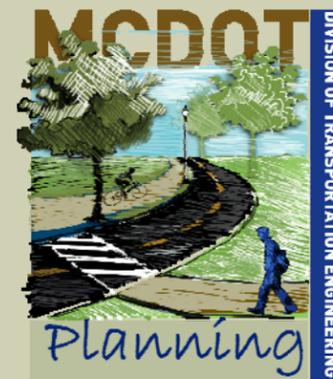




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THE PLAN AHEAD

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BRADLEY BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENTS STUDY CONTINUES

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) is inviting you to attend a Public Workshop for the Bradley Boulevard Improvements Study (Wilson Lane to Goldsboro Road).

The purpose of the workshop is to update you on the status of the project, present three new alternatives, and receive your feedback.

provements Study concepts expand the availability of transportation options by promoting priority to the movement of people rather than vehicles.

MASTER PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS
 The 1990 Approved and Adopted Bethesda Chevy Chase Master Plan and the 2005 Countywide Bikeways Functional Master Plan recommends pedestrian connections and a dual bikeway along Bradley Boulevard. The Dual Bikeway features both an Off-Road Shared Use Path and On-Road Bike Shoulders.

Accordingly, in Spring 2009 MCDOT initiated a Facility Planning, Phase I Study to evaluate the need for sidewalks, master planned bicycle facilities and traffic safety improvements along Bradley Boulevard between Wilson Lane and Goldsboro Road. Concepts were developed for the proposed improvements.

**BRADLEY BOULEVARD
 IMPROVEMENTS STUDY
 PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

Wednesday, November 10, 2010
 7:00 – 9:00 PM
**Thomas W. Pyle Middle School
 Cafeteria**
 6311 Wilson Lane • Bethesda, MD 20817

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Bradley Boulevard Improvements Study was initiated as a result of a request from the South Bradley Hills Civic Association for greater pedestrian access along Bradley Boulevard with the inclusion of a sidewalk along the north side of the roadway.

MCDOT's long term transportation vision is to provide equity and access to all users and concentrate investment in ways that yield the greatest good not only from a transportation standpoint, but also for overall safety and quality of life for its residents and workforce. As such, area master plans play an important role in determining how the County will accommodate existing as well as future growth. Master plans provide a policy framework to guide the development of projects and programs, advance the County's goals and objectives, and help direct investment. The Bradley Boulevard community played a significant role in developing the master plan vision for Bradley Boulevard which included the provision for bicycle access. In alignment with the master plan vision, the proposed Bradley Boulevard Im-

PUBLIC COMMENTS

On October 27, 2009, MCDOT's Division of Transportation Engineering hosted a public meeting for the Bradley Boulevard Improvements Study. Approximately 40 citizens attended. Three alternate plans were presented for the community to provide input. The Department has received over 140 written comments.

Approximately two-thirds of the comments received were in favor of the project and stated the importance of Bradley Boulevard as a bike route and expressed concern about the safety of the existing roadway. Another one-third of the comments were in opposition to the impacts the proposed improvements would have on the existing landscape. Many preferred that any proposed improvements be limited to a sidewalk.

The Department has received extensive feedback that cannot all be reproduced in this newsletter due to its size limitation. It was determined that the most frequently asked questions (FAQ's) and responses would be uploaded to the Bradley Boulevard Improvements Project website with hard copies available at the Public Workshop.

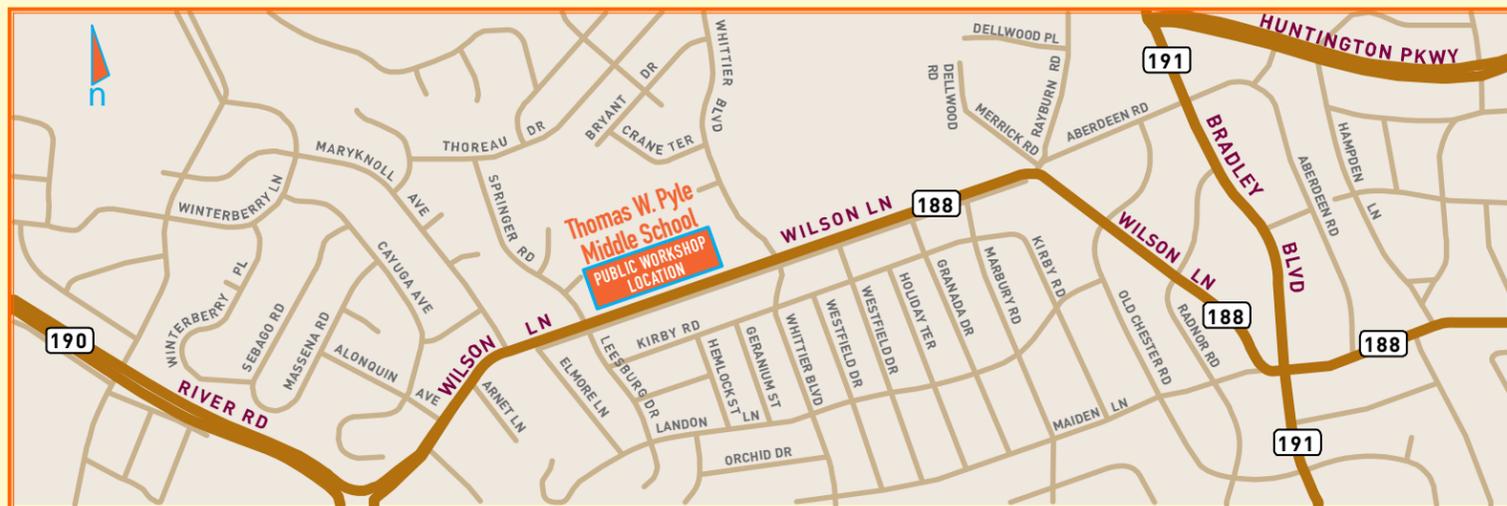
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Directions to the Bradley Boulevard Improvements Public Workshop:

From Bradley Boulevard, head west on Wilson Lane to Thomas W. Pyle Middle School on the right. Parking is in front of and to the side of the building.



MCDOT wants your feedback: The MCDOT encourages you to provide your concerns on the Postage Paid Public Comments Form included with this newsletter. You can also e-mail your comments directly to the project manager at: patricia.shepherd@montgomerycountymd.gov

BRADLEY BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENTS STUDY

GO TO PROJECT WEBSITE FOR

FAQ ANSWERS:

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MCDOT appreciates the time and effort community leaders and residents took to share their concerns.

PROJECT STATUS

Since the October 2009 public meeting, the FY11-16 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) was approved. The Department's budget was decreased leading to a reduced level of service for projects including deferring the Bradley Boulevard Improvement Study for one year.

During this past year, MCDOT has continued to respond to the public's comments by performing additional environmental and storm water management analyses, providing more detailed tree preservation assessments by a County Arborist and carefully reviewing your comments and revising the alternates accordingly. The Department thanks you for your patience during these difficult times.

In response to public feedback, three modified alternates have been developed:

1. Sidewalk on **NORTH SIDE** of Bradley Boulevard while providing consistent bikeable shoulders.
2. Sidewalk on **BOTH SIDES** of Bradley Boulevard while providing consistent bikeable shoulders.
3. 8 foot **SHARED USE PATH** (reduced from 12') on **NORTH SIDE** and Sidewalk on **SOUTH SIDE** of Bradley Boulevard while providing consistent bikeable shoulders.

PUBLIC WORKSHOP FORMAT

What should I expect at the public workshop?

The public workshop will be an open house format. A short presentation or overview of the project will be provided at the beginning, then we will break up into smaller groups where Study Team Members will be at specific stations representing study area roadway segments. Individual concerns and questions will be answered at this time. This format will allow us to address your individual concerns.

What happens after the Public Workshop?

After the public workshop, the community will have four (4) weeks to review and submit comments. It is advised that all comments be received in writing no later than **December 8, 2010**. Should you want to meet individually with the project manager, please contact :

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The Life of a Transportation Project

FACILITY PLANNING-PHASE I

Collect data, obtain public input, develop concept plans, evaluate and select preferred alignment/cross section. Present Recommended Alternative to Planning Board and obtain MCDOT Director's and Montgomery County Council's Transportation Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee (T&E) approval.

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Project Prospectus To Be Completed Spring 2011

FACILITY PLANNING-PHASE II

Develop 35% design plans, cost estimate and project schedule. (Typically takes two years for completion).

Submit to Montgomery County Council for approval to be included in Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

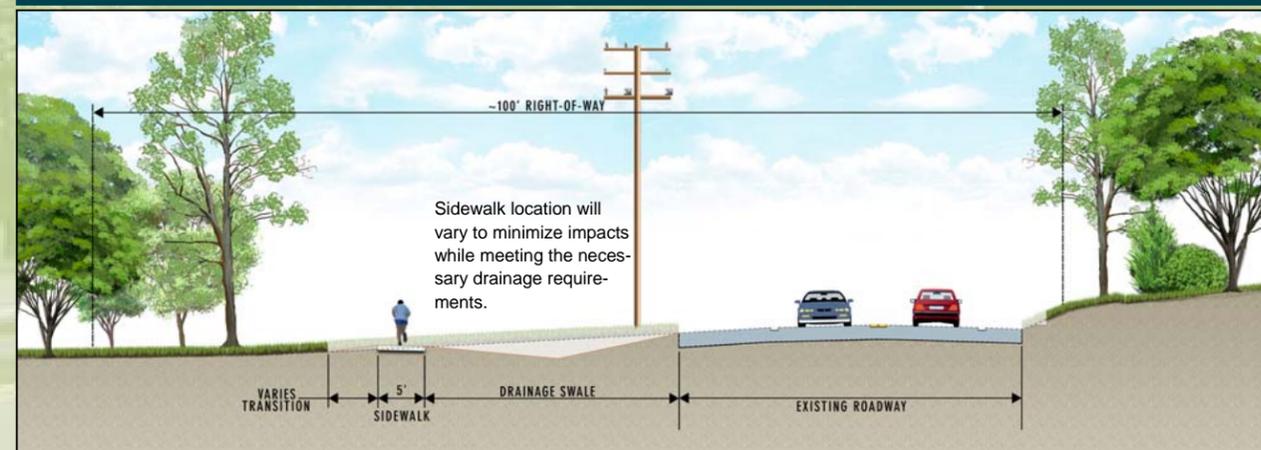
If approved for full funding and is included in the CIP, complete final design (approximately 2 years) and construction (approximately 1 year).

LEGEND

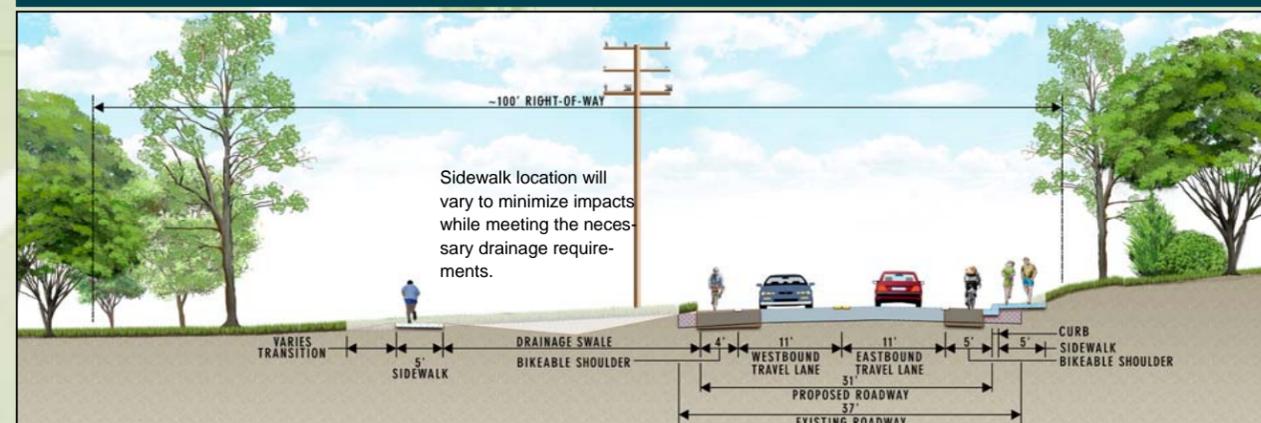
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Sidewalk North Side Only with Bikeable Shoulders



Sidewalk North and South Side with Bikeable Shoulders



8' Shared Use Path North Side and Sidewalk South Side with Bikeable Shoulders

