PUBLIC FORUM
Routes 10, 34, New 40, 42, L8, T2

Montgomery County Department of Transportation
Ride On Transit Services

Mid-County Regional Services Center
2425 Reedie Drive, 2nd Floor Conference Rm
Wheaton

February 18, 2025

6:00 p.m.

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Overview

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT), Division of Transit Services, is proposing alignment changes to Ride On Routes 34 and 42; introducing new Route 40 to replace portions of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) Metrobus Routes Q2, Q4, and Q6; and replacing Route 10 with portions of new Metrobus Routes M42, M44, and M60. As part of the County's commitment to receive comments from the public, a public forum is being conducted on the proposed changes. This process allows MCDOT to share information with the public on the proposed service changes, which will provide the best opportunity for success.

In late 2024, both MCDOT and WMATA adopted comprehensive redesign plans for their bus networks, known respectively as Ride On Reimagined (https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-transit/reimagined/) and Better Bus (https://www.wmata.com/initiatives/plans/Better-Bus/). Year 1 implementation of both plans will begin on June 29, 2025. MCDOT and WMATA have carefully analyzed the resources needed to operate their proposed Year 1 services and have mutually agreed to balance those resources by reassigning certain routes or portions of routes. The changes to Routes 10, 34, L8, and T2 and the introduction of Route 40 are part of this effort.

The changes to Route 42 are intended to remove low-ridership portions of the route and improve its overall efficiency.

Staff continues to monitor the Ride On routes routinely to effectively gauge the pre-Covid and post Covid trends. As ridership trends continue to develop and resources become available, we can readily meet the demand.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to submit comments regarding this public forum may do so by submitting in writing or by email no later than 5 p.m. on February 16, 2025. This information can be mailed and/or emailed to:

