

MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL FARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION
Prince George's County Planning Department

LANGLEY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD BICYCLE BOULEVARDS

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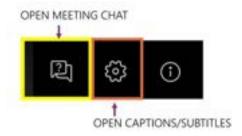
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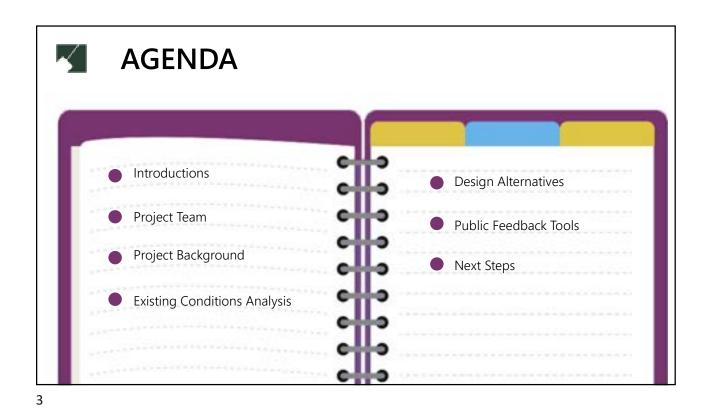
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PROJECT TEAM

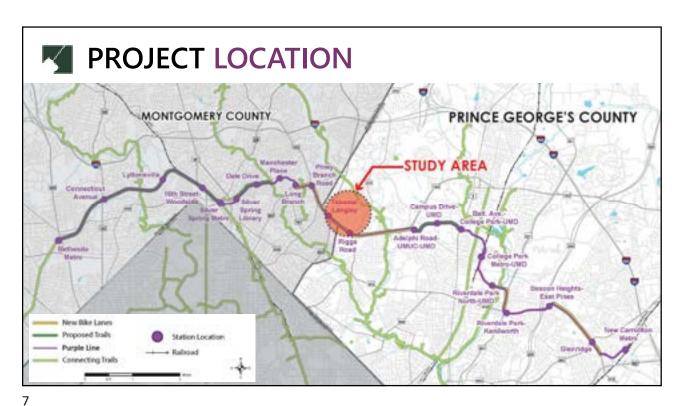
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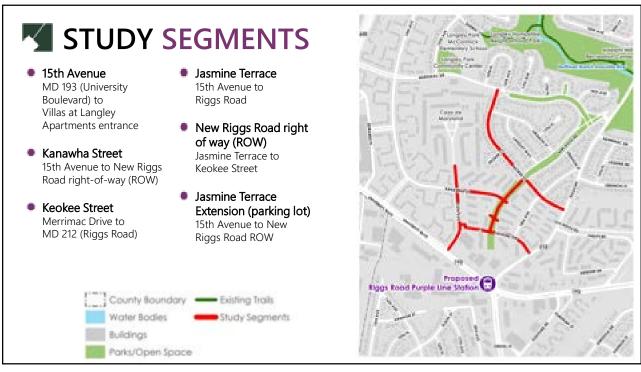


M ABOUT THE PROJECT

- Improve bicycle connectivity to the proposed Riggs Road Purple Line station
- Identify alternatives and develop preliminary design plans for the study segments
- Project supported by the MWCOG Transportation Land
 Use Connections (TLC) Program
- The consultant team is coordinating with
 - M-NCPPC (Planning agency)
 - DPW&T (Implementation agency)







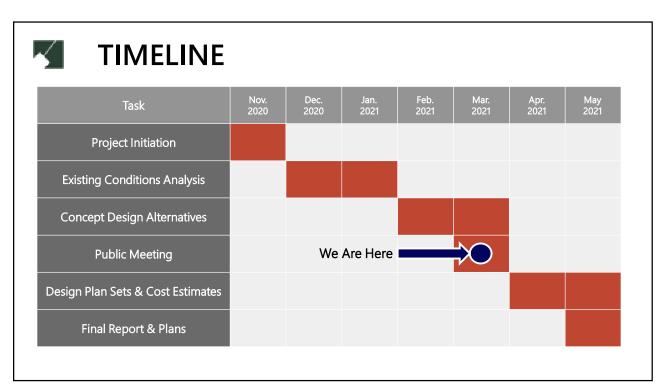


Slido Poll Question

- How do you identify yourself?
 - o Resident along one of the study segments
 - o Resident near the study area
 - o Employee/Business Owner near the study area
 - o Frequent visitor to the study area
 - o Other

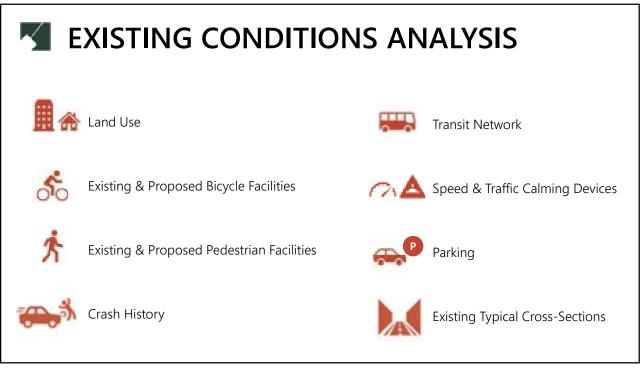
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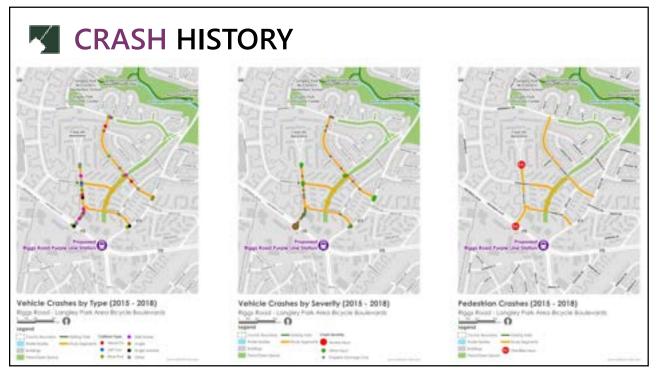




BICYCLE FACILITIES

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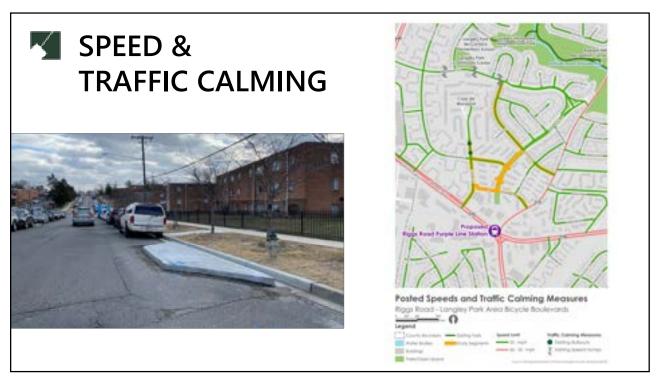




