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The Next Steps

PROJECT PROSPECTUS

The *Project Prospectus* is the culmination of the Phase I Planning Study, documenting the evaluation of concepts, analysis of impacts, and participation and comments from the public and other stakeholders. The *Project Prospectus* is reviewed by MCDOT's Director, the M-NCPPC Planning Board, and the Montgomery County Council. The Prospectus is anticipated to be completed in Summer 2010.

FACILITY PLANNING PHASE II

Once the Project Prospectus is approved, the Roberts Tavern Drive Extended project advances to Facility Planning, Phase II. A new MCDOT Project Manager will be assigned, and he/she will continue open dialogue regarding the Roberts Tavern Drive Extended project with the public and all stakeholders. As part of the Facility Planning Phase II process, a preliminary plan (35% design) of the improvements will be developed, as well as a detailed schedule and cost estimate. The Facility Planning Phase II for Roberts Tavern Drive Extended is esti-

mated to be completed in Fall 2012.

The project will then be proposed to the County Council to be included as part of the CIP to receive funding for final design and construction.

During the life of the Roberts Tavern Drive/MD 355 Bypass (N. Cool Brook Lane-Existing Roberts Tavern Drive), your feedback and input is vital. MCDOT encourages you to stay involved!



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The Plan Ahead is a project newsletter published by MCDOT to encourage community participation.

THE PLAN AHEAD

Arthur Holmes, Jr., Director, Department of Transportation

Roberts Tavern Drive Extended Study Selects Recommended Alternative

In November 2009, the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) held a public meeting to discuss the commencement of the Roberts Tavern Drive Extended, Facility Planning, Phase I Study. At the public meeting, MCDOT presented three concepts to the public and solicited comments.

NEWSLETTER PURPOSE

The purpose of this newsletter is to present the Recommended Alternative, and continue to solicit your comments on the Roberts Tavern Drive Extended Study.

ROBERTS TAVERN DRIVE

Roberts Tavern Drive is located along the master planned alignment for relocated Frederick Road (MD 355), designated as A-251 in the 1994 Clarksburg Master Plan & Hyattstown Special Study Area. The master plan objective is to divert the area's regional through traffic away from the Clarksburg

Town Center and historic district. To address this, the master plan recommends MD 355 be relocated from north of Cool Brook Lane to Snowden Farm Parkway through future Roberts Tavern Drive and Observation Drive. Between these limits, existing MD 355 will be reclassified as a

business street, remaining as a two-lane roadway, and future relocated MD 355 is proposed as a four-lane divided arterial.

Currently, the northern 500-foot segment of Roberts Tavern Drive between Observation Drive and Latrobe Lane has been constructed. Facility Planning Phase I will evaluate the extension of existing Roberts Tavern Drive to MD 355 (Frederick Road), which is approximately 1,000 feet.

PUBLIC COMMENTS SUMMARY

Fifteen public comments were received after the November 2009 public meeting. The Majority of the comments were in support of the project and its dual bikeway feature. Comments included enhancing safe bicyclist and pedestrian crossings; installing traffic signal at the proposed intersection; permitting northbound left turns from Roberts Tavern Drive to MD 355; and maintaining driveway access onto MD 355.



The existing terminus of Roberts Tavern Drive, which is being evaluated to be extended under the Roberts Tavern Drive/MD 355 Bypass planning study.

