

# MD 355 Flash BRT Project Update

Corridor Advisory Committees Meeting

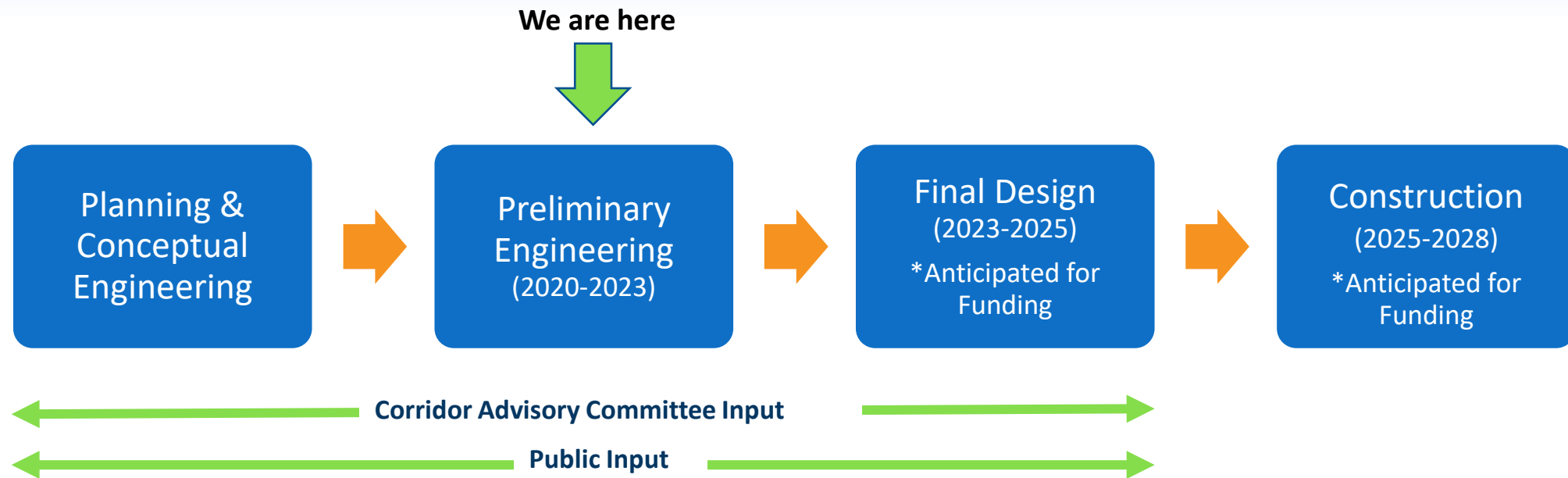
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# Meeting Objectives

- Update on MD 355 BRT project status
- Design updates at the 25% design milestone
- Breakout discussions on three current design topics
  - 25% design plan overview
  - Montgomery College Rockville – Lot 13 Transit Center
  - BRT Stations and bike/ped facilities
- Wrap-up discussion and next steps