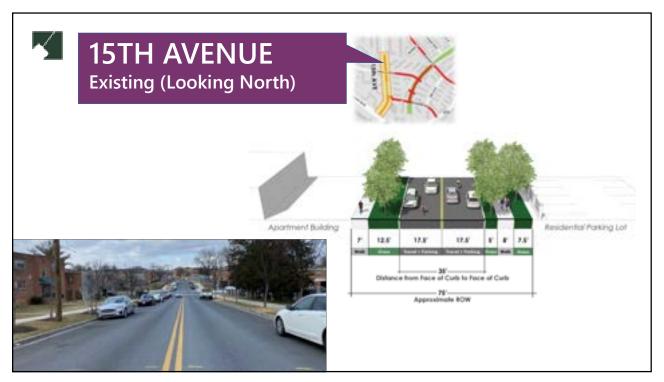
LOCATION	CRASHES	
15th Avenue	74	
Keokee Street	27	
Jasmine Terrace	5	

CRASH SEVERITY	CRASH TYPE	TOTAL
Property Damage Only	Head-On	10
	Left Turn	6
	Rear-End	7
	Side Swipe	21
	Angle	7
	Single Vehicle	3
	Other	14
Total PDO		83
Possible Injury	Head-On	1
	Left Turn	2
	Rear-End	4
	Angle	2
	Other	3
Total Possible Injury		12
Injured	Rear-End	2
	Angle	3
	Left Turn	1
	Single Vehicle	1
	Other	1
Total Injured		8
Severe Injury	Rear-End	1
	Single Vehicle	2
Total Severe Injury		3
Fatality	N/A	0
TOTAL		106





















Slido Poll Question

- Do you or anyone you know regularly ride a bike in the study area?
 - o Yes
 - o No

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ALTERNATIVES EVALUATION

- Conceptual design alternatives for each study segment
- A preferred alternative will be selected for each study segment
- Alternatives will be evaluated based on:



Bicycle Comfort



Estimated Cost



Right-of-Way Impacts



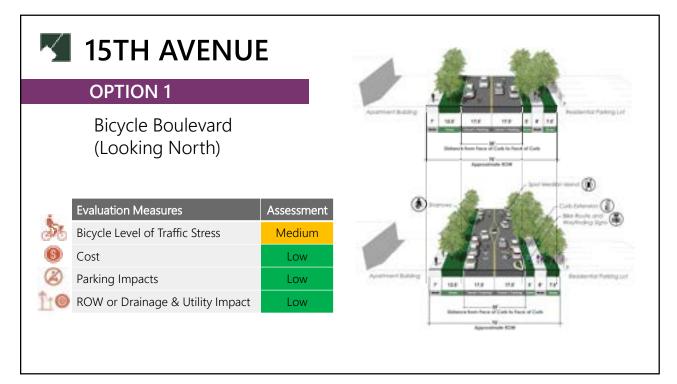
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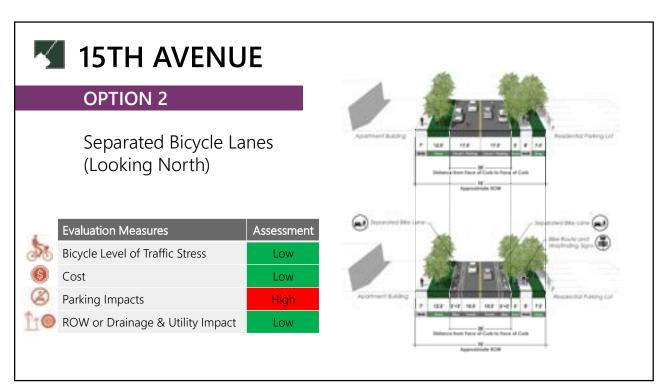


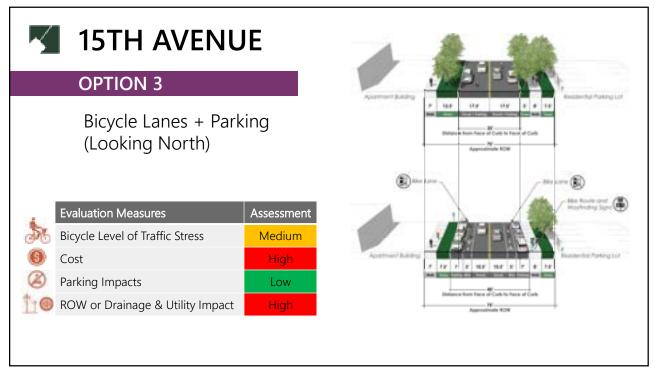
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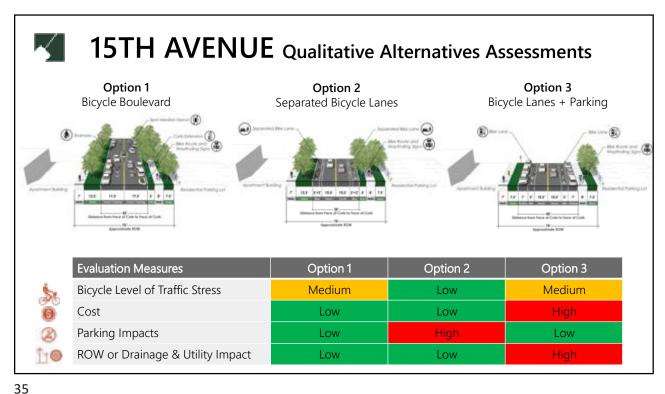


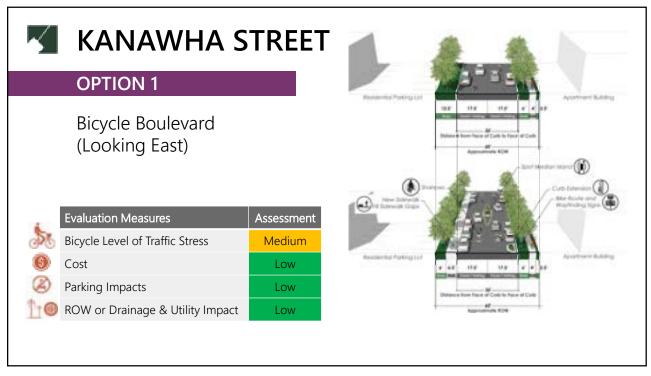
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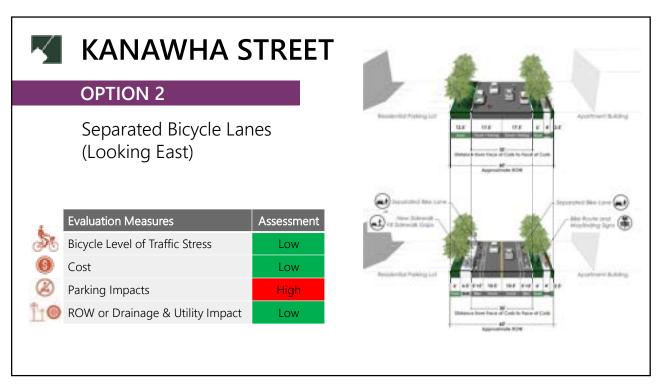