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RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE

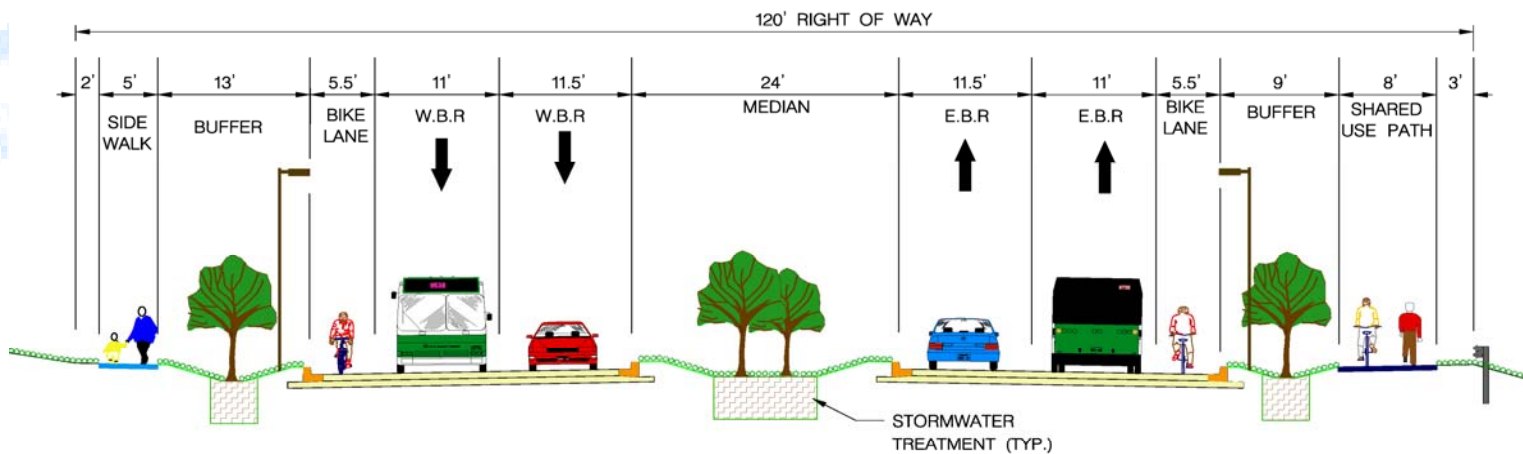
Based on the public comments we received and input from agency stakeholders, the Recommended Alternative (see page 3 for details) is a refinement of the November 2009 Alternate 3. This alternative accommodates all vehicular movements, provides safe, direct pedestrian and bicycle access, and completes a portion of the master-planned MD 355 Bypass.

The Recommended Alternative for Roberts Tavern Drive Extended addresses the following goals: (1) complete an efficient multi-modal transportation network that provides accessibility between and within the study limits; (2) identify and address the potential social, economic, and environmental impacts and benefits; (3) provide transportation facilities that comply with nationally recognized transportation standards; (4) provide for future transportation facilities that effectively balance costs and benefits, while minimizing need for future reconstruction; and (5) respond to planned land uses.

