

# The Plan Ahead

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## MCDOT Reports on Progress of Phase II Facility Planning for Seminary Road Intersection Improvement Project

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a brief overview of the revisions to the Seminary Roadway Intersection Improvement project since the previous June 2008 Newsletter and to invite you to attend the public meeting workshop scheduled for Wednesday, February 23, 2011. For more information on this project, contact the Project Manager, Ken Kendall at 240-777-7267.

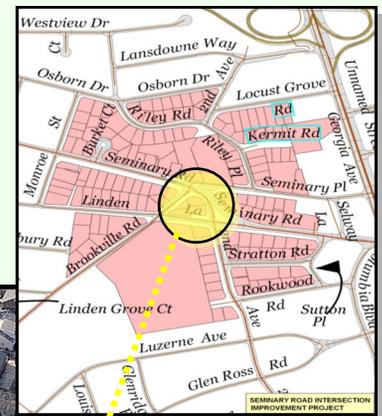
### PHASE II FACILITY PLANNING INITIATED IN SPRING 2009

MCDOT has further developed the recommended alternative **Concept 4C – Revised** that was selected based on public outreach during Phase I Facility Planning. MCDOT is developing 35% design plans during Phase II Facility Planning. The 35% design will be presented at the public workshop on February 23, 2011, including an update on the scope of the project improvements. A summary of the project improvements may be found inside this newsletter. Revisions to the project's scope are noted within highlighted boxes on the site plan.

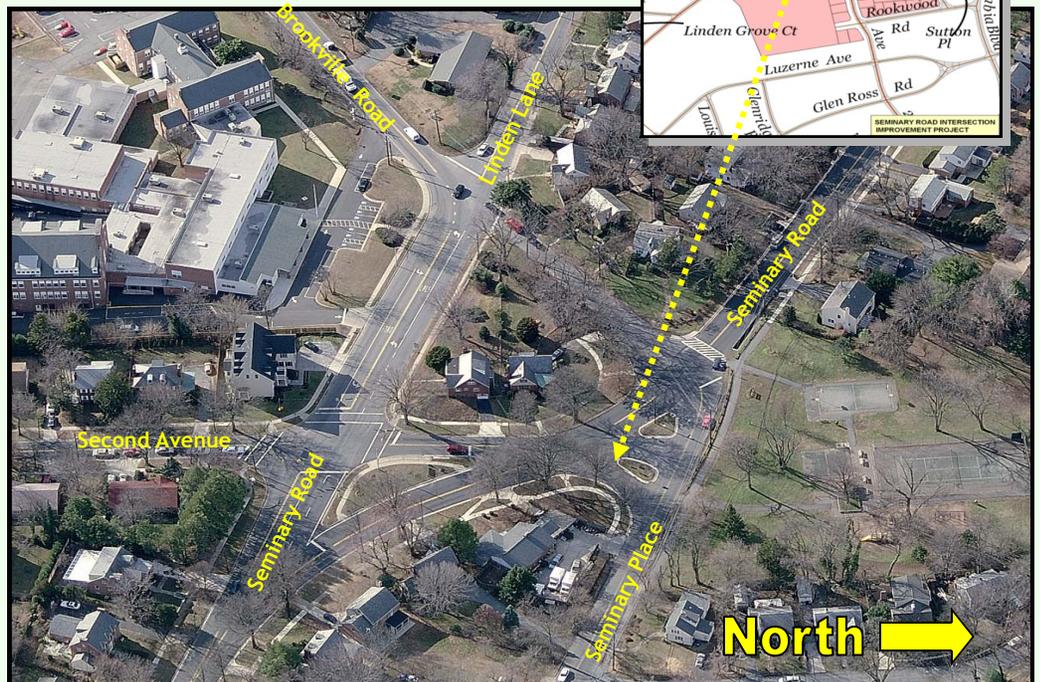
### Seminary Road Intersection Improvement Project Public Workshop

Woodlin Elementary School  
2101 Luzerne Avenue  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

February 23, 2011  
7:00pm to 9:00pm  
School Cafeteria



Project Location Map



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## Recommended Alternative: Concept 4C- REVISED Since June 2008

Concept 4C-REVISED proposes the following with latest revisions noted:

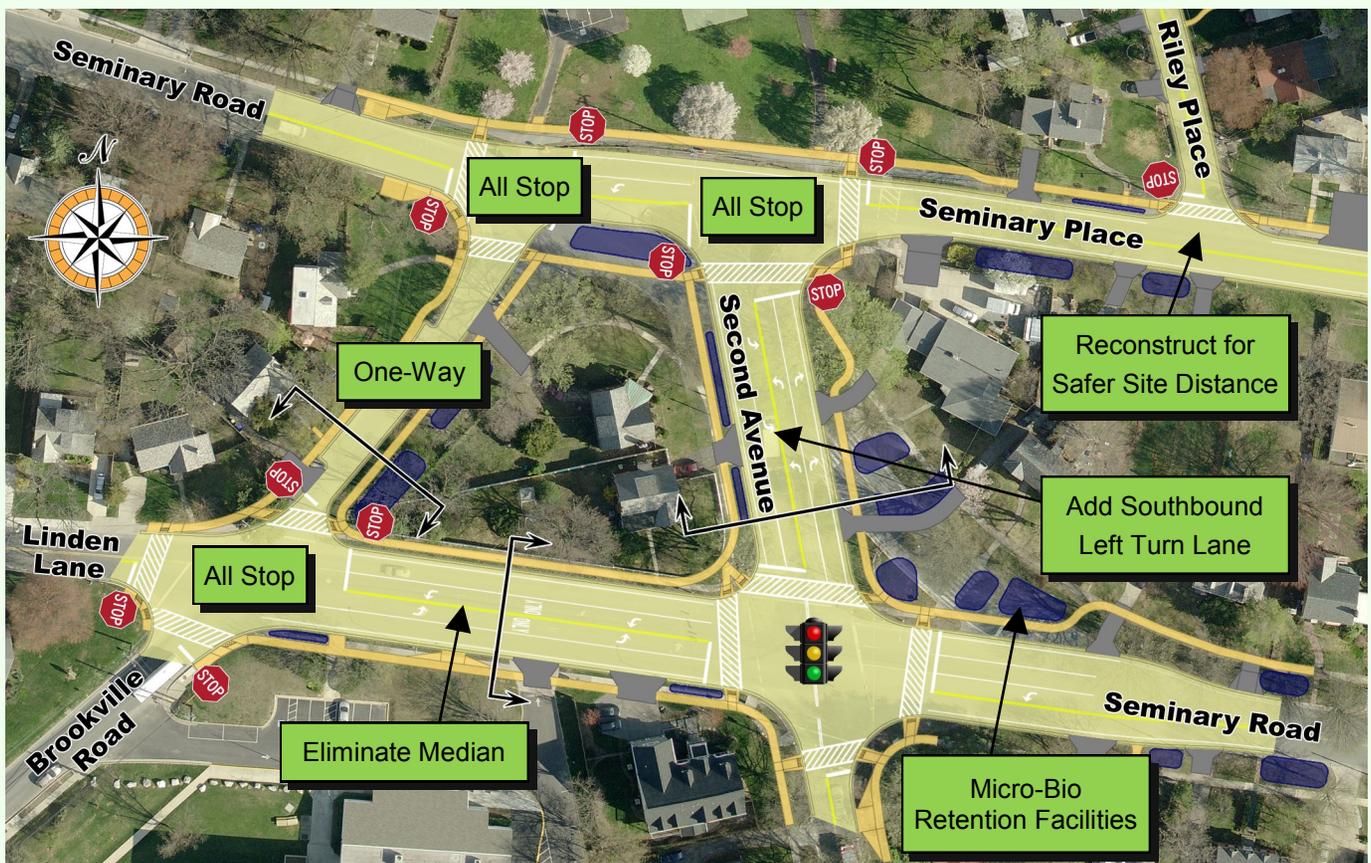
- One-way southbound roadway section with on-street parking for Brookville Road between Linden Lane and Seminary Road (see below) and a proposed on-road bike lane **(revised to remain one-way)**
- Removal of the Second Avenue / Seminary Road "sweep"
- Sight distance improvements at Seminary Place and Riley Place **(new feature)**
- Continuous pedestrian and master planned bicycle facilities
- Landscaped panel to separate the roadway and sidewalks

- Landscaped micro-bio retention facilities **(new feature)**
- Southbound left turn lane on Second Avenue **(new feature)**
- Four way stop controlled intersection at Brookville Road / Linden Lane
- All way stop controlled intersection at Brookville Road / Seminary Road and Second Avenue / Seminary Place **(revised)**
- Marked crosswalks for safe crossings at intersections
- Eliminated median on Linden Lane to reduce roadway footprint **(revised)**

**Concept 4C-REVISED will continue to preserve the residential character within the study area while minimizing property impacts and improving the overall traffic operations.**

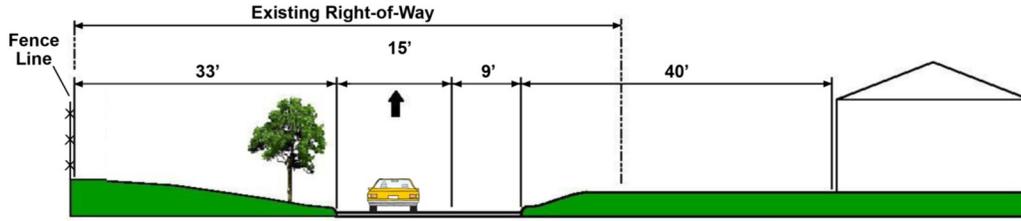
### MCDOT Wants Your Feedback

The MCDOT encourages you to provide your comments on the project comment form. This form can be downloaded from the project website. Your input is important as it allows MCDOT, decision makers, and elected officials to understand the concerns of the community.



