

# FLASH

## BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT) IS COMING TO US 29

### PROJECT INFORMATION

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) is constructing a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line, called FLASH, along US 29 (Colesville Rd). FLASH is a bus-based rapid transit system with features that improve reliability, so you can get where you need to go quickly. US 29 FLASH will **operate between Burtonsville and Silver Spring and open in 2020.**

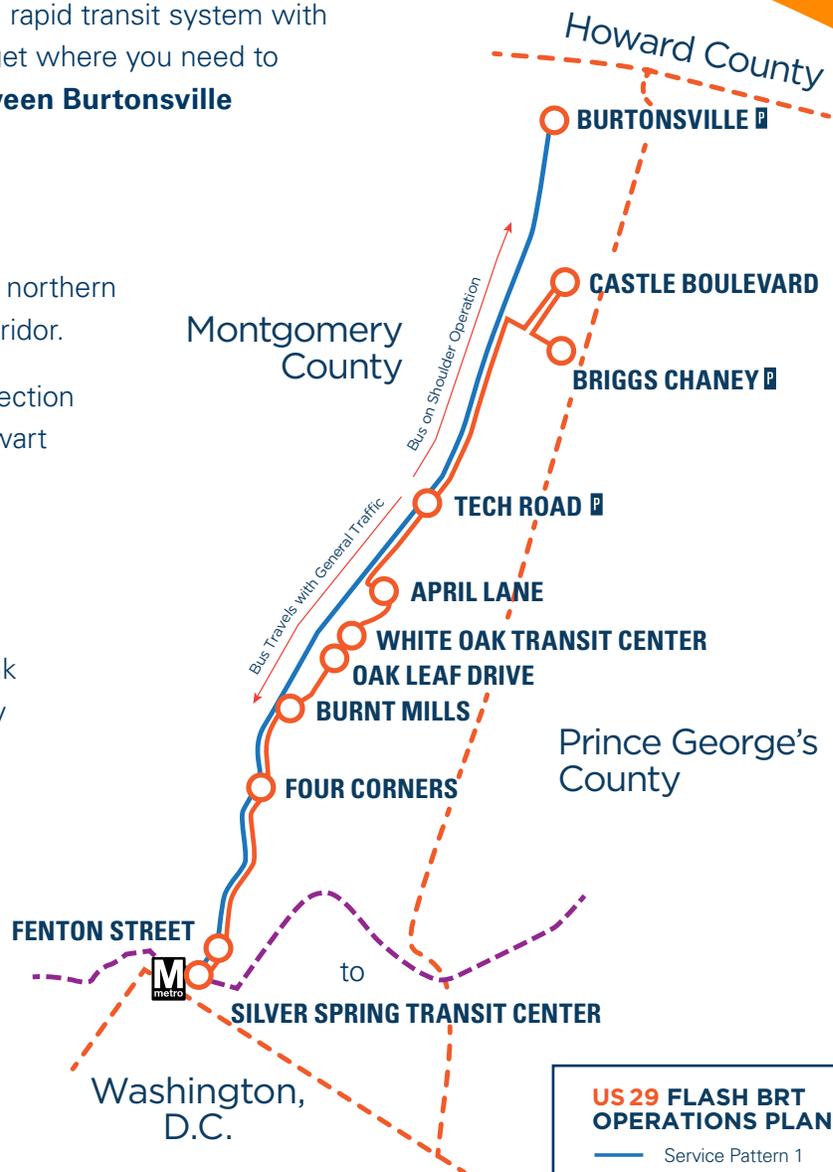
### US 29 FLASH WILL:

- Use existing bus-on-shoulder lanes in the northern section of the US 29 (Colesville Road) corridor.
- Operate in mixed traffic in the southern section of US 29 and along Lockwood Drive, Stewart Lane, Briggs Chaney Road, and Castle Boulevard.

### SERVICE PLANS INCLUDE:

- Running every 7.5 minutes during the peak period (AM and PM rush hours) and every 15 minutes during the off-peak.
- A proposed span of service from 5am to midnight, 7 days/week.
- Transit signal priority installed at up to 15 intersections along the corridor provide traffic signal benefits to FLASH vehicles where appropriate, reducing travel time and increasing reliability.

*Service plans are subject to change.*



**US 29 FLASH BRT OPERATIONS PLAN**

- Service Pattern 1
- Service Pattern 2
- - - Purple Line Light Rail (Planned)
- P Park and Ride

# PROJECT SCHEDULE

2017 to mid 2018

mid 2018 to late 2019

early 2020

PROJECT DESIGN

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

BEGIN OPERATIONS

## FLASH features and amenities include:

- Frequent, reliable service
- New, enhanced vehicles are equipped with WiFi and power outlets and accommodate bicycles onboard
- New, comfortable stations provide weather protection, pre-payment stations, and real-time transit information (via message boards)
- Community-friendly design provides enhanced pedestrian walkways, bike facilities and bikeshare stations
- Level boarding allows for easy on, easy off
- FLASH often travels in dedicated lanes, bypassing traffic

## Additional project information:

Montgomery County Department of Transportation has been awarded a \$10 million Federal TIGER grant (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) to help fund the FLASH line along US 29.

Other FLASH routes currently being planned include:

- MD 355 between Clarksburg and Bethesda
- MD 586 (Veirs Mill Road) between Rockville and Wheaton



2 OUT OF 3

Residents say they would use FLASH—many of them new transit users



8 OUT OF 10

Residents like the fact that FLASH is better for the environment



8 OUT OF 10

Residents support adding FLASH to our transportation network



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