# Project Update

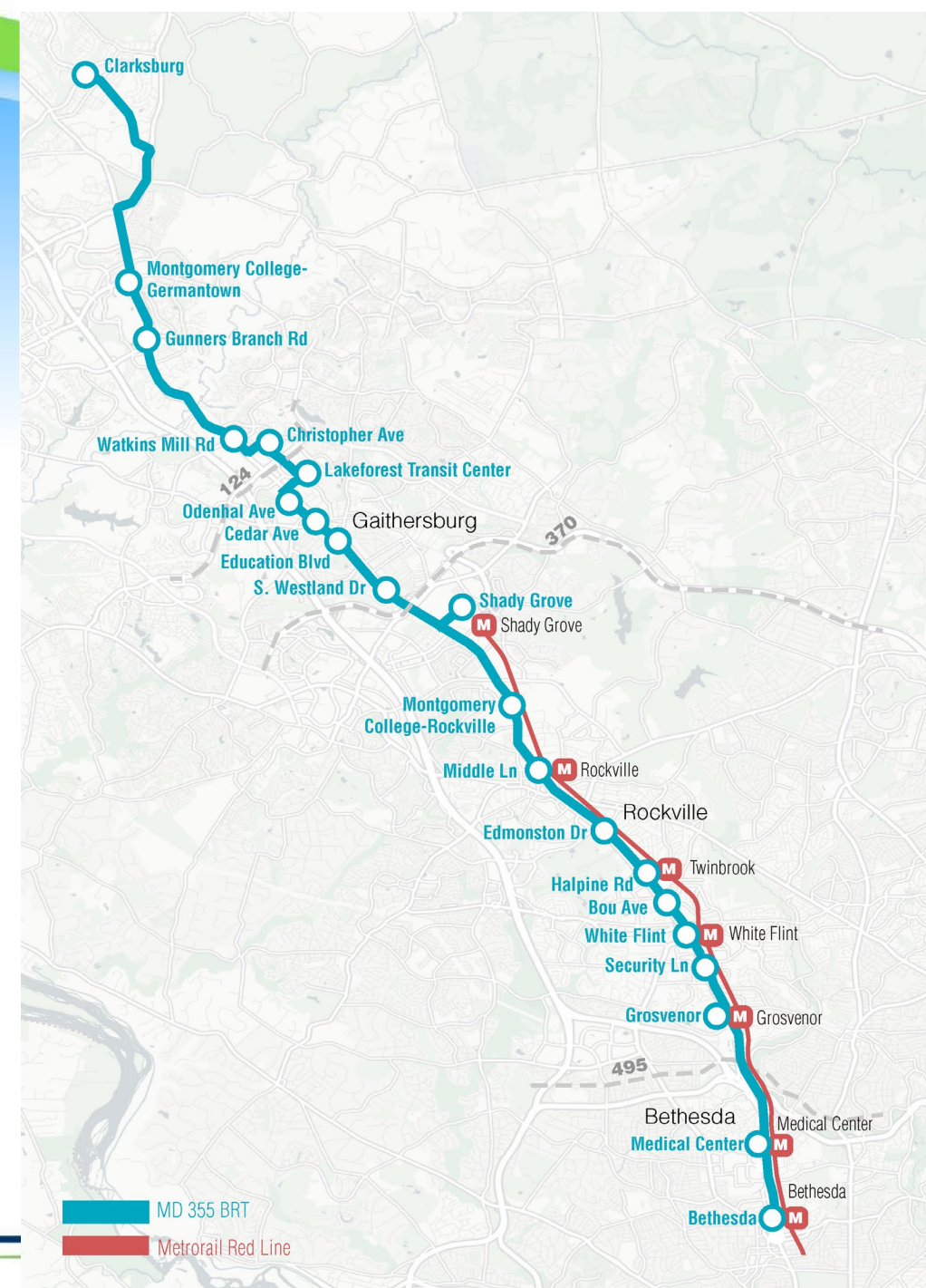
# MD 355 BRT Project Development



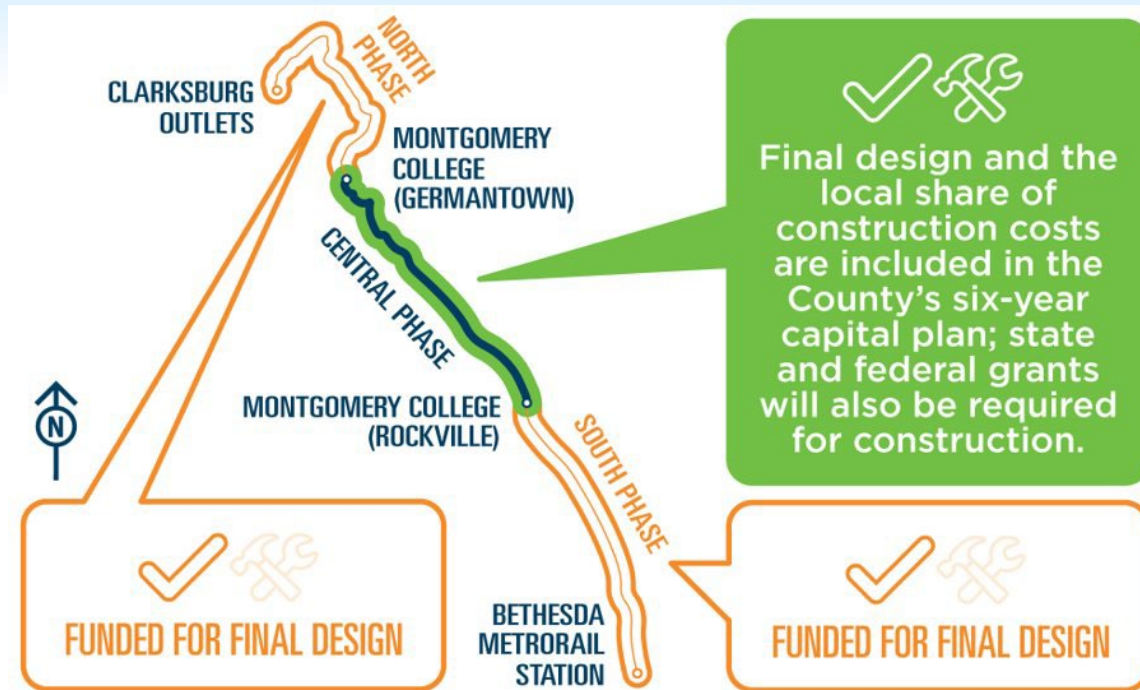


# Current Project Status

- The MD 355 BRT is in the Preliminary Engineering phase, at the 25% design stage advancing towards 35%.
- The County's budgeting process is currently considering funding for planning, design, and construction of BRT corridors throughout the County, including MD 355.



# Project Phasing



The proposed County Capital Budget includes funds for MD 355 Implementation:

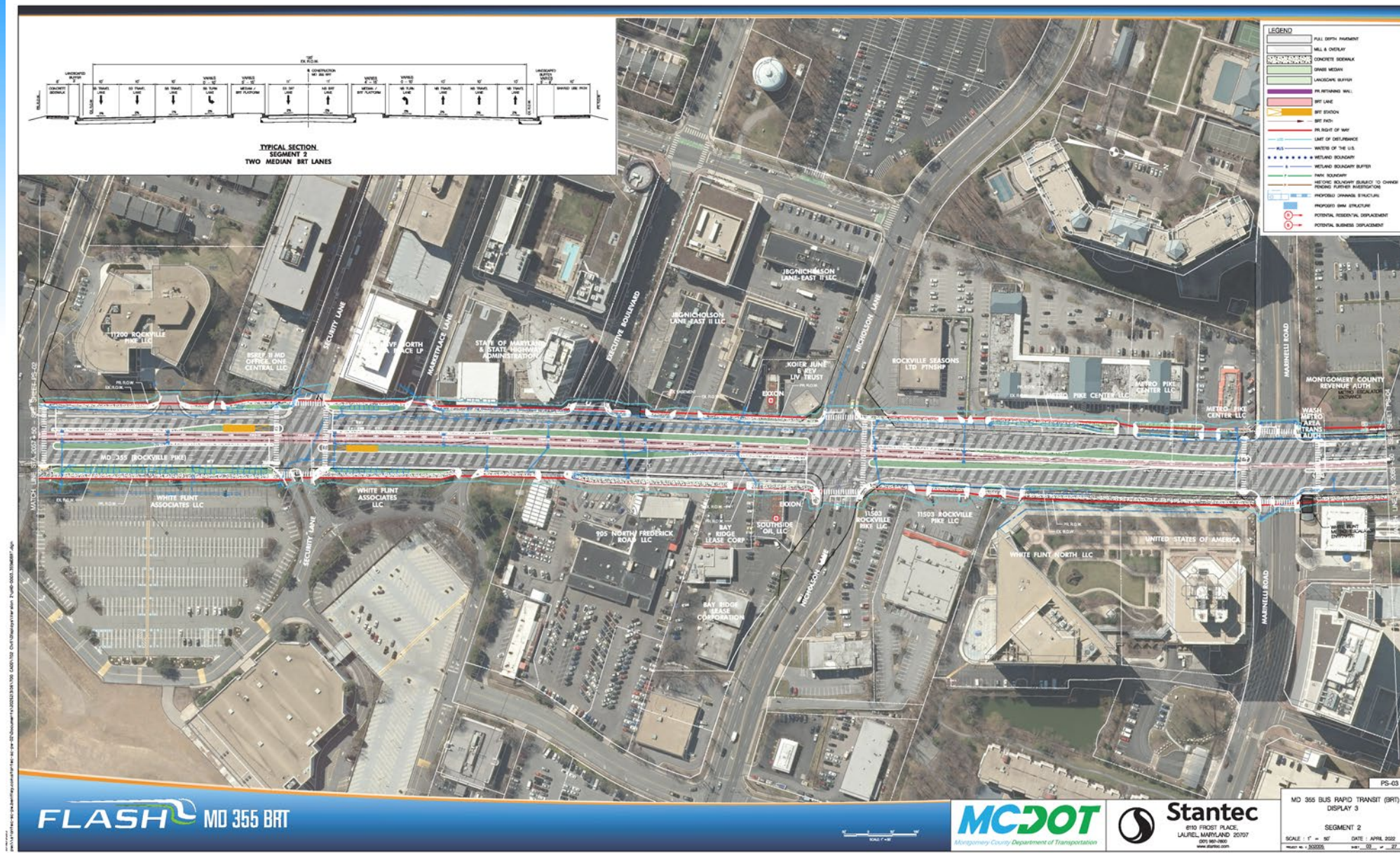
- **Central Phase** – Final Design and Construction Funded
- **North and South Phases** – Funded through Final Design

