

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.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT.

M-C-D-O-T will hold a virtual public meeting for the **Grove Street Neighborhood Greenway Pilot** on Wednesday, July 15, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. At this meeting, M-C-D-O-T will present options for Stage 1 of the pilot and listen to feedback from the community.

Please register beforehand to attend the meeting. To register and to view meeting materials or give feedback, please visit the project website:

<https://tinyurl.com/Grove-Street>.

Shared Streets.



A temporary **Shared Street** is coming to Grove Street this month to create a safe space to walk and bike during the Covid-19 pandemic.

On Grove Street, M-C-D-O-T will implement the "shared street" later this month. Grove Street is one of several streets in Montgomery County where M-C-D-O-T is working to create more space for social distancing.

Grove Street will be closed to through traffic on each block, with A-frame signs, like the one pictured below.



The shared street is a temporary measure. It does not replace the Grove Street Neighborhood Greenway pilot project. M-C-D-O-T will monitor the situation and make changes as needed. As the pandemic subsides or as the Pilot project is implemented, the temporary shared street measures will be removed.

As Montgomery County begins to reopen, it is important to maintain social distancing, and shared streets will create more space to walk and recreate.

Learn more: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov//DOT/sharedstreets/>

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 traffic study, coordination with Maryland State Highway Administration.

Grove Street Neighborhood Greenway:

- Phase: Pilot Design.

- Phase completion: Summer 2020.
- Next phase: Pilot Stage 1.
- Happening now: Development of options for Stage 1.



(End of updates at a glance section).

Grove Street Neighborhood Greenway Pilot

We hope to see you at the virtual public meeting on July 15. That meeting will be a forum for you to weigh in on possible speed treatments for the Grove Street corridor. All meeting materials and feedback tools will be available on the project website at least a week before the meeting, and some materials are already there.

M-C-D-O-T staff and consultants completed collecting "before" traffic counts in early February. Analysis of the data continues. Staff is preparing a list of possible treatments for discussion at the meeting.

As a reminder, the Grove Street treatments 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 interim treatments are shown in the images in the “what is a neighborhood greenway” section below.

As noted on the first page of this newsletter, M-C-D-O-T will be implementing a shared street on Grove Street this summer as part of the County's response to Covid-19. That effort is independent of the Grove Street Neighborhood Greenway Pilot.

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: chicane.

(End of What is a Neighborhood Greenway section).

Fenton Street Bikeway Study

Study work for the Fenton Street Bikeway is continuing. The consultant team is in the process of developing several alternatives and testing their impacts.

We anticipate that the study will be complete at the end of Fall 2020, and we will present the findings to the community along with each of the alternatives.

Following the public engagement process, we will select a preferred alternative to move forward into design.

Fenton Street / Maryland 410 Intersection Redesign

This project will result in the redesign of the Fenton Street / Maryland 410 (Philadelphia Avenue and Burlington Avenue) intersection to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety and reduce impervious surface.

M-C-D-O-T has selected the hybrid option to move forward. That option will include a two-way cycletrack on the east side of Fenton Street and a shared-use path connecting the northeast corner of the intersection to the end of Woodbury Drive. The cycletrack portion will be coordinated with the remainder of the Fenton Street project so that the facility connects to that project. If the Fenton Street bikeway does not move forward, the cycletrack will be converted to a shared-use path on the west side of Fenton Street.

The traffic study is being reviewed by the Maryland State Highway Administration. Extensive coordination with that agency will be required since Maryland 410 is a State roadway.

(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](https://twitter.com/MoCo_DTE). The D-T-E website is <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dte/index.html>.

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