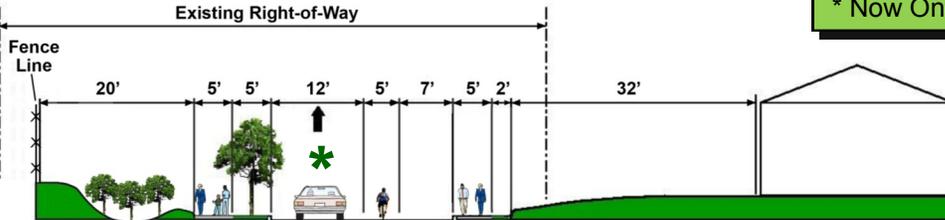
# Typical Sections: Concept 4C- REVISED Since June 2008

## Brookville Road: looking south



**Existing Typical Section**

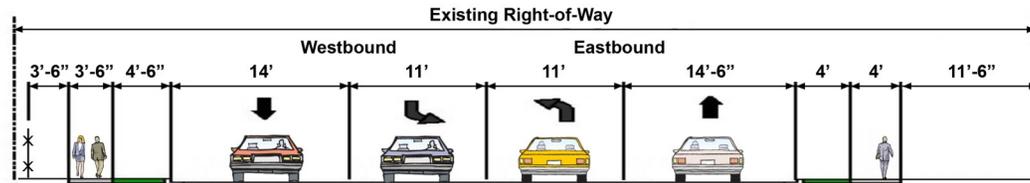
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**Recommended Alternative Typical Section**

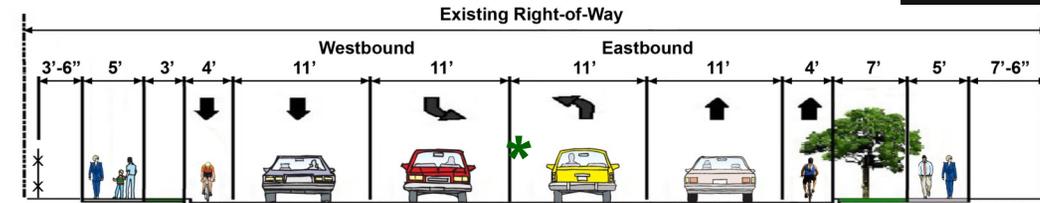
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## Linden Lane: looking east



**Existing Typical Section**

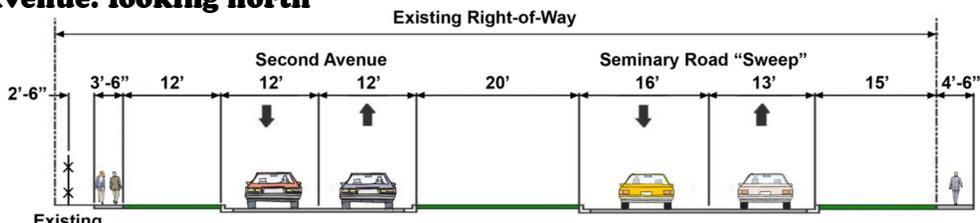
\* Eliminated Median



**Recommended Alternative Typical Section**

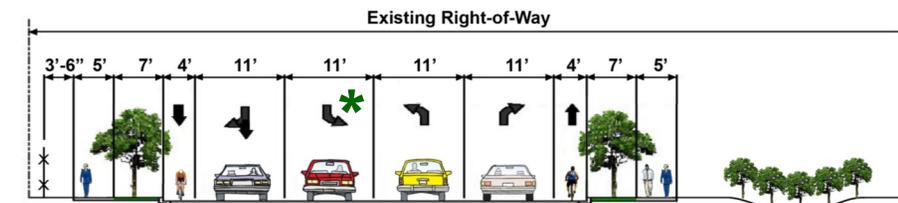
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## Second Avenue: looking north



**Existing Typical Section**

\* Added Left Turn Lane



**Recommended Alternative Typical Section**

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# Project Background

The DOT has received requests over the years for possible low cost, short term improvements within the Seminary Road intersection study area. Although improvements were made, they did not make an appreciable difference regarding the overall traffic operations and pedestrian safety within the study area. The Linden Civic Association and the North Woodside-Montgomery Hills Civic Association contacted DOT to develop comprehensive, long term design solutions. In 2006, DOT initiated the Seminary Road Intersection Improvement, Facility Planning, Phase I Study.

The project, located in the Montgomery Hills section of Silver Spring, Maryland, lies within a complex “mixing bowl” where the existing intersection layout consists of

five roadways converging in three intersections. The Seminary Road Study focused on improving the following intersections:

- Seminary Road / Second Avenue / Linden Lane
- Seminary Road / Second Avenue / Seminary Place
- Seminary Road / Brookville Road
- Linden Lane / Brookville Road

The Linden / Montgomery Hills / Northwoodside neighborhoods are situated in a densely urbanized area surrounded by arterial roadways. A major objective for the Seminary Road Intersection Improvement study is to address and balance the competing interests of maintaining the residential character of the area as well providing the necessary traffic safety improvements along publicly maintained roadways for local users and the community at large.

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