# Recent Project Activities

- Completed 25% design development in April 2022
- Conducted multiple technical studies to refine transit service and infrastructure design
- Lane Repurposing Analysis - Explore engineering feasibility and project performance impacts of lane repurposing along the MD 355 corridor
- Conducted ongoing coordination with project partner agencies, including:
  - Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
  - MDOT State Highway Administration (SHA)
  - Cities of Rockville and Gaithersburg
  - Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC)
  - WMATA
  - Montgomery College
  - Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS)

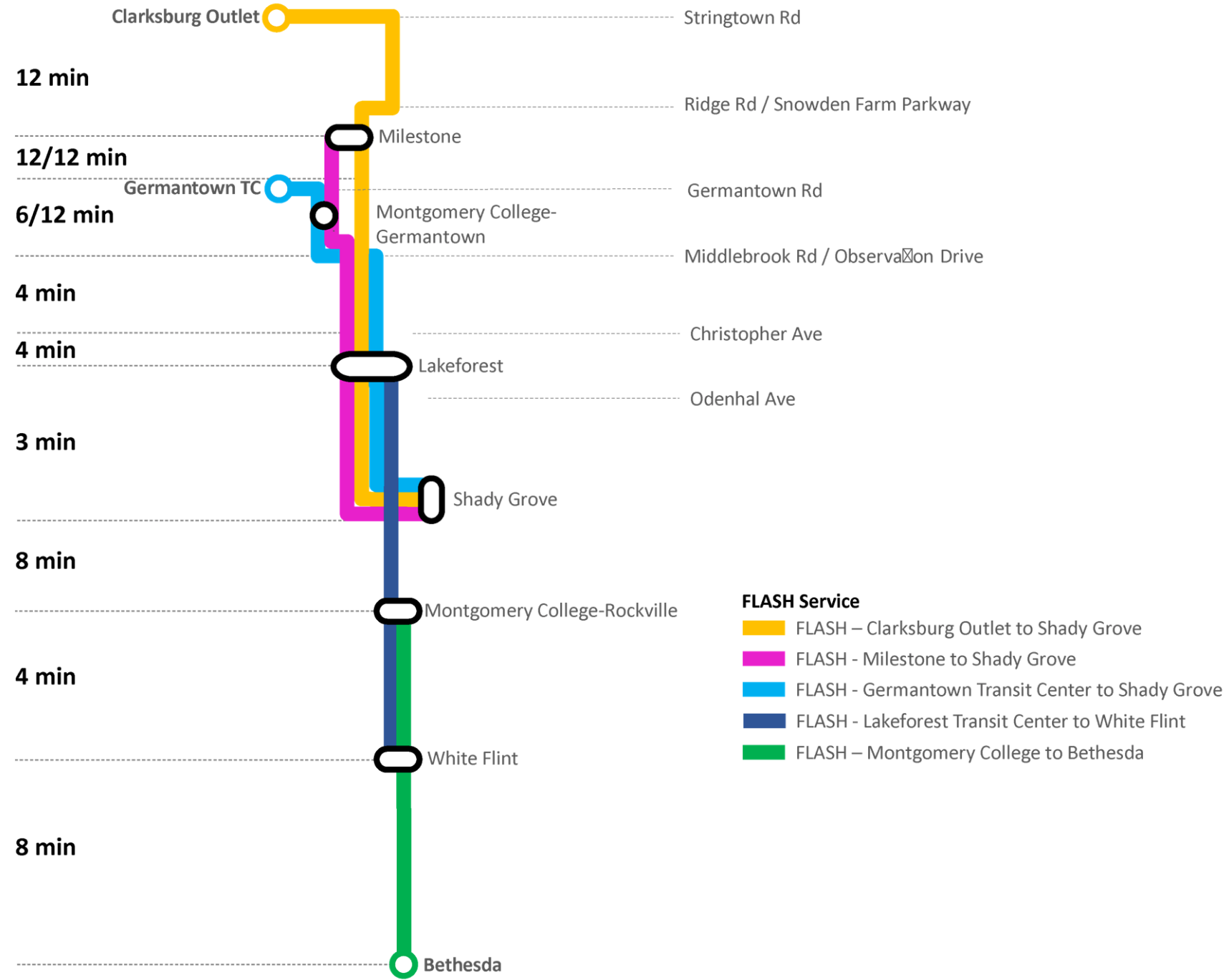


- 25% Plans submitted to MCDOT in early April 2022
- MCDOT is reviewing the submission
- Reaching out to Public in May & June for design feedback



