

Fenton Village Bike and Pedestrian Projects

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Thank you for your interest in the Fenton Village bike and pedestrian projects! The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (M-C-D-O-T) is continuing planning efforts for the three related bike and pedestrian improvement projects in Fenton Village. We will provide regular updates through newsletters like this one.

Upcoming Fenton Street Meeting – December 7 at 7:00 p.m.

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation will be hosting a virtual community meeting on **Tuesday, December 7, 2021 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** to discuss the status and current design of the **Fenton Street Cycletrack** and the **Fenton Street / MD 410 Intersection** projects. The meeting will include a presentation and a period for public questions and comments. Current design plans will be posted on our website approximately one week before the meeting. Design is nearly complete for the intersection project, and is at 30% for the Fenton Street Cycletrack.

Registration for this meeting is required in advance. You can register and view plans at the project website, accessible by scanning the QR code or clicking here: <https://tinyurl.com/FentonVillage>.

Grove Street Neighborhood Greenway - Stage 1 Update.

Stage 1 of the pilot project was installed starting in July of 2021. This work included installation of a walking lane, painted bump-outs, a mini-roundabout, and high-visibility crosswalks.

Speed hump installation was delayed by pandemic-related logistical problems. The modular speed humps were finally delivered in early November, and will be installed in mid-November.

Sign up for email updates!

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation maintains an email list to provide updates and information about the Fenton Village Bike & Pedestrian

projects. To stay in the loop, we encourage you to sign up. Emails are usually limited to just one or two per month. To sign up, use the [form](#) available on the project webpage or email Matt.Johnson@MontgomeryCountyMD.gov and request to be added to the email list.

Updates At A Glance.

This section provides a quick update of the status of each project.

Fenton Street Bikeway Study:

- Phase: Preliminary Design.
- Phase completion: Early 2022.
- Next phase: 65 percent Design.
- Happening now: Inter-agency coordination and permitting.

Fenton Street/Maryland 410 Intersection:

- Phase: Design.
- Phase completion: Early 2022.
- Next phase: Final Design.
- Happening now: Inter-agency coordination and permitting.

Grove Street Neighborhood Greenway:

- Phase: Stage 1 in place.
- Phase completion: early 2022.
- Next phase: Pilot Stage 2.
- Happening now: Stage 1.



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Fenton Street / Maryland 410 Intersection Project Update.

M-C-D-O-T continues to work to refine the design of the Fenton Street / Maryland 410 Intersection project. This project will reconfigure the intersection to reduce vehicle turning speeds and improve driver sight lines to pedestrians and cyclists, reduce impervious surface, institute stormwater management best practices, and add a cycletrack (two-way separated bike lane) to the west side of Fenton Street between King Street and Gist Avenue.

The project is currently at 50% design. The permitting process is underway. The project must receive approval from the Maryland State Highway Administration before construction can begin.

Changes since the November 2020 community meeting include the addition of stormwater management areas on the northeast and northwest corners, the addition of a floating bus stop at Gist Avenue, and modifying the bikeway alignment to save a large tree in Fenton Street Urban Park.

Construction is anticipated in Summer/