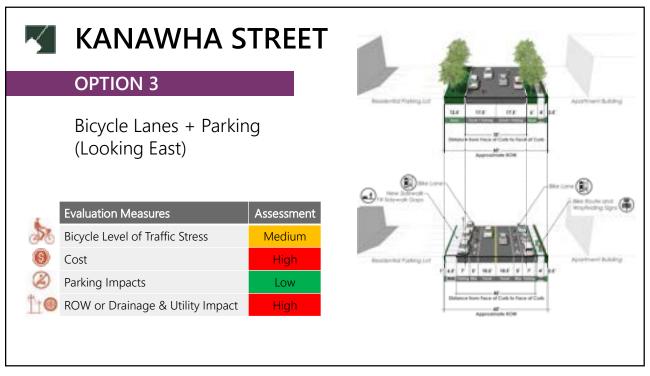


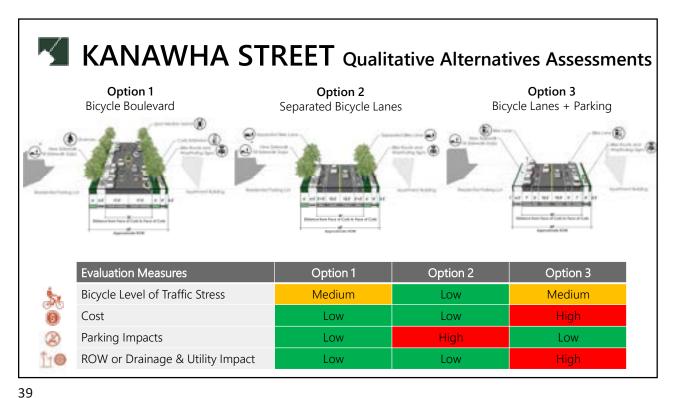


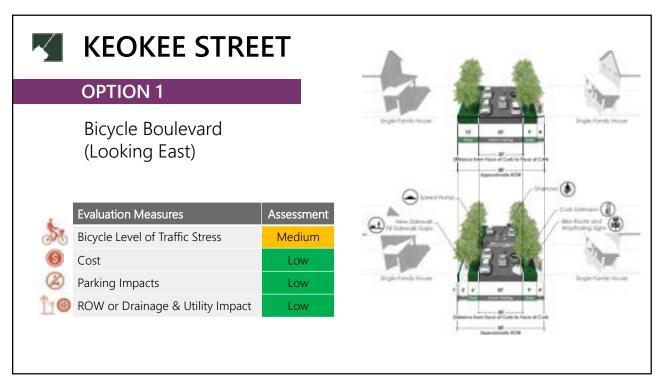


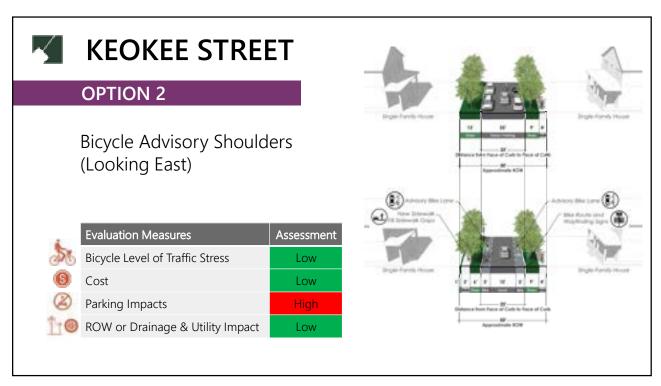


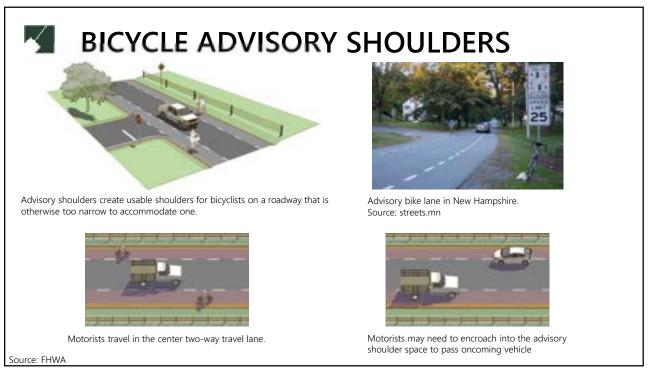


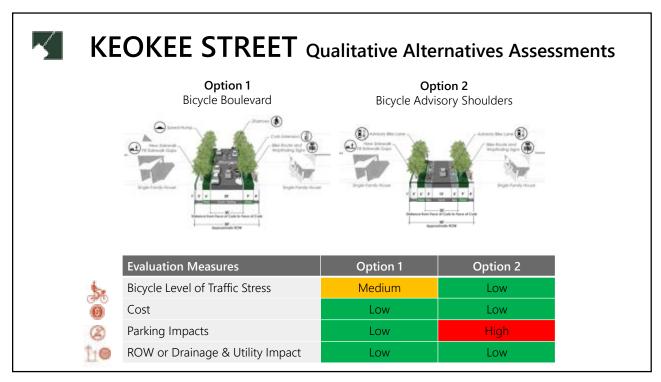


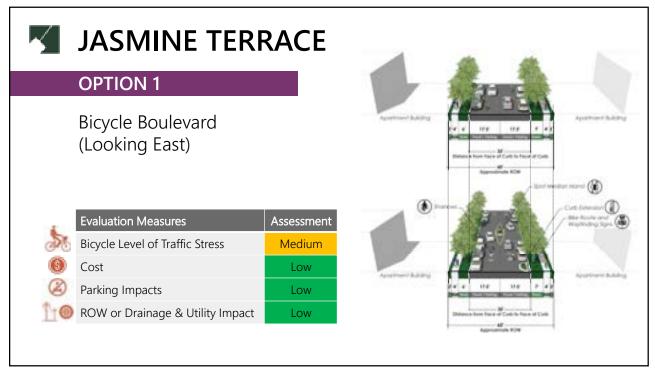


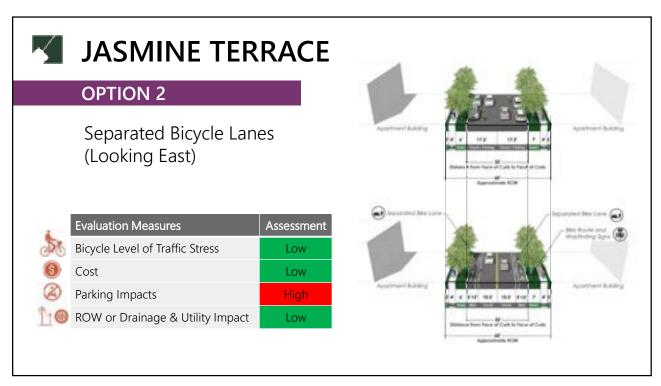


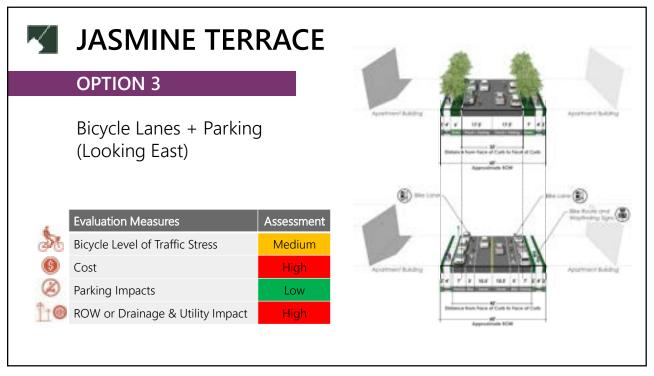


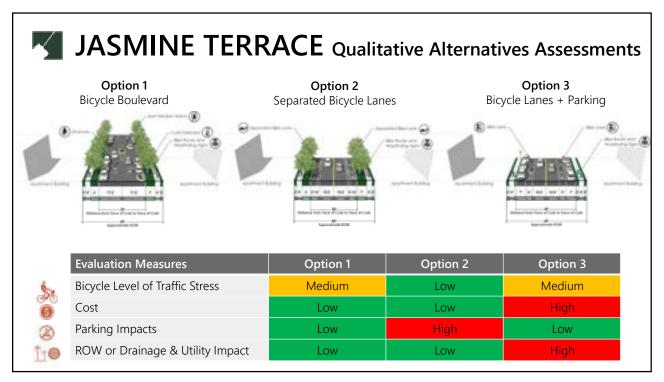








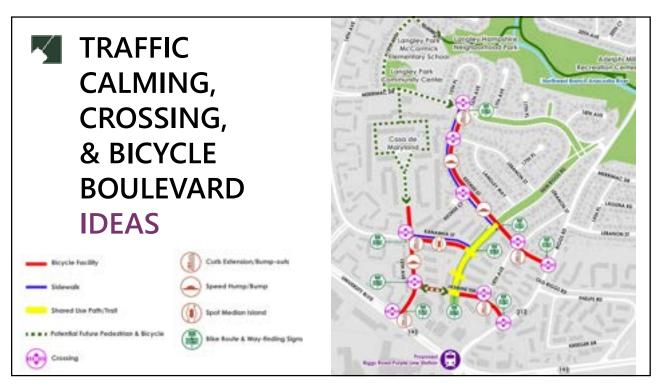






Slido Poll Question

- If widening the roads was not feasible and we have to choose between adding bike lanes or keeping on-street parking, what would you prefer?
 - o Remove on-street parking to add bike lanes
 - Maintain existing parking and redesign the street to make it safer to share the road with bikes







CURB EXTENSION/BUMP-OUTS (1)





Curb Extension at Intersection Image Credit: James Barrera



Mid-Block Curb Extension



Stormwater Swale in Curb Extension

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SPEED HUMP/BUMP





Speed Hump Image Credit: Lucy Gibson



Speed Bump



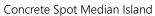
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MEDIAN ISLANDS (1)









Landscape Spot Median Island Image Credit: LKLA



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BIKE ROUTE & WAYFINDING SIGNS