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<tr><th colspan="3">Route 10</th><th>Existing</th><th>Proposed</th></tr>
<tr><td colspan="3">From</td><td>Twinbrook Metro Station</td><td rowspan="12">For information on Metrobus Routes M42, M44, and M60, please visit https://www.wmata.com/initiatives/plans/Better-Bus/upload/Resource_2025-Route-Profiles_Maryland.pdf</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="3">To</td><td>Hillandale</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="3">Span</td><td colspan="2">Weekday</td><td>4:40 am – 10:40 pm</td></tr>
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<tr><td colspan="3">Description of Proposal</td><td colspan="2">Route 10 will be discontinued and replaced by new Metrobus Routes M42, M44, and M60. These routes will provide similar or more frequent service to most locations currently served by Route 10.</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="3">Justification for Proposal</td><td colspan="2">Reallocate resources while maintaining frequent service on the Randolph Road corridor, as outlined in Ride On Reimagined and Better Bus Network Redesign.</td></tr>
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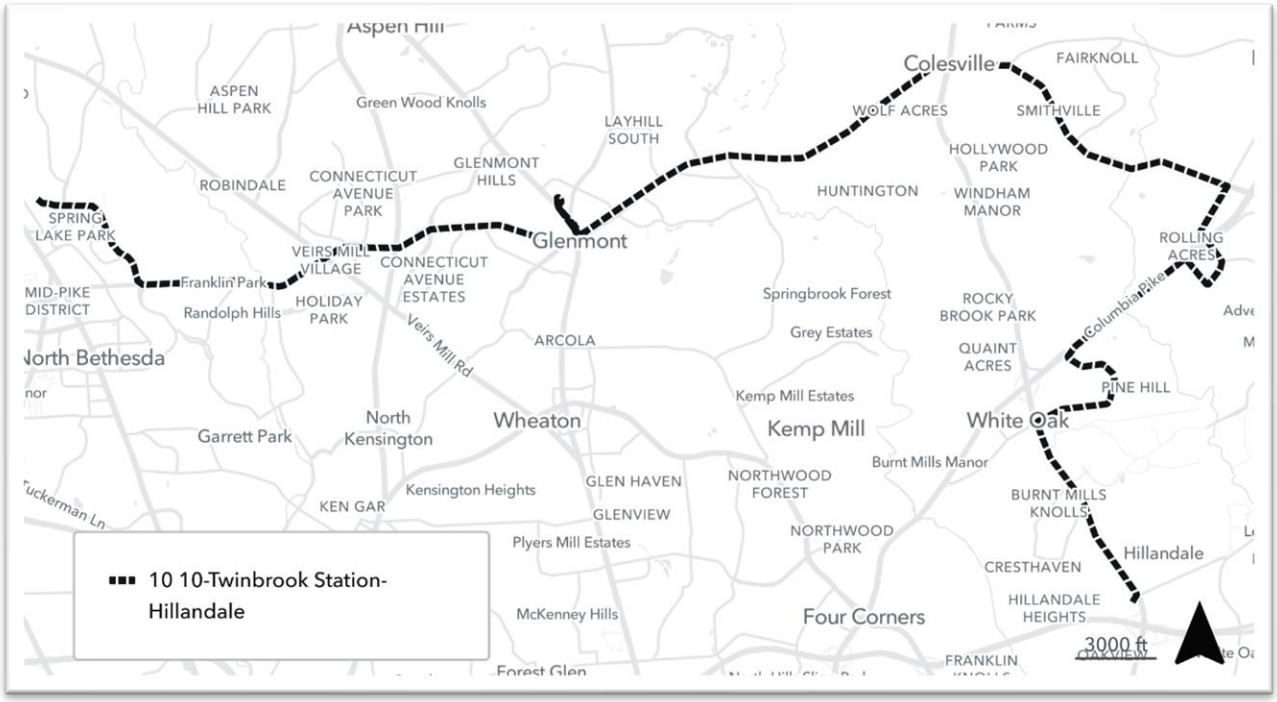
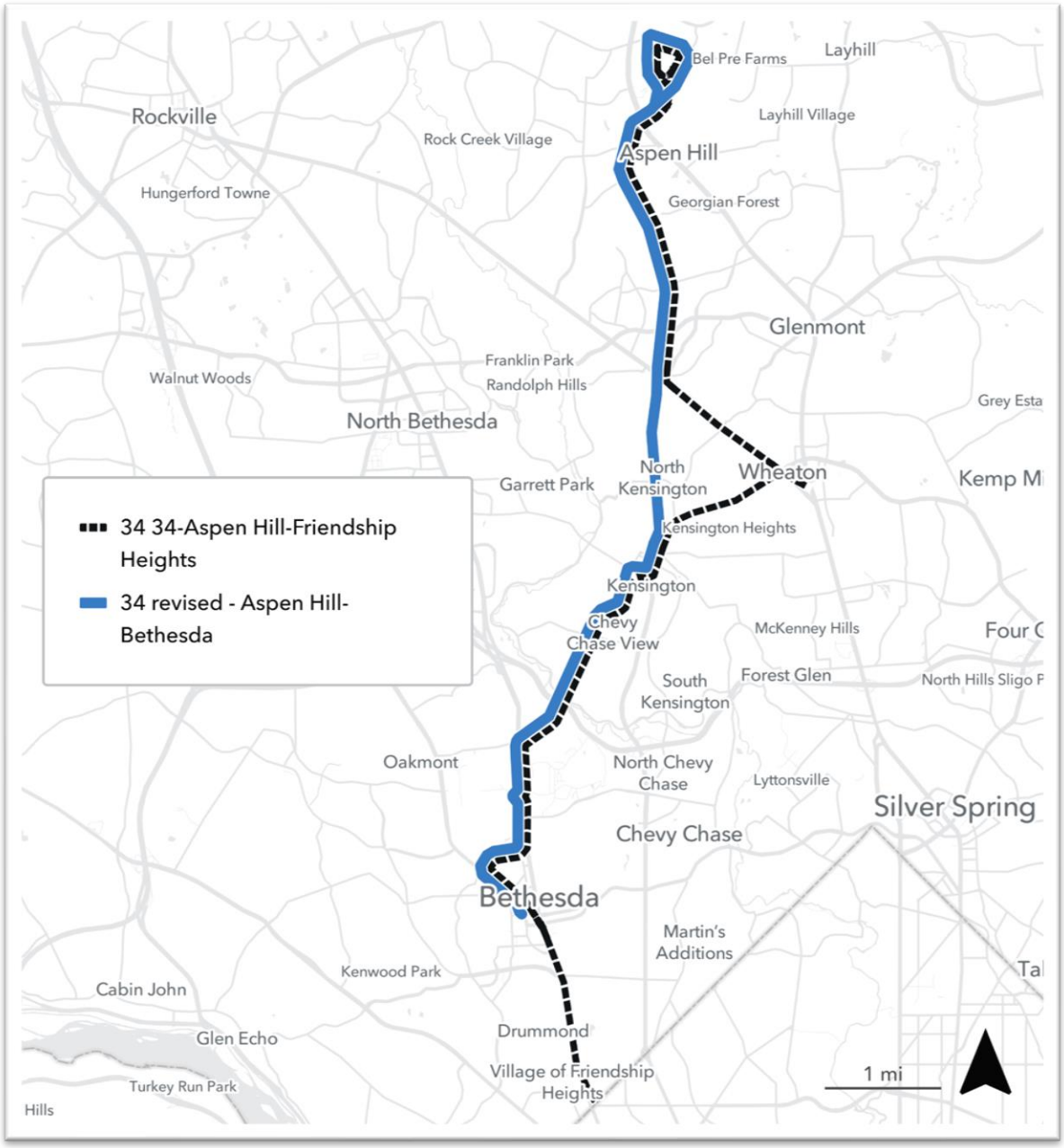
Proposed Route 10 Map