# Service Plan

## Full Build

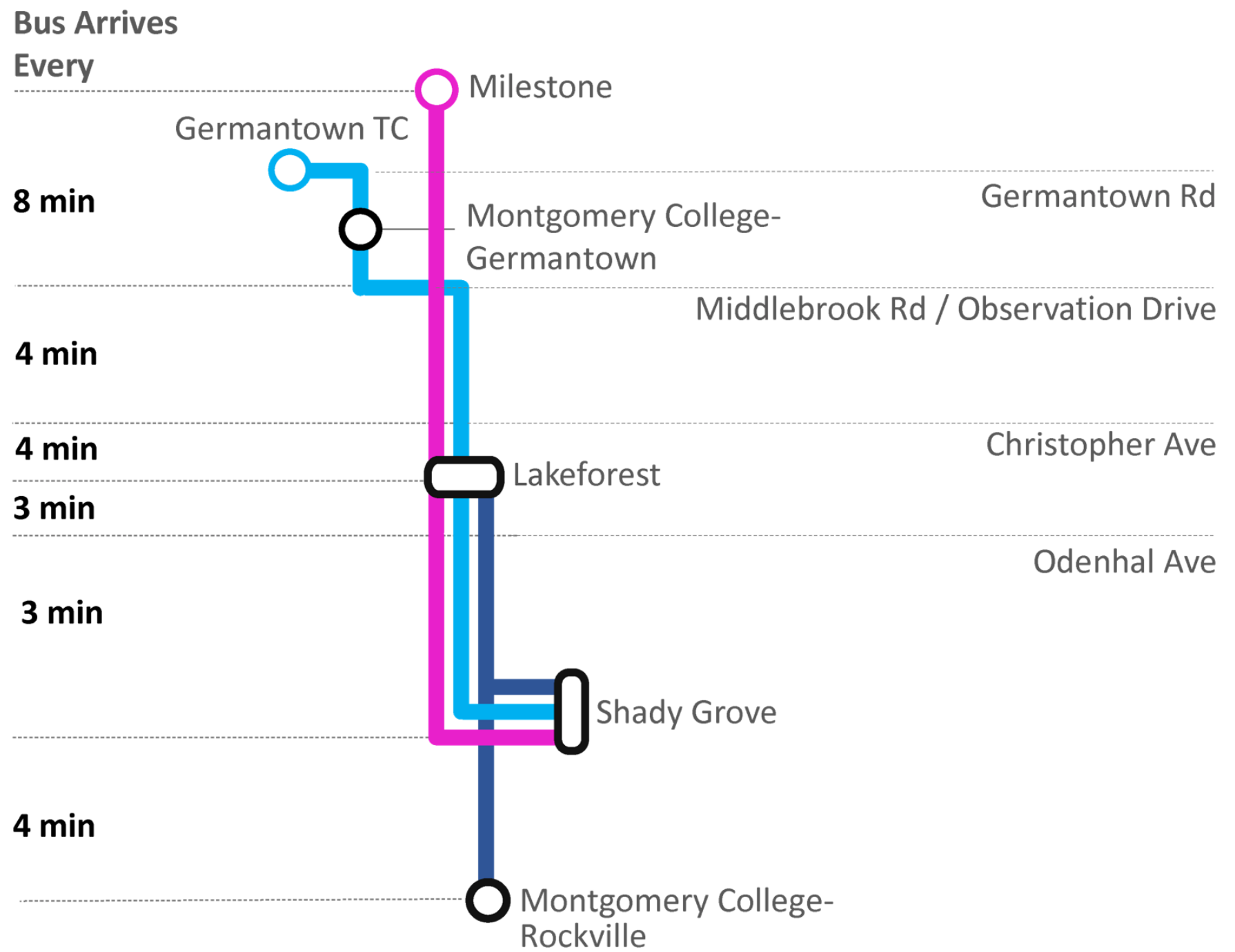




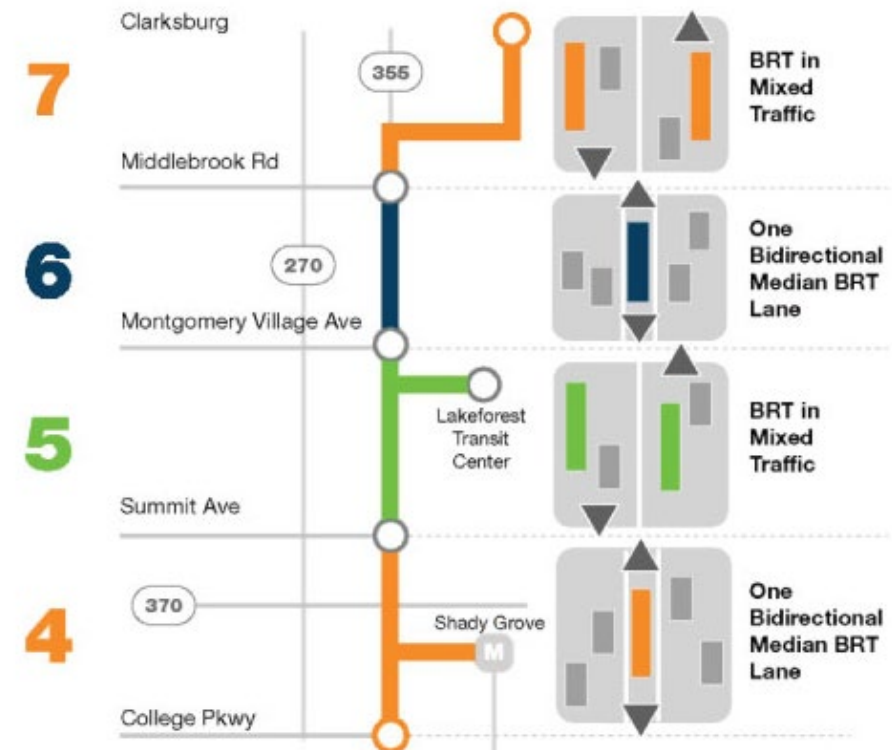
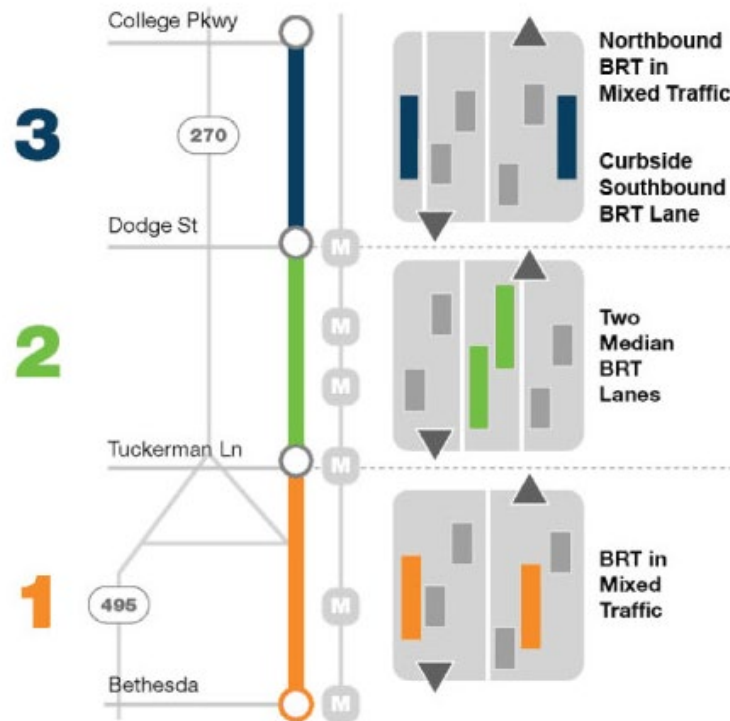
# Service Plan

