the bump-out on the southeast corner will have a median refuge, significantly reducing the exposure of the crosswalk.



Above: Grove Street & Bonifant Street & Hankin Street with a bump-out to reduce the crosswalk exposure on the south leg of the intersection. North is to the right.

Temporary rubber speed humps will also be installed at several locations. Our contractor is in the process of procuring the speed humps, so right now, we cannot be sure that they will be installed at the same time as the other treatments. There is a chance that the speed humps may be installed later than the other treatments, so if you don't see them right away, please be aware that they will be added later this summer.

The temporary neighborhood shared street closures that were put into place during the pandemic will be removed when the Stage 1 treatments are installed.

(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).

(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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