Bike Route & Way-finding Signs



Bike Route & Way-finding Signs Image Credit: Bike Provincetown



Bike Route & Way-finding Signs

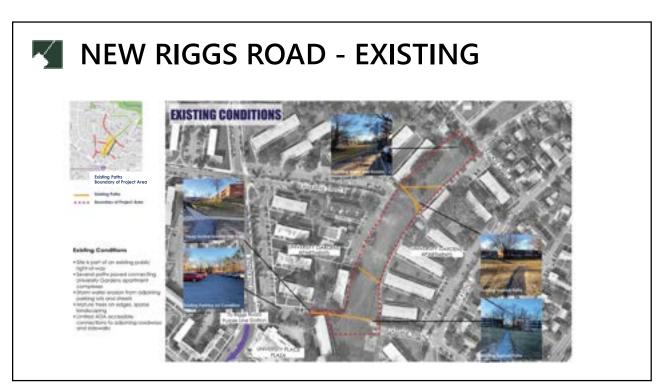


Slido Poll Question

- Would you ride a bike regularly if such improvements are made in the study area?
 - o Yes
 - o No

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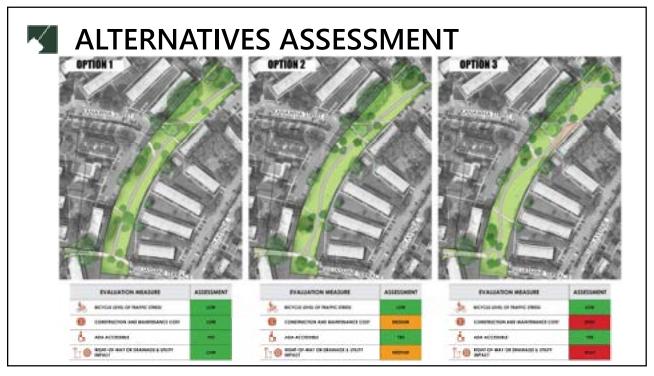














Slido Poll Question

- How do you use the New Riggs Road Right-Of Way today?
 - o Walking
 - o Biking
 - o Both walking and biking
 - o Play area
 - o Grilling/cookout
 - o All of the above
 - o Do not use space

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PARTICIPATE

Public Input Survey

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RiggsRdBikeBlvd - English Version https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RiggsRdBikeBlvd_Spanish - Spanish Version

Interactive Comment Mapping

<u>Interactive Map - English Version</u> <u>Interactive Map - Spanish Version</u>

Project Website

http://bit.ly/TLCRiggsRd

Contact M-NCPPC Project Manager – Judith Howerton

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NEXT STEPS

- Finalize preferred alternative for each study segment
- Develop preliminary engineering design plans
- Document the project through a final report

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THANK YOU!