For maps of Metrobus Routes M42, M44, and M60, please visit https://www.wmata.com/initiatives/plans/Better-Bus/upload/Resource_2025-Route-Profiles_Maryland.pdf

Route 34			Existing	Proposed
From			Aspen Hill	Aspen Hill
To			Friendship Heights Metro Station	Bethesda Metro Station
Span	Weekday		5:00 am – 12:40 am	5:00 am – 12:40 am
	Saturday		5:50 am – 12:35 am	5:50 am – 12:35 am
	Sunday		5:50 am – 12:35 am	5:50 am – 12:35 am
Headway (Minutes)	Weekday	AM Peak	20 min	20 min
		Midday	30 min	30 min
		PM Peak	20 min	20 min
		Evening	40 min	40 min
		Late Night	40 min	40 min
	Saturday		35 min	35 min
	Sunday		35 min	35 min
Description of Proposal			Route 34 will no longer serve Wheaton Metro Station, University Boulevard, or Veirs Mill Road. Buses will remain on Connecticut Avenue between University Boulevard and Veirs Mill Road, serving all local stops. Metrobus Route M22 will provide service on University Boulevard. Coverage on Veirs Mill Road will be provided by Ride On Routes 40 and 48 and Metrobus Routes M10 and M12. The route's southern terminus will move from Friendship Heights Metro Station to Bethesda Metro Station. Metrobus Routes M22 and D96 will provide service between Bethesda and Friendship Heights.	
Justification for Proposal			Provide a more direct path between Medical Center Metrorail station and Aspen Hill via the Connecticut Avenue corridor. Reallocate resources while maintaining frequent service, as outlined in Ride On Reimagined and Better Bus Network Redesign.	

Proposed Route 34 Map



For maps of Metrobus Routes M10, M12, and M22, please visit https://www.wmata.com/initiatives/plans/Better-Bus/upload/Resource_2025-Route-Profiles_Maryland.pdf

For a map of Metrobus Route D96, please visit https://www.wmata.com/initiatives/plans/Better-Bus/upload/Resource_2025-Route-Profiles_District-of-Columbia.pdf