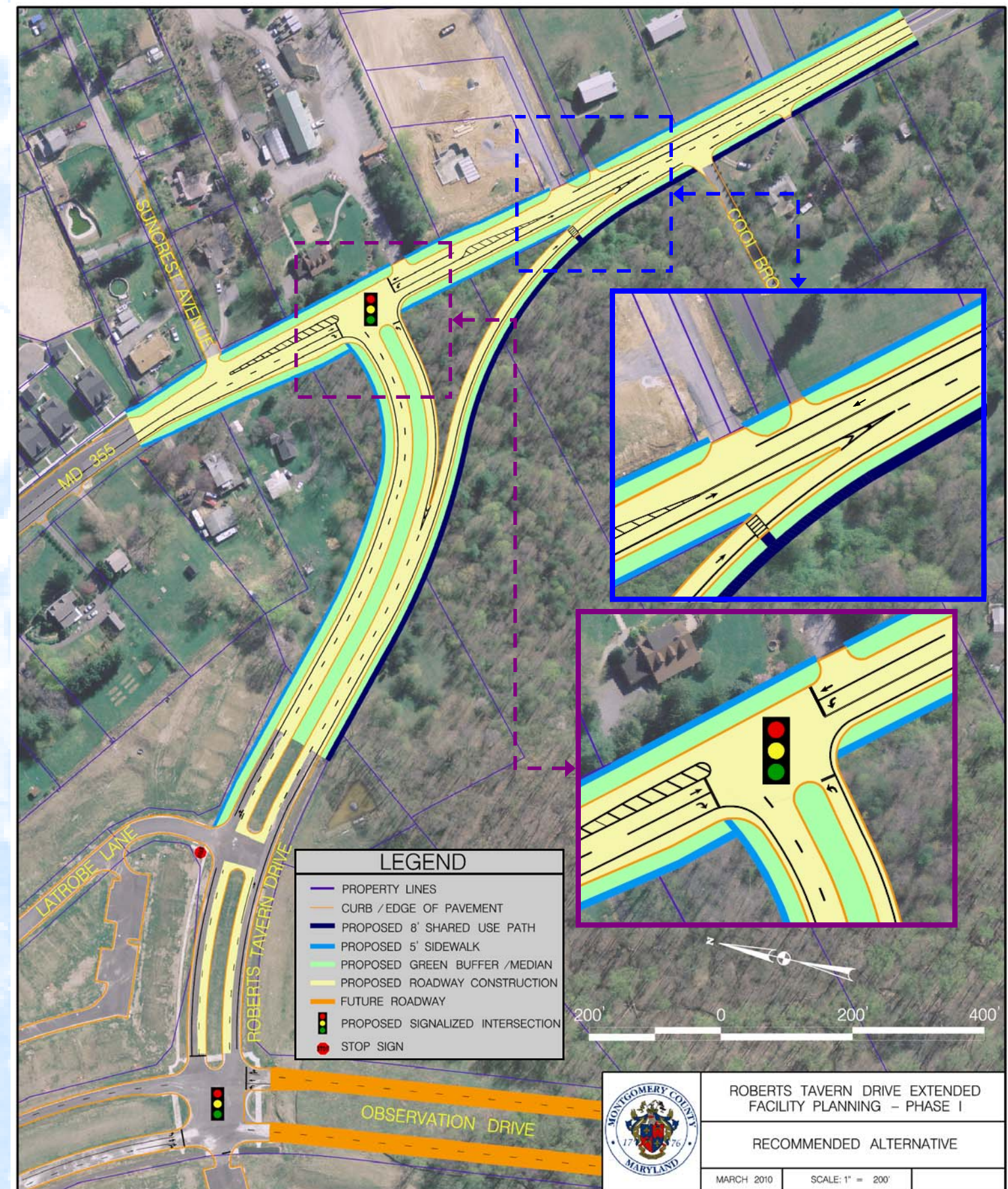
Specifically, Roberts Tavern Drive Extended will provide a vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian connection between MD 355 and Observation Drive, improve transportation network efficiency, and relieve future congestion on MD 355. Ultimately, with the planned relocation of MD 355, extending Roberts Tavern Drive to MD 355 would also divert regional through traffic around the Clarksburg Town Center and historic district.



Existing Roberts Tavern Drive between Latrobe Lane and Observation Drive.



PROPOSED ROADWAY TYPICAL SECTION



MCDOT WANTS YOUR FEEDBACK

MCDOT encourages you to provide your concerns on the postage-paid *Public Comments Form* that is included with this newsletter or fax comments to Greg Hwang, Project Manager, at 240-777-7277. If you have access to the internet, you may directly e-mail your comments to: Greg.Hwang@montgomerycountymd.gov

Public input is the key to an effective planning process, since it allows decision makers and elected officials to understand the concerns of the community. Once received, your comments become part of public files and may be included and/or summarized in the *Roberts Tavern Drive Extended Project Prospectus*. Regrettably, due to the high volume of comments we receive, MCDOT will not be able to reply directly to all comments. It will be appreciated if comments can be supplied by April 7, 2010.

	ROBERTS TAVERN DRIVE EXTENDED FACILITY PLANNING - PHASE I	
	RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE	
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