## Central Phase

- FLASH - Milestone to Shady Grove
- FLASH - Germantown Transit Center to Shady Grove
- FLASH - Lakeforest Transit Center to Montgomery College Rockville



# BRT Running Way



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**One Median BRT Lane**



**Two Median BRT Lanes**



**Mixed Traffic**



**One Curb BRT Lane**



## Future Flash Stations (Center Runningway)





## Future Flash Stations (Side Station)





# Carver School and MC-Rockville Lot 13 Transit Center

**Working with Montgomery County Public Schools and Montgomery College to envision a new transit center on Lot 13.**

- Create a new transit gateway to MC-Rockville and the Carver School
- Address future BRT and local transit capacity needs
- Improve the passenger experience multi-modal transportation connections



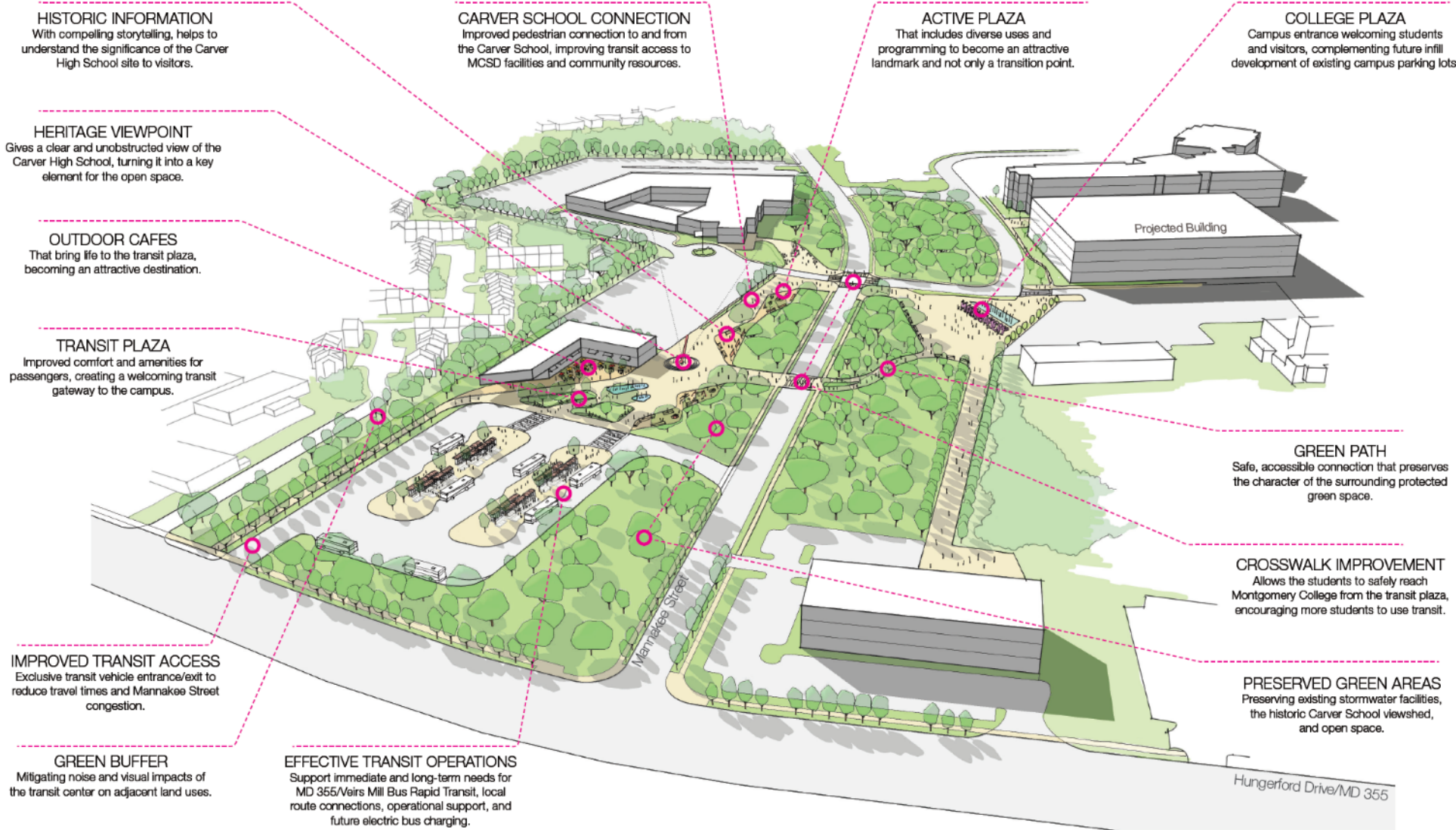


# Existing Conditions at MC-Rockville



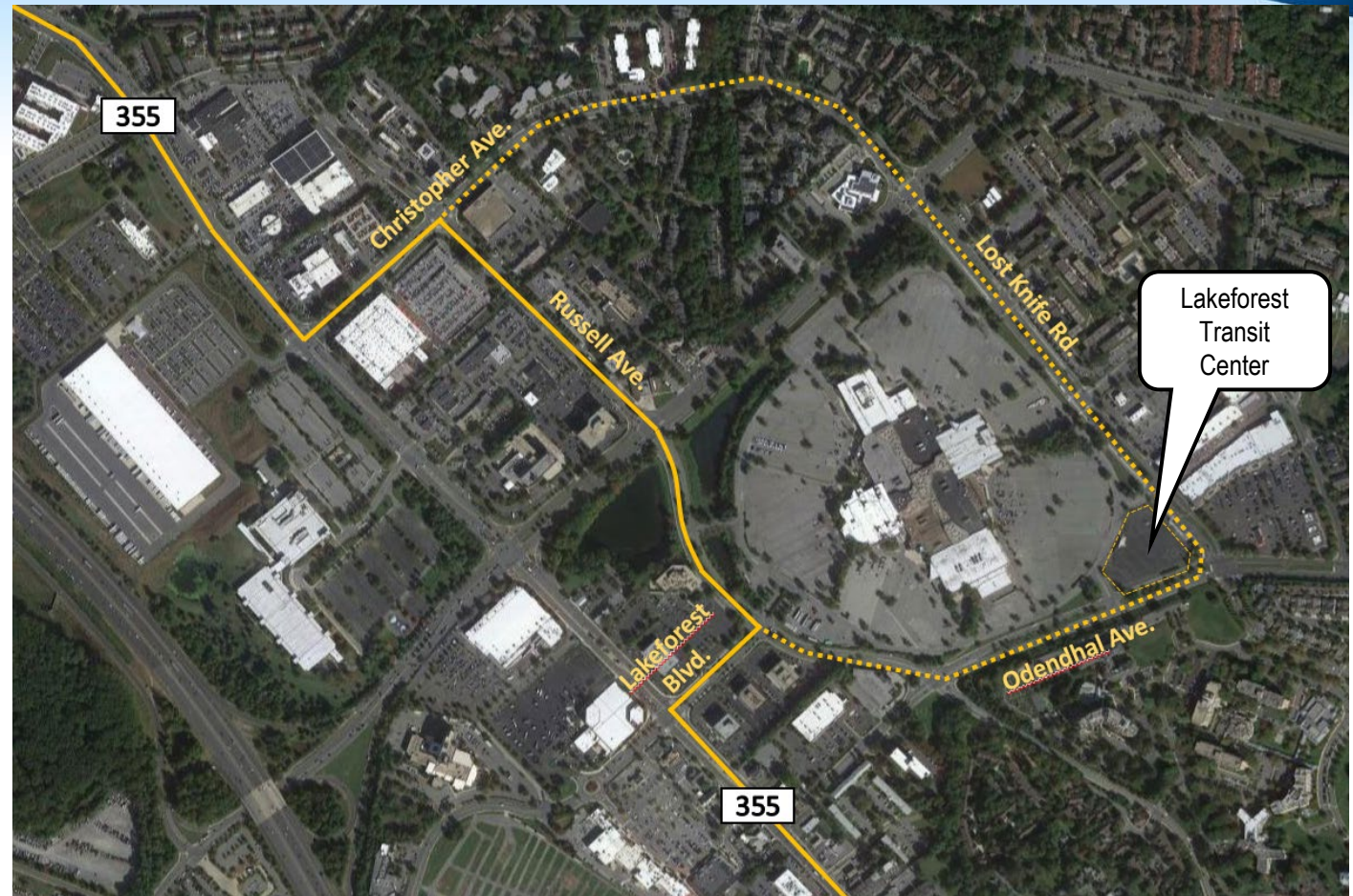


# Lot 13 Transit Center - Preliminary Concept



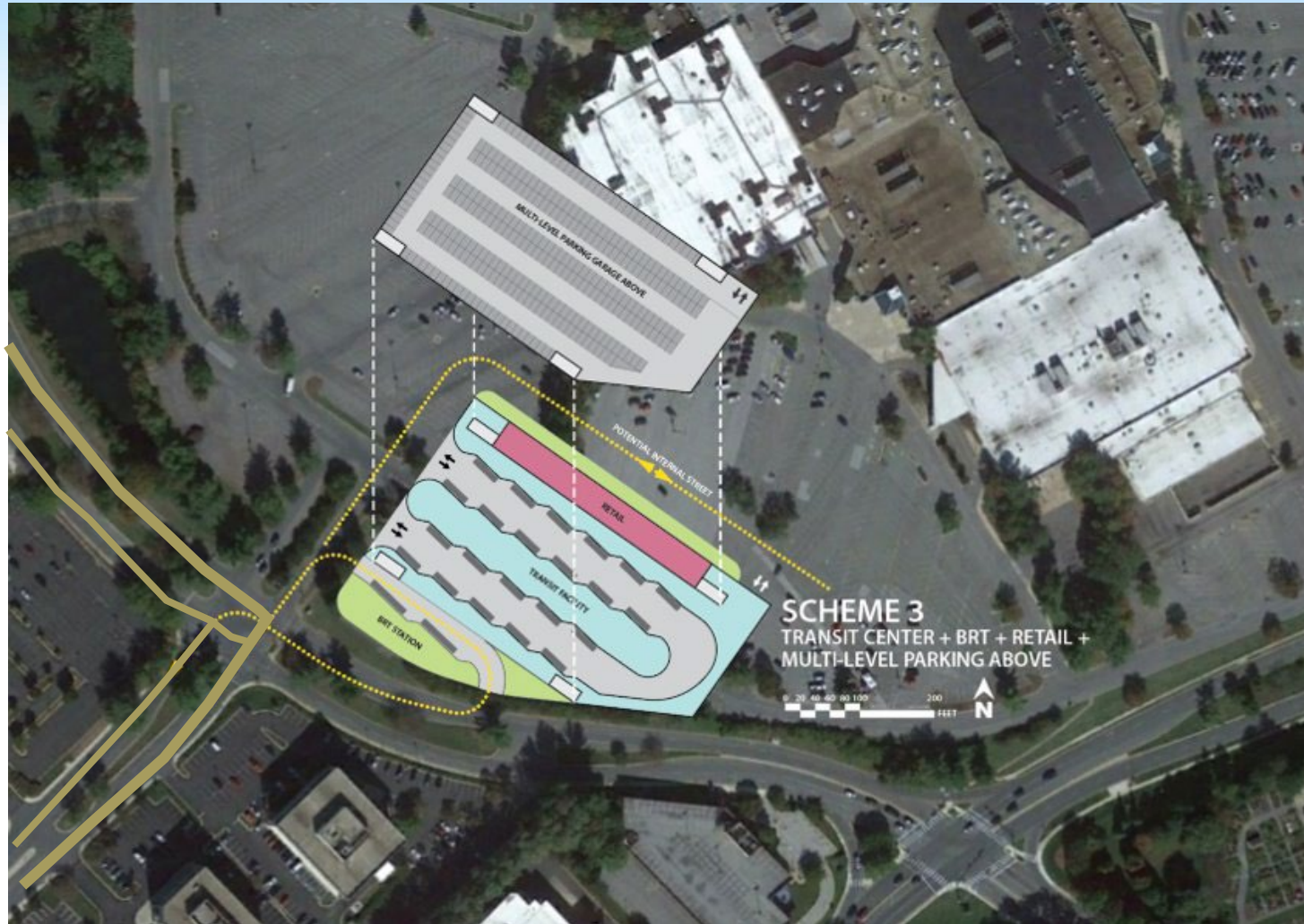
# Lakeforest Area

- Create a more direct north-south routing for BRT through the Lakeforest area
- Preserve transit connections of Lakeforest Transit Center
- Complement redevelopment master plan for Lakeforest Mall
- Accommodate future transit service growth





# Lakeforest Transit Center



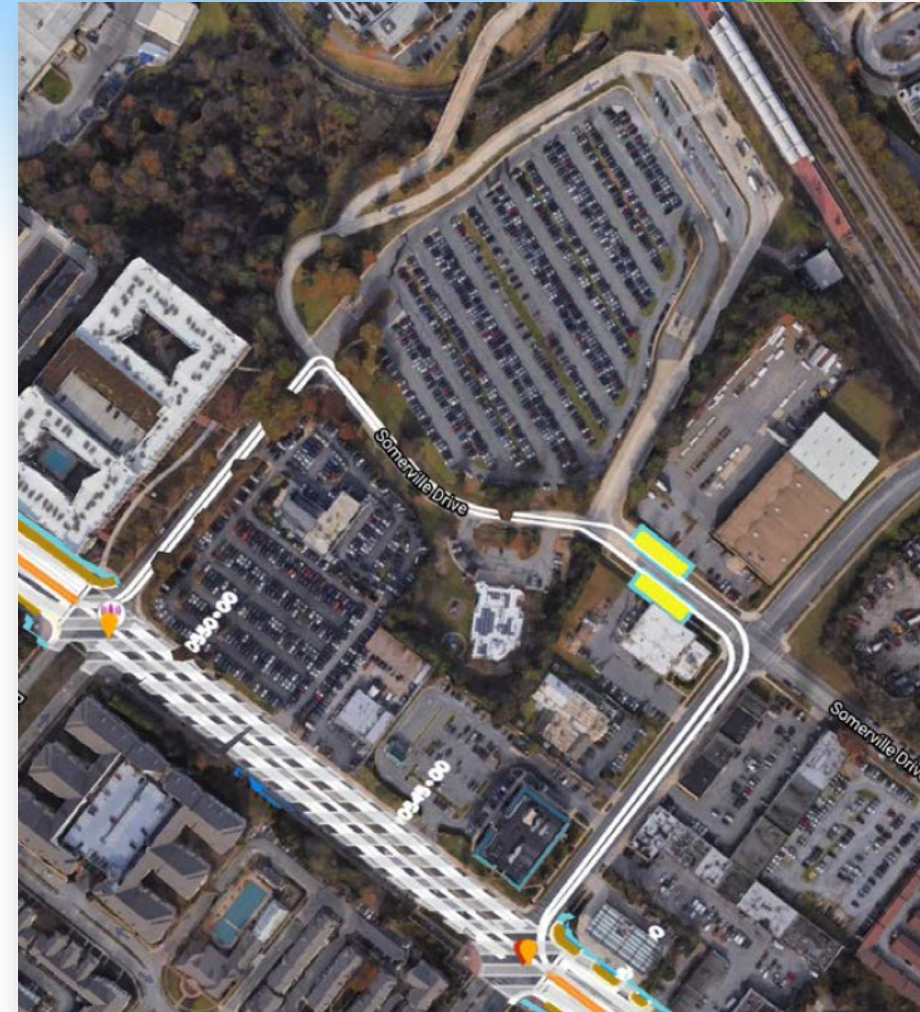


# Lakeforest Transit Center



# Shady Grove

- Create a direct and convenient transfer between BRT and the Metro Red Line
- Relocate station from Somerville Dr. to bus loop
- Compatible with WMATA future redevelopment of the west side park and ride lot





# Shady Grove



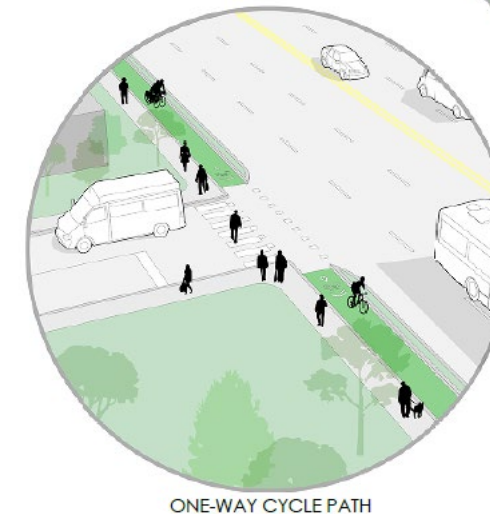
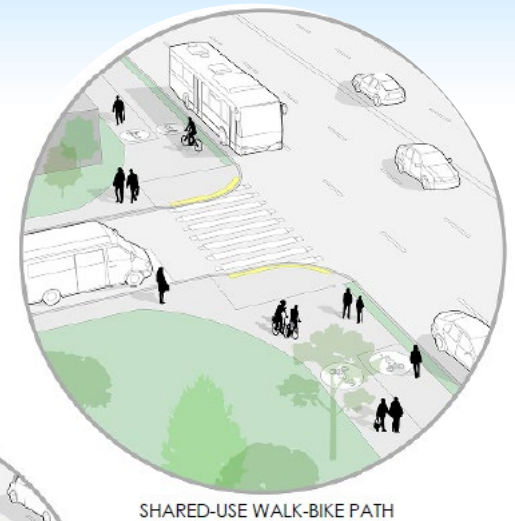
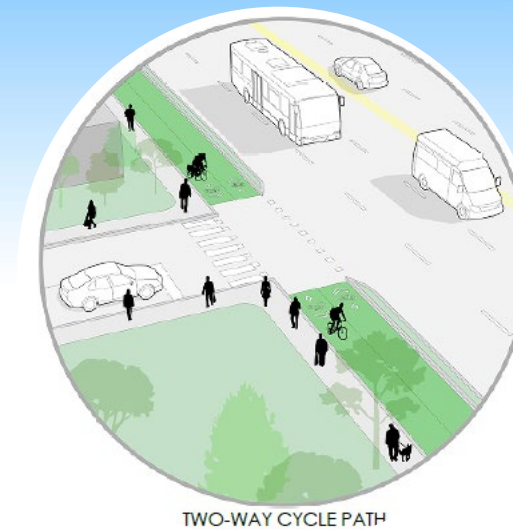
Existing Shady Grove Bus Loop –  
Proposed Flash BRT Station Location

WMATA Joint Development Concept for  
Shady Grove Park & Ride Lot



# Ongoing Stakeholder Collaboration

- BRT engineering design review
- BRT Stations and Access
- Refinement of right-of-way needs
- Bicycle and Pedestrian facility design refinement
- Development proposal coordination
- Community and stakeholder outreach





# Current Stakeholder & Public Outreach Efforts





# Website Updates

- Project Updates and 25% Design Information
- Introductory Video
- Public Outreach Events
- Online Survey

New Information Available! [Take the survey now](#) or [learn more about the project updates](#)

## MD 355 Flash Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

The MD 355 BRT project is advancing through preliminary engineering.

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION GET INVOLVED PROJECT UPDATES PROJECT STATUS RESOURCES FAQs FUNDING

### Project Description

The MD 355 Flash BRT service, identified in the Countywide Transit Corridors Functional Master Plan, will provide upgraded bus service along MD 355 (Wisconsin Avenue/Rockville Pike/Frederick Road), bringing fast and reliable transit service in dedicated lanes, where feasible, to this busy corridor. The project will create new connections and support growth and redevelopment at key activity centers along the corridor including in downtown Bethesda, White Flint, Rockville, and Gaithersburg.

### New Information Available

The project is currently in the preliminary engineering phase and seeking feedback from residents and the community. [Take the survey now](#) or [learn more about the project updates](#)


### Routes / Upcoming Projects:

- New Hampshire Ave
- Veirs Mill Road
- North Bethesda
- US 29 (in service)

### Related Projects:


- Green Service Extra
- US 29 (Phase 2)

**Project Map**



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**Area Map**



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## WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK

### FLASH IS COMING TO MD 355

### TAKE THE SURVEY

[en español](#) [中文 \(简体\)](#)

### Get Involved

**Better Bus is Coming to MD 355—Rockville Pike/Frederick Road—and we want your Feedback!**

Montgomery County is seeking your input! You can learn more by attending one of the upcoming events, and provide your input by taking the survey (link below) or calling 240-801-5794, either during telephone office hours or by leaving a voicemail at any time.

[Click here to get caught up on the latest project information.](#)

Please take the survey! It takes 5-10 minutes and asks for your opinions regarding how to improve MD 355 with better bus service, as well as your feedback on the current plans. At the end, there is an option to enter to win a \$50 gift card!

**PROVIDE FEEDBACK - TAKE THE SURVEY!**

### Upcoming Events

To learn more before completing the survey, you can meet the project team in-person, virtually, or by phone in May and June 2022. Below is how you can connect with us.

**In Person:**

MCDOT will hold in-person "pop-up" events between May 20 - June 21, 2022. Each event will have interactive displays, giveaways, and more. Be sure to catch us at one of the events below:

<b>Bethesda</b> Bethesda Metro Station Wednesday, June 1 2pm - 6pm	<b>North Bethesda</b> Pike and Rose Saturday, June 11 1pm - 5pm
<b>Gaithersburg</b> Shady Grove Metro Station Wednesday, June 8 3pm - 7pm	<b>Rockville</b> Rockville Metro Station Wednesday, May 25 3pm - 7pm
<b>Lakeforest Transit Center</b> Thursday, June 9 3pm - 6pm	<b>Giant @ Montrose Crossing Shopping Center</b> Saturday, June 4 12pm - 4pm
<b>99 Ranch</b> Sunday, June 12 12pm - 4pm	<b>Rockville Memorial Library</b> Sunday, June 5 12pm - 4pm
<b>99 Ranch</b> Friday, June 17 3pm - 7pm	<b>Great Wall Supermarket Rockville</b> Friday, June 10 3pm - 7pm
<b>Bohrer Park</b> Saturday, June 18 12pm - 4pm	<b>Great Wall Supermarket Rockville</b> Sunday, June 13 12pm - 4pm
<b>Germantown</b> Germantown Transit Center Thursday, June 2 2pm - 6pm	

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dte/projects/MD355BRT/>



Comments/Q&A?



# Breakout Discussions

## TOPIC 1:

25% Design Plan Overview

## TOPIC 2:

MC-Rockville –  
Lot 13 Transit Center

## TOPIC 3:

BRT Stations and  
Bike/Ped Facilities

- Zoom virtual breakout rooms
- 30-minute moderated discussion/Q&A session
- Brief report-out to the whole group after the breakouts

# Wrap-Up and Next Steps



# Breakout Discussion Report-Out

## **TOPIC 1:**

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## **TOPIC 2:**

MC-Rockville –  
Lot 13 Transit Center

## **TOPIC 3:**

BRT Stations and  
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# Next Steps

- County Capital Budget Adoption (May 2022)
- MD 355 BRT In-Person and Virtual Outreach Events (May-June 2022)
- Complete 35% Preliminary Engineering Milestone (End of 2022)
- Public and Stakeholder Involvement following 35% Design
- Next CAC – Fall 2022





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