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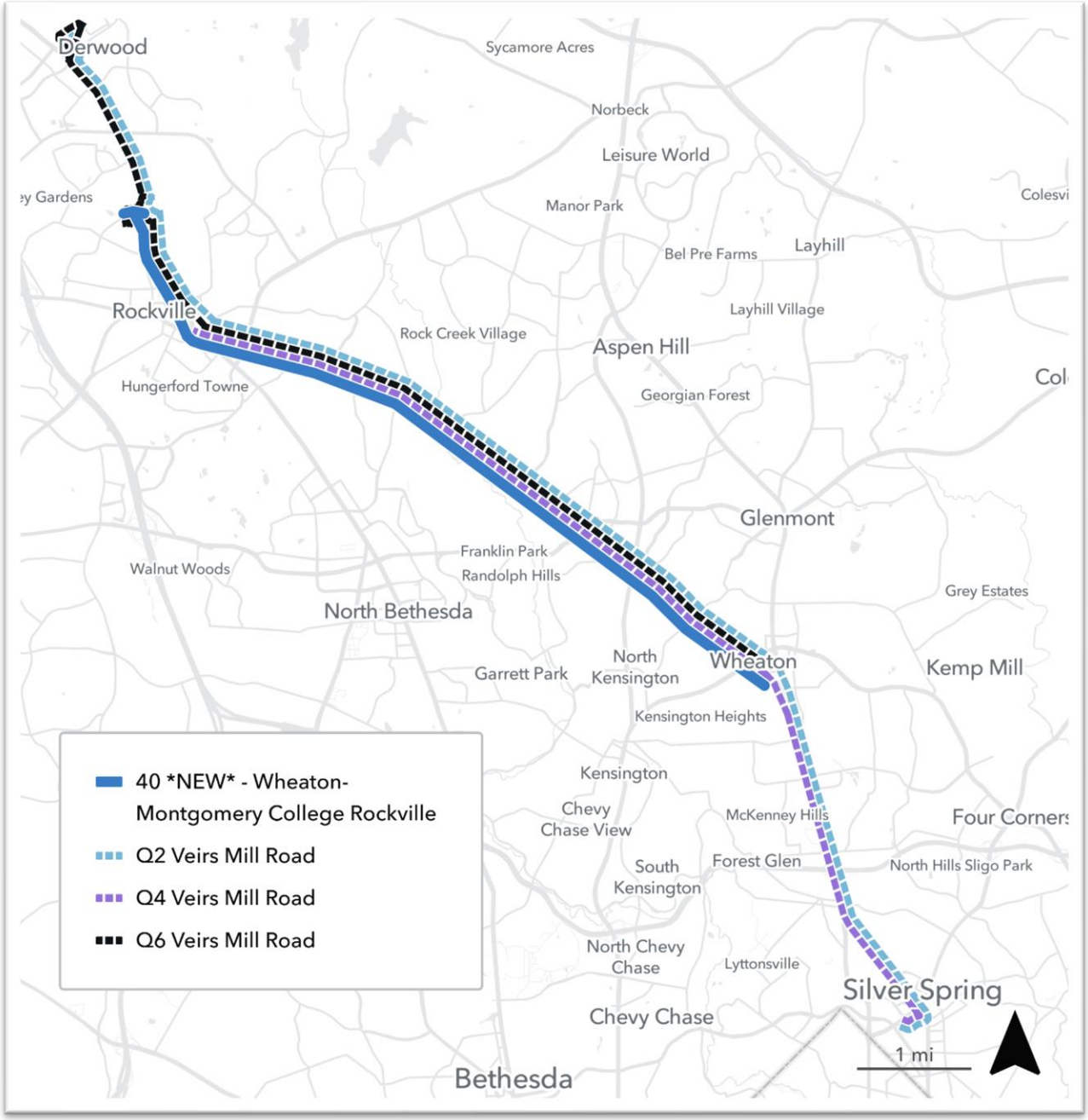
Route 40			Existing (Metrobus Q2, Q4, Q6)	Proposed (New Route 40)
From			Shady Grove Metro Station	Wheaton Metro Station
To			Silver Spring Metro Station	Montgomery College - Rockville
Span	Weekday		4:15 am – 1:40 am	4:28 am – 1:54 am
	Saturday		4:45 am – 1:40 am	4:45 am – 1:22 am
	Sunday		5:50 am – 12:40 am	5:50 am – 12:53 am
Headway (Minutes)	Weekday	AM Peak	10 min	10 min
		Midday	15 min	15 min
		PM Peak	10 min	10 min
		Evening	20 min	20 min
		Late Night	30 min	30 min
	Saturday		15 min	15 min; 30 min late PM
	Sunday		15 min	15 min; 30 min late PM
Description of Proposal			The new Route 40 will replace portions of Metrobus Routes Q2, Q4, and Q6. Route 40 will operate between Montgomery College-Rockville (MC-R) and Wheaton Metro station. Service span and headways will be comparable to current Q2/Q4/Q6 service between MC-R and Wheaton. Ride On Routes 55 and 101 will provide service north of Montgomery College-Rockville to Shady Grove Metro Station. Metrobus Route M20 (replacing Routes Y2, Y7, and Y8) will provide service south of Wheaton to Silver Spring Metro Station.	
Justification for Proposal			Facilitate the future introduction of bus rapid transit (BRT) service on Veirs Mill Road. Reallocate resources while maintaining frequent service, as outlined in Ride On Reimagined and Better Bus Network Redesign.	