Please contact M-NCPPC Project Manager with any questions or comments:

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Langley Park Neighborhood Bicycle Boulevards

Langley Park; Prince George's County, MD

Public Meeting Notes

Date: March 18, 2021

Meeting Location: Microsoft Teams Live

Presenters/Moderators:

- 1. Bryan Barnett-Woods (MNCPPC Prince George's County Planning Department)
- 2. Judith Howerton (MNCPPC Prince George's County Planning Department)
- 3. Crystal Hancock (MNCPPC Prince George's County Planning Department)
- 4. Benjamin Patrick (MNCPPC Prince George's County Planning Department)
- 5. Luke Benson (MNCPPC Prince George's County Planning Department)
- 6. Nima Upadhyay (Prince George's County DPW&T)
- 7. Stephanie Walder (Prince George's County DPW&T)
- 8. Michael Jackson (Prince George's County DPW&T)
- 9. Karen Armendariz (MWCOG)
- 10. Aditya Inamdar (Kittelson)
- 11. Mateo Van Thienen (Kittelson)
- 12. Christopher Nelson (Rhodeside Harwell)
- 13. Rebecca May (Rhodeside Harwell)

Q&A Transcript

- Regarding where respondents are located, is it possible residents have not heard about this meeting?
 - Bryan: we always try to get the most amount of people to attend meetings. If you know
 of anyone who is interested in hearing about this project but did not attend, please let
 them know about the survey they can fill out until the end of the month.
- Can we address bicycle routes along University Blvd and along the streets south of University Blvd?
 - Aditya: the SPACES project is currently looking at University Blvd, and the Purple Line Project is proposing a new shared use path along University Blvd. This project does not include University Blvd or any intersections with it.

 Bryan: this project does not include streets south of University Blvd, but there are other projects currently studying parking and re-design along those streets.

- Do you mean we have to burry utility power lines?
 - Aditya: assuming this question is related to the alternatives that have utility and drainage impacts, it depends on what the specific designs for this alternative come to be. Some designs might choose to push utility poles out while some other designs might decide to burry utility lines. This project does not investigate this level of detail.
- Are drainage impacts going to increase flooding in the area?
 - Aditya: the options where curbs are extended add impervious surfaces and there might be a need to add green infrastructure or other drainage solutions. These kinds of details will have to be assessed if these options move forward.
- Dealing with my experience, parking is extremely controversial in the area.
 - O Bryan: I agree. Parking is a very important amenity for our community. Only one option removes parking, so if the community does not want to remove parking, there are other options we can look at. There is also a parking study currently assessing the opportunities to expand parking options through shared parking among commercial and residential uses.
- Were there any options that considered removing only one travel lane or looked into travel diversion?
 - Aditya: all the study segments are bi-directional roads, so we did not look into removing directional lanes. In terms of traffic diversion, most study segments are dead-end so there aren't a lot of opportunities for network alternatives. Also, the study segments are residential streets where access to property is crucial, so we did not look into traffic diversion for that reason.
- 0% of Slido poll respondents live here, parking is a serious concern for the community.
 - Bryan: The survey for this study is still open so we need to get more residents to respond to the survey before it closes by the end of the month.
- My biggest concern is how to cross University Blvd, are any of these options looking into improving crossings at University Blvd?
 - Aditya: The SPACES project and the Purple Line project will look at improving crossings at University Blvd. This project does not include those intersections.
 - o Judith: the website for the SPACES project is linked in the MNCPPC website.
- There are bicycle wayfinding signs already designed for MNCPPC, please visit the website.
 - Aditya: the wayfinding signs are still in development so when these are finalized, we
 will include them in our report. We included typical signs in our images but will include
 the custom County signs once they are finalized.
- Why can't bicyclists like me ride on the sidewalk?
 - Michael provided legal context surrounding this issue. State law prohibits bicyclists on sidewalks unless local law specifically exempts them.
 - Aditya: sidewalks are very narrow in some cases (4' wide), and there are a lot of residential driveways where motorists might not notice bicyclists riding on the sidewalk.
 On other segments with wider sidewalks, bicyclists should be encouraged to use them.
- Can you address when these improvements will be built?
 - Aditya: these improvements will be sent to the county's capital improvement plan and it will depend on the county's funding mechanism.
- Are parking issues due to car dependency or simply because of transportation preferences? Can this be studied and included in the final report?

• Bryan: very interesting question, there is currently a parking study happening in the area and this is something that they should take into account.

- Will there be lighting improvements?
 - The study segments all currently have lighting. For New Riggs Road ROW, lighting is an amenity that is currently being looked at.
 - Christopher: Aditya is right that we are looking at lighting for the shared use path alternatives and are waiting for feedback from the community before we move this recommendation forward.
- Can we include bioswales?
 - Aditya: we are looking at green stormwater alternatives as part of the shared use path along New Riggs Road ROW.
 - o Christopher: we are looking at bioswales and rain gardens along New Riggs Road ROW.
 - Aditya: if there are curb extensions along the street segments that are big enough to accommodate bioswales, we will talk with DPW&T to assess their feasibility.
- When will this be constructed? Is there funding allocated for these improvements?
 - Nima: the project is looking for 30% design plans. We will add these to the County's capital improvement plan once they are done and hopefully can be funded within 2 to 3 years.

Langley Park Neighborhood Bicycle Boulevards Online Survey Results

Thursday, April 01, 2021

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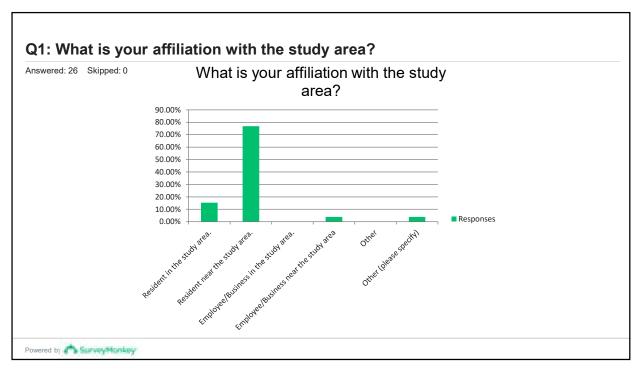
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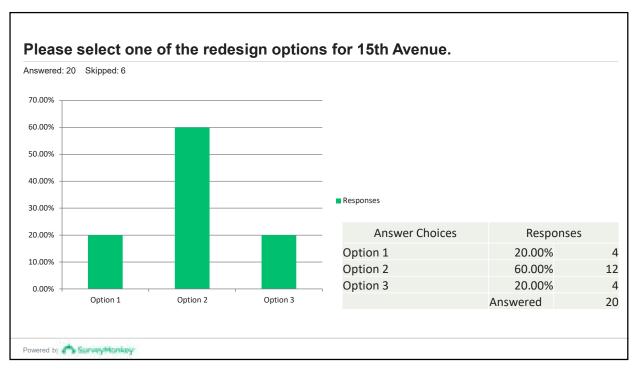


