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**Amherst Avenue Bikeway from Windham Lane to Arcola Avenue:
 Focus on Prichard Road to Reddie Drive Block
 Recommended Design & Mandatory Referral (March 30, 2023)**

PROJECT PROGRESS

The Amherst Avenue Bikeway Project is identified in the Bicycle Master Plan as one of the highest priority bikeways in the Wheaton Central Business District (CBD). Located just a block from and parallel to Georgia Avenue (MD 97), the Amherst Avenue Bikeway Project will substantially improve bicyclist safety and connectivity for people of all ages and bicycling abilities biking to and through the Wheaton CBD by installing an on-road, separated bikeway.

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) hosted both in-person outreach and virtual public meeting in June 2022. Different design options of the bicycle and pedestrian facilities were presented, and feedback from the community were collected after the public meeting.

Based on comments received from the community, the project team has refined the design option for the block between Prichard Road and Reddie Drive. The community expressed their desire to retain on-street parking on both side of Amherst Avenue. As a result, the recommended design will convert the existing grass buffer into permeable parking bays for residents, which will also treat stormwater during rain events.

MANDATORY REFERRAL

MCDOT is currently submitting this project to the Planning Board for the Mandatory Referral review. An official hearing is scheduled on March 30, 2023. Interested community members and public are encouraged to listen in, and to provide written and/or oral testimonies regarding this project. For more information, please visit the project website.



MCDOT always welcomes your feedback. We encourage you to provide input. You can email your comments directly to the project manager.

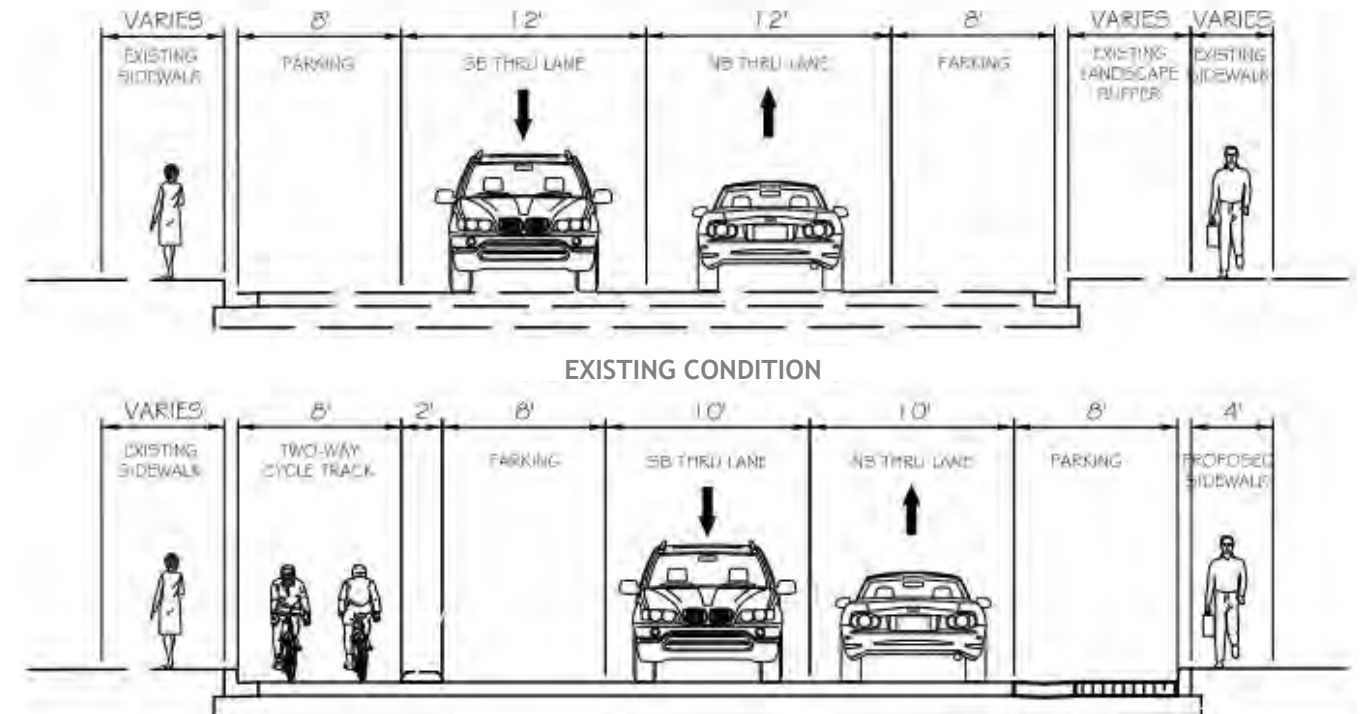
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**Block between Prichard Road to Reddie Drive
 Recommended Typical Sections, Looking North**



RECOMMENDED DESIGN - TWO-WAY TRAVEL; PARKING ON BOTH SIDE WITH MINOR WIDENING



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ABOUT THE PROJECT

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The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) previously developed five alternatives and presented them at the public meeting in 2019. Since then, based on the public feedback and review by the Montgomery County Planning Board and the County Council Transportation & Environment (T&E) Committee, Alternative 3B — TWO-WAY CYCLE TRACK WITH ROADWAY WIDENING was the selected alternative to move forward for final design and construction. This alternative includes a 2-way cycle track along the entire corridor and roadway widening from Blueridge Ave to Arcola Ave.

Amherst Avenue Bikeway

Block between Prichard Road to Reddie Drive Description of Recommended Option

Existing Conditions—Northbound and southbound travel lanes. Parking lanes and sidewalks on both sides.

Recommended Option—Northbound and southbound travel lanes. Parking lanes and sidewalks on both sides, with grass buffer removed on the east side. No impacts to existing utility poles and lighting. Minor roadway widening into the grass buffer.



Existing Amherst Avenue looking south towards Prichard Road