Proposed New Route 40 Map



For a map of Metrobus Route M20, please visit https://www.wmata.com/initiatives/plans/Better-Bus/upload/Resource_2025-Route-Profiles_Maryland.pdf

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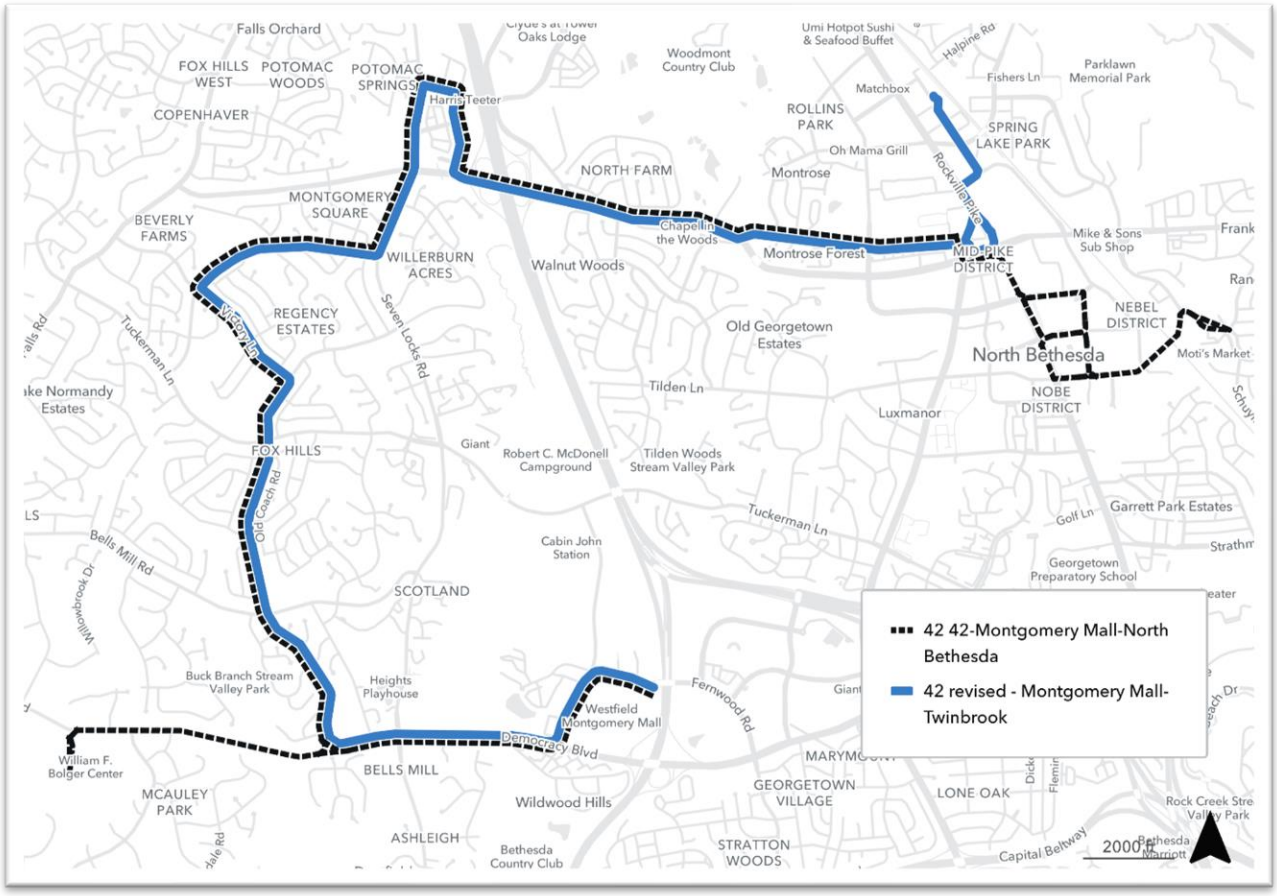
Route 42			Existing	Proposed
From			Montgomery Mall	Montgomery Mall
To			North Bethesda Metro Station	Twinbrook Metro Station
Span	Weekday		5:15 am – 8:35 pm	5:15 am – 8:35 pm
	Saturday		7:55 am – 7:55 pm	7:55 am – 7:55 pm
	Sunday		-	-
Headway (Minutes)	Weekday	AM Peak	40 min	40 min
		Midday	40 min	40 min
		PM Peak	40 min	40 min
		Evening	40 min	40 min
		Late Night	-	-
	Saturday		40 min	40 min
	Sunday		-	-
Description of Proposal			The northern terminus for Route 42 will move from North Bethesda Metro Station to Twinbrook Metro Station. Service to Boiling Brook Parkway and Rocking Horse Road will be discontinued. Route 38 will continue to serve Boiling Brook Parkway, and Metrobus routes M42 and M44 will serve Parklawn Drive at Boiling Brook Parkway. Service to and from the William F. Bolger Center/U.S. Postal Service training facility will be discontinued. The affected trips (one AM, one PM) will continue to run, but will no longer stop at the Bolger Center.	
Justification for Proposal			Remove low-ridership portions of the route and improve overall route efficiency.	