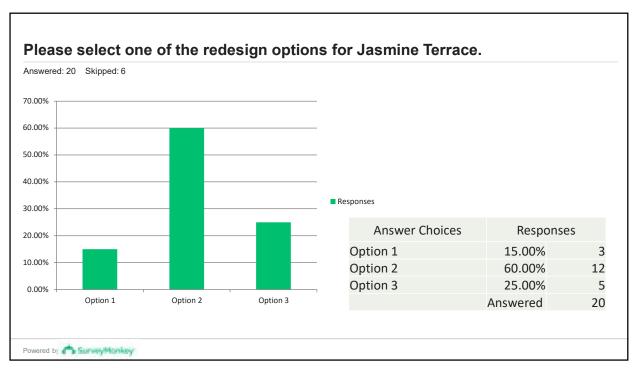
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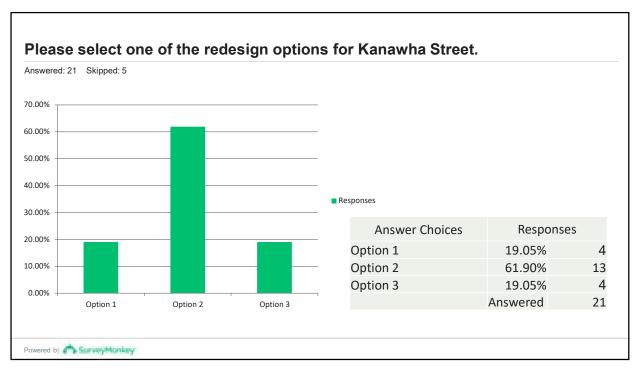
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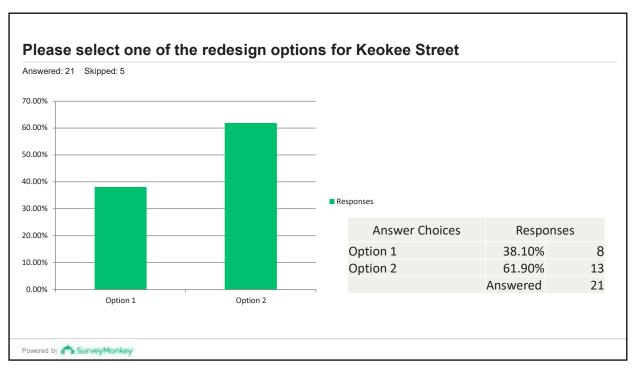
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Resident in the study area	15.38%	4
Resident near the study area	76.92%	20
Employee/Business in the study area	0.00%	0
Employee/Business near the study area	3.85%	1
Other	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	3.85%	1
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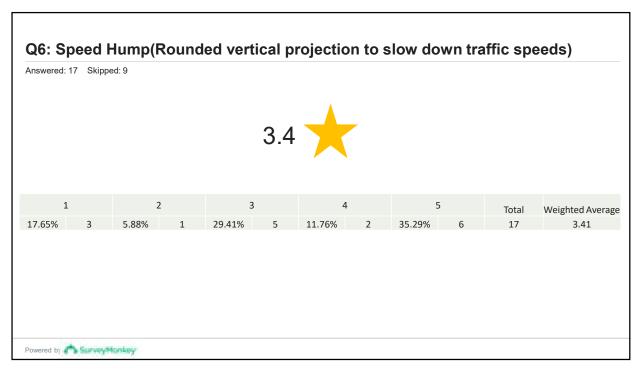
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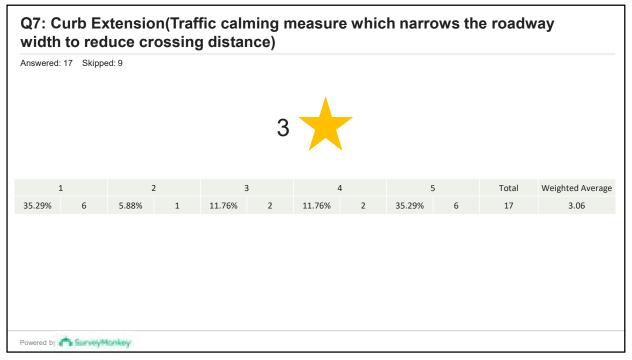


