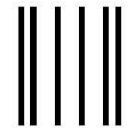
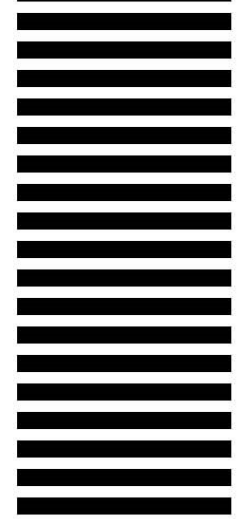




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**Bethesda Trolley Trail along Woodglen Drive at Edson Lane**



**Narrow Sidewalks as Bethesda Trolley Trail along MD 355**



**Study Area Map**



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**Project Schedule**

MCDOT will complete the feasibility study by March 2023.

**Project Website**

Before and after the public open house, the meeting materials will be available on the project website at:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dte/projects/BTTNorthBethesda/index.html>

**Public Comments Submission**

MCDOT encourages you to stay involved! You may forward comments to MCDOT by:

- The attached postage-paid Public Comments Form
- Regular mail to:  
 Patricia Shepherd, Project Manager, MCDOT DTE  
 100 Edison Park Drive, 4th Floor  
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- E-mail: [Patricia.Shepherd@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Patricia.Shepherd@montgomerycountymd.gov)



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**MCDOT always welcomes your feedback. We encourage you to provide input on the Postage Paid Public Comments Form included with this newsletter. You can also email your comments directly to the Project Manager at [patricia.shepherd@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:patricia.shepherd@montgomerycountymd.gov) or call at 240-777-7231.**

Visit the project webpage for the latest project news and meeting materials if you are unable to attend the public open house :  
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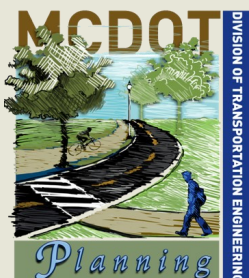
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### INTRODUCTION

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) has been actively planning and implementing bicycle facility projects across the county over the last ten years. MCDOT is advancing projects to implement the bicycle and pedestrian network recommended in the 2010 White Flint Sector Plan, 2018 White Flint 2 Sector Plan, and the 2018 County-wide Bicycle Master Plan. MCDOT is conducting this feasibility study to explore alignment alternatives to expand the Bethesda Trolley Trail and develop a wayfinding plan to connect to regional trails and surrounding neighborhoods in North Bethesda. This project will evaluate existing and proposed off-road and on-road bicycle facilities between Woodglen Drive & Nicholson Lane to Twinbrook Metro Station. The study will also identify gaps in the overall bicycle and pedestrian network in North Bethesda. As part of this project, MCDOT is engaging with stakeholders and community members to gather feedback.

### NEWSLETTER PURPOSE

The purpose of this newsletter is to invite you to attend a public open house to learn about the feasibility study, inform you of the existing conditions analysis, present design alternatives, and obtain your feedback.

### PROJECT NEED

The Bethesda Trolley Trail is an urban greenway that provides the most direct link between Bethesda and Rockville for bicyclists, runners, and pedestrians. Today, the Bethesda Trolley Trail is a continuous path of over six miles using three trail types: off-street shared-use paths, on-street links using residential streets, and sidewalks. However, the currently assigned route for the Bethesda Trolley Trail in North Bethesda is along Rockville Pike (MD 355). This segment along the busy six-eight lane wide arterial roadway is uncomfortable for pedestrians and bicyclists and does not qualify as a shared use path or a trail.

This feasibility study will explore alignment alternatives which include new bike infrastructure, such as Executive Blvd., Grand Park Ave., and Nebel St. and facility type options to extend the Bethesda Trolley Trail to create a low-stress bicycle and pedestrian facility. The alternatives may include a mix of off-street and on-street bicycle facilities connecting Woodglen Drive & Nicholson Lane to Twinbrook Metro Station.

### PROJECT SCOPE AND PURPOSE

This feasibility study will focus on the following topics:

- Identify route alignment alternatives and facility type alternatives to create a low-stress bicycle and pedestrian facility between Woodglen Drive & Nicholson Lane to Twinbrook Metro Station.
- Develop a wayfinding plan to connect surrounding regional trails and neighborhoods in North Bethesda.
- Engage major stakeholders and community members to gather feedback.

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### PUBLIC COMMENTS FORM

Public input is the key to the success of a transportation project, as it allows the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) to understand the concerns of the community. We encourage you to complete the form below. Due to the high volume of comments we receive, MCDOT regrets that individual responses may not be provided to all comments, but we assure you that all comments will be read and evaluated.

**Please provide us with any comments and return by: Thursday, October 20, 2022**

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