Proposed Route 42 Map



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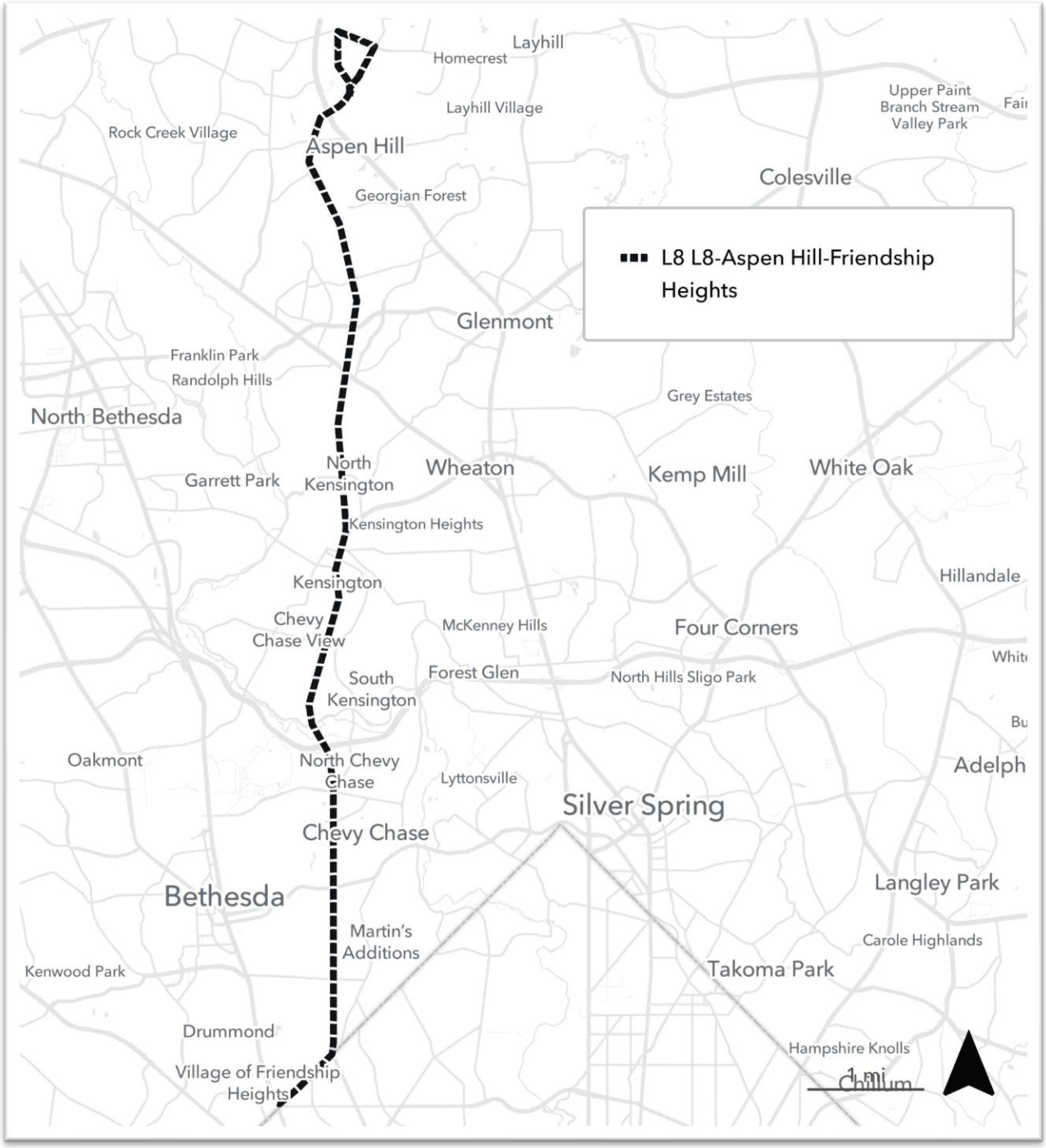