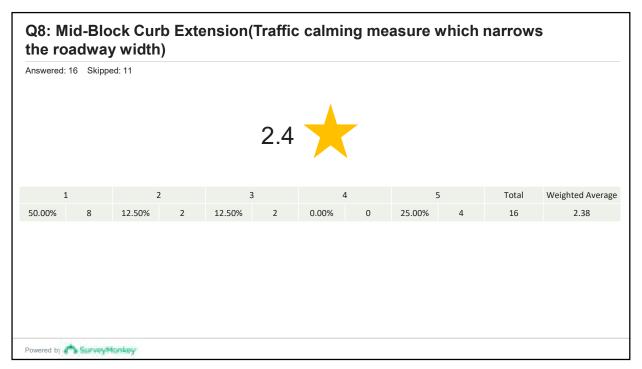






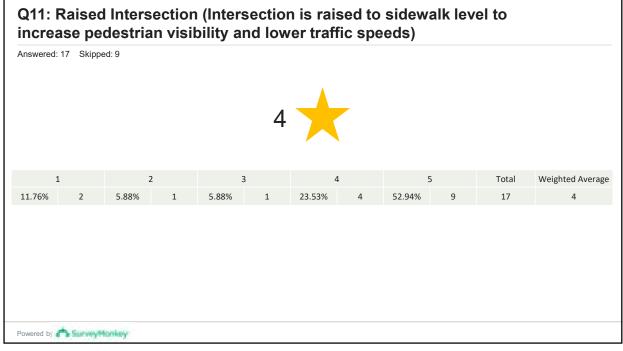


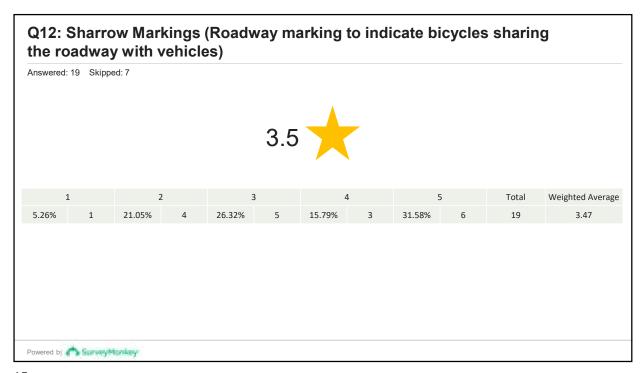


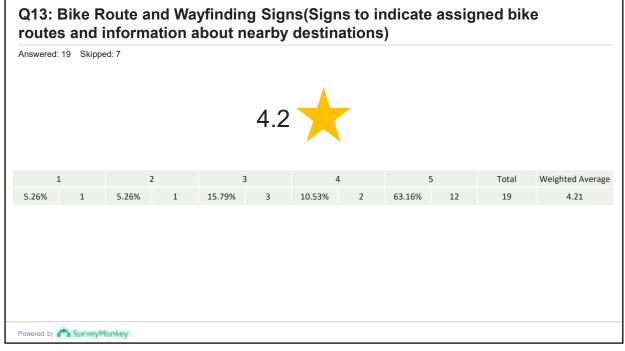


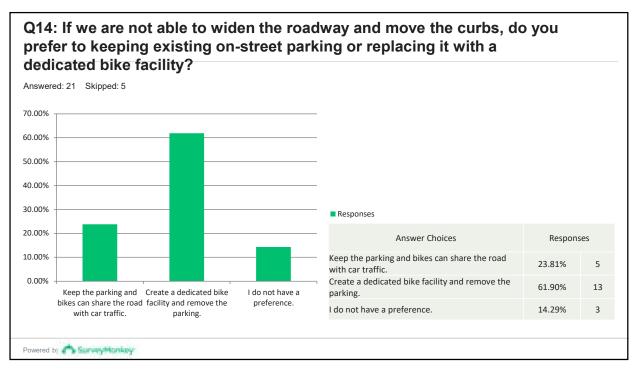


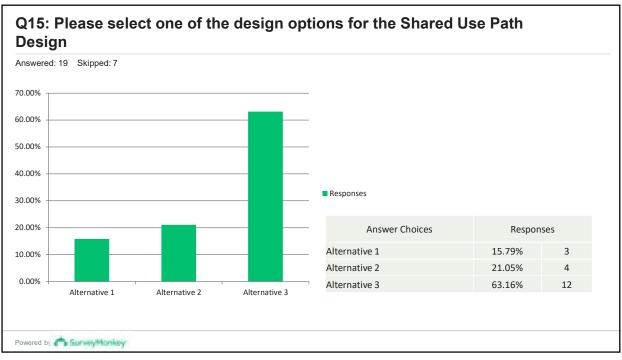










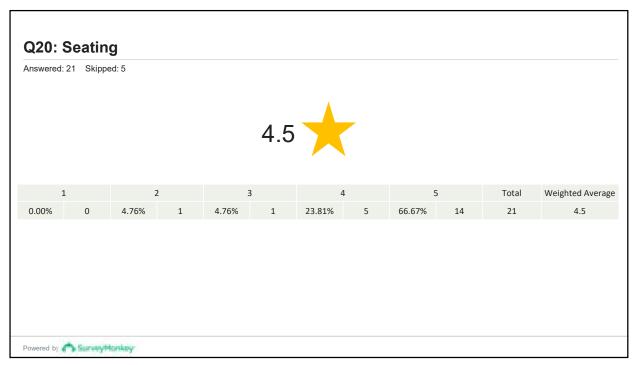


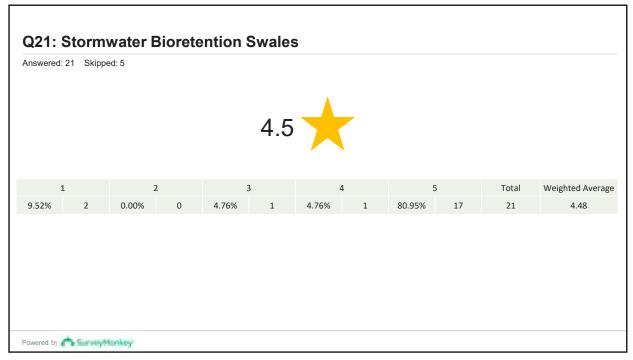


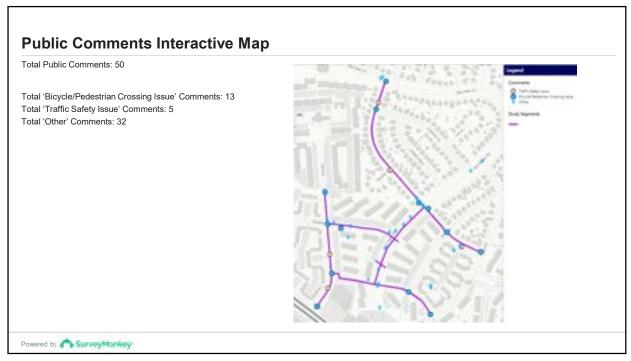












		Boulevards: Interactive Map Comments
No.	Concern	Comment
		Multiuse path should connect to desire path northwest corner of ROW,
1	Other	should be ADA compliant row.
		Suggest siting multiuse trail on west side of ROW to take advantage of
2	Other	existing mature tree shade.
		Amenities (grocery store, fast food, etc) south of University Blvd will be
		a draw for project area. Expect peds and bikes to down 15th Ave and
		New Riggs ROW via Jasmine Terrace to 15th/MD193 intersection.
		Crash history at 15th/MD193 indicates it is currently dangerous,
		additional demand will increase conflicts. Please work with SPACES
3	Bicycle Pedestrian Crossing Issue	project to make this intersection as safe as possible.
		15th opens up (limited parking, more roadway space for drivers) from
		the Jasmine connector to MD193. Crash history indicates significant
		conflict threat to additional ped/bike demand project will generate.
		Suggest a protected bike lane from Jasmine connector to MD193
		intersection for traffic calming & ped and bike buffer. If there is one
4	Traffic Safety Issue	place to put a PBL in the project, this is the road segment.
		JAsmine connector to New Riggs ROW will create bike/ped crosswalk
		demand. Suggest Hi Vis XW in front 7908 !5th Ave apartment entrance,
		remove 2-3 parking spots for new XW that is located on speed table
5	Bicycle Pedestrian Crossing Issue	(slope compliant with EMT access). Consider RRFB signal.
		Crash history hot in front of parking lot entrance, suggest traffic calming
6	Traffic Safety Issue	here.
		OMG so many kids! This 4-way stop is the greatest conflict threat
		within the project area, school bus and The Bus route stops. Remove
		parking space from all 4 corners (8 spaces), extend sidewalk using
		bumpouts, build raised table crosswalks, add hi-vis XW signage. Do
7	Bicycle Pedestrian Crossing Issue	EVERYTHING possible to get drivers to stop and look for pedestrians.
		This "intersection" is where the one severe injury ped crash occurred in
		the project area. The intersection (CASA gate) is unmarked, drivers and
		peds pick their own through the intersection because there are no stop
		lines, no XW paint, curb cut alignment is skewed. Please put significant
		attention into this XW, suggestion curb extension, raised XW, hi-vis
	Bicycle Pedestrian Crossing Issue	signage, work with CASA to define the intersection inside the gate.
	Other	Install Bike Rack
	Other	Upgrade bike rack
	Bicycle Pedestrian Crossing Issue	Define sidewalk at parking lot exit, add signage.
	Other	Lighting for safety
	Other	Path to provide access to playground
18	Other	Lighting for safety / playground
		Reserve parking (2-3 spaces) behind (east of) 4 way stop bump-out for
		food truck and ice cream truck vendors, probably the least demand
19	Other	parking /farthest away from apartments.
		T-bone intersection needs definition. Currently, 18th Ave left turning
		traffic to Jasmine eastbound has stop sign but not other traffic control.
		On 18th, consider curb extensions, advanced stop line (SB 18th),
		crossing island/turn wedge, raised crosswalk to protected additional ped
	Bicycle Pedestrian Crossing Issue	and bicyclist thru traffic on Jasmine.
21	Other	Add bike rack near playground
		JasmineT at Riggs intersection has stop sign control and a XW north leg
		of intersection across Riggs. Suggest improved intersection definition at
		Jasmine (west leg) including advanced stop line, hi vis XW, curb
		extension/radius reduction (south corner of Jasmine left turn to Riggs),
22	Bicycle Pedestrian Crossing Issue	and crossing island/turn wedge.
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	Langley Park Neighborhood Bicycle B	oulevards: Interactive Map Comments
No.	Concern	Comment
23	Other	sidewalk btwn ally parking and Jasmine doe snot have ADA curb cut. Looks like street access to sidewalk was "taken" for additional parking (as evidenced by paint). Several ADA curb cut non-compliant sidewalks in project area like this.
	Other	Add bike rack
	Other	ADA Parking stop, no ADA sidewalk curb cut.
	Other	Sidewalk along Keokee St does not ADA curb cut
	Guidi	Consider raised hi vis XW at Keokoo and Riggs, and curb extension (southwest leg) left turn from Keokee to SB Riggs. Tall hedge on property on northwest leg of intersection reduces sight line for right turning traffic from SB Riggs to WB Keokee for peds in XW. Suggest bump out/reduced curb radius to slow driver speed onto Keokee across
27	Bicycle Pedestrian Crossing Issue	XW.
28	Traffic Safety Issue	Uncontrolled intersection, add stop sign and stop line on parking lot ally exit to Keokee
20	Othor	Sidewalk along Keokee St crossing ally parking exit does not ADA curb
29	Other	cut
30	Other	There are no M-NCPPC park land or facilities within 1/2 mile of the project area, this community is significantly underserved which has negative health and wellbeing consequences. Recommend ROW be transferred to M-NCPPC and significant investment in made to develop playground and activity facilities as a project focus area. Any trail on this ROW should be part of a greater strategy for connectivity and place making, the trail siting should NOT prohibit future park facilities.