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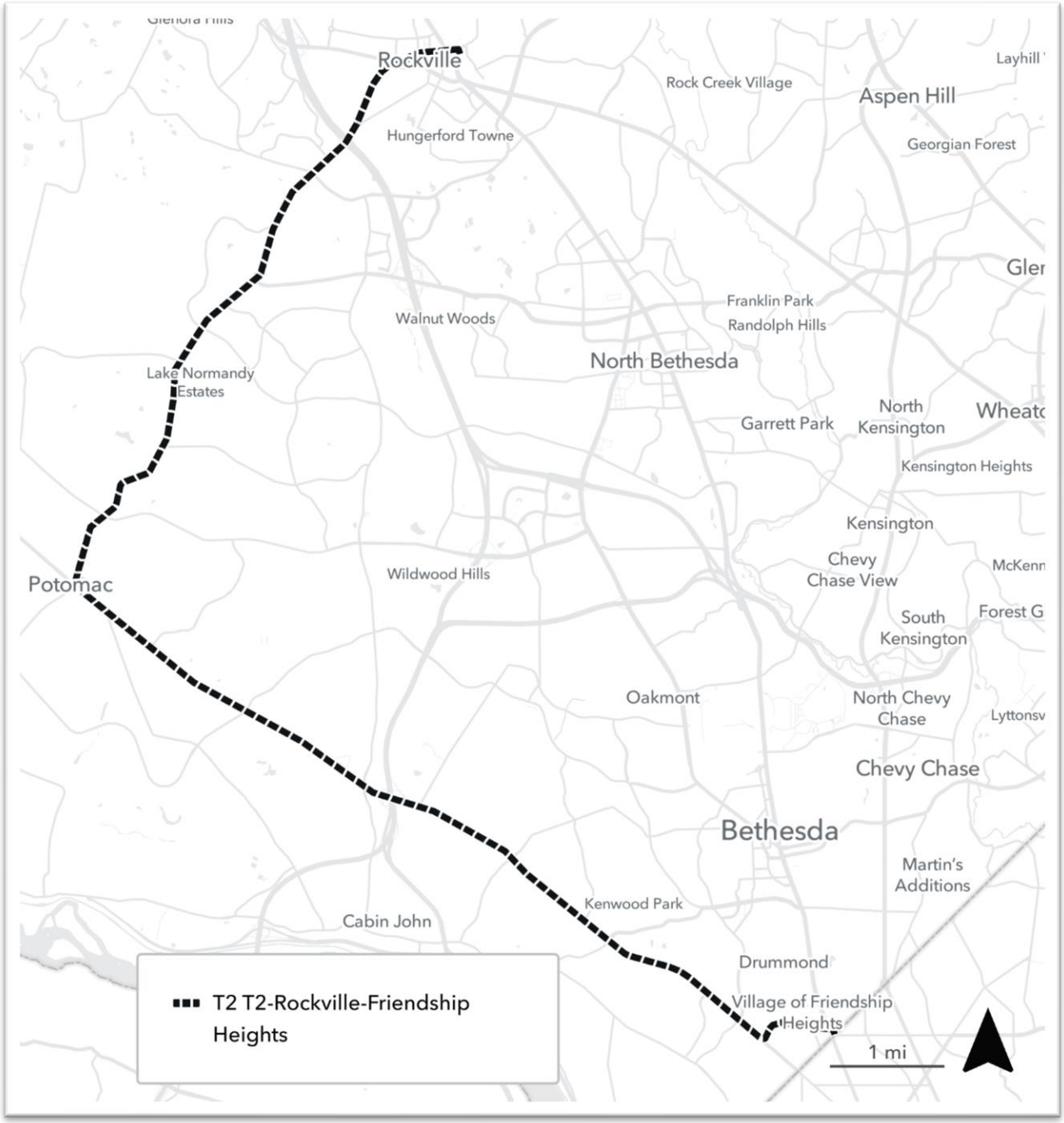

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