		Purple Line Riggs/University Station will be west leg of University/Riggs intersection immediately south of the southeast corner of the ROW. The Project should coordinate with PL SPACES project to connect the project ROW trail to the PL Riggs station thru fence and commercial property buffer btwn ROW and PL Riggs Station. Providing access from the ROW will SIGNIFICANTLY reduce conflicts with drivers within
31	Other	project for PL users. PLEASE MAKE THIS A PRIORITY! Add large capacity Capital Bikeshare Station at northwest leg of
32	Other	Riggs/University intersection serving PL Station (demand node). Add Capital Bikeshare Station (origin node) at Lebanon at New Riggs
33	Other	(west side).
		Map is not accurate. There is no road connection across the ROW. Consider trail connection across ROW connecting east and west legs of Lebanon St providing alternative to Keokee as lower stress/lower risk for bicyclists and pedestrians in east side of project area using amenities on Merrimac (Boys and Girls Club, Community Center,
34	Other	Elementary School and playground, and NWB Trail)
35	Other	Add Capital Bikeshare Station (origin node) at southwest corner Keokee and Merrimac at New Riggs (west side). This location is 0,5 mile from PL Riggs Station and 0.7 mile from Univ/New Hampshire station.
36	Other	Green space southwest corner Merrimac and Keokee needs some love, overgrown, trees distressed by vines. There is a desire line thru space. Suggest clean up, pocket park, benches, sidewalk along desire line to driveway at 1601 Keokee and curb cut at that location on Keokee. Add Capital Bikeshare Station (origin node in high density housing) at
37	Other	northwest corner Merrimac and 14th Ave. This location is 0.7 mile from PL Riggs Station and 0.5 mile from Univ/New Hampshire station.
	Other	Add large capacity Capital Bikeshare Station at north of Takoma Langley Crossroads TC (behind Bank of America) serving TC and PL Station (demand node).
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	prhood Bicycle Boulevards: Interactive Map Comments
No. Concern	Comment
	2 way stop at 18th Ave and Keokee with on marked crosswalk(s). Make
	4 way stop, add stop lines, add hi-vis elevated XWs (all legs). Consider
	reducing speed limit to 20 mph for all project roads (as statute allows).
39 Bicycle Pedestrian Crossing Issue	Note: Hedges on 3 corners limit sight lines.
	Add stop sign and stop line west leg Keokee (EB), elevated XW (table),
	bump outs for speed reduction in ROW "open" roadway where there is
40 Bicycle Pedestrian Crossing Issue	no parking.
41 Bicycle Pedestrian Crossing Issue	Add stop sign and stop line east leg Keokee (WB), elevated XW (table),
	bump outs for speed reduction in ROW "open" roadway where there is
	no parking.
	Trees and drainage area needs some love behind guard rail. Trim,
42 Other	remove vines. use shade area for park bench gathering area.
12 04101	Desire path southwest corner of west intersection New Riggs and
	Keokee. Suggest sidewalk from corner driverway SFH on Keokee to
43 Other	trail from ROW.
10 0 0 10 1	Consider parking only east side of short cul de sac extension of New
	Riggs (west side) so ROW trail can connect to Keokee under mature
44 Other	tree shade.
44 Ottlei	Some vehicle crashes at Keokee Ct intersection. Consider adding stop
AF Traffic Cafabulaava	line to better define intersection. Hedge and parking limits sight lines,
45 Traffic Safety Issue	consider speed hump west leg of intersection.
	Keokee at Lebanon has some crash history. If Keokee is going to be a
	bicycle boulevard (e.g., no bike lanes), then Keokee needs to be slowed
	down. Suggest a 3 way stop (currently 1 way on Lebanon) with stop
	lines. Lebanon stop line needs to be move back 10-15 ft , currently in
	XW. Build and mark elevated XW and on Lebanon leg of intersection,
46 Bicycle Pedestrian Crossing Issue	include ped crossing signage.
	Reduce speed and crash potential on Keokee at no parking area (east
47 Traffic Safety Issue	side Keokee) by adding speed hump/pillow.
	1 way stop Keokee and Merrimac. Enhance Keokee stop (south
	intersection leg) with stop line before XW, add XW table south leg. Add
	ped crossing signage on Keokee. Repaint XW on Merrimac, move
	Merrimac speed hump west leg (on Merrimac) to Merrimac XW, make
48 Bicycle Pedestrian Crossing Issue	Merrimac XW a speed table.
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	The tragically high number of pedestrians struck by drivers in this area
	has been well-reported (https://cnsmaryland.org/2017/05/17/pedestrian-
	casualties-mount-in-maryland-town-as-officials-defer-action/;
	https://ggwash.org/view/43801/what-happens-when-people-without-car-
	move-to-places-built-for-driving;
	https://www.baltimoresun.com/maryland/bs-md-pedestrian-accidents-
	pile-up-20171223-story.html?). The proposed bicycle boulevards and
40 Other	design improvements with the Purple Line are welcomed.
49 Other	
	Signage doesn't work. We've had speed limit signs since 1901. Speed
	bumps don't work. They pull the driver's attention away from everything
	else toward the upside-down pothole, which is all a speedbump is.
	Traffic circles reduce pollution unlike stop lights/stop signs/speed
	bumps which force drivers to slow/stop/idle/accelerate. Traffic circles
50 Other	keep traffic moving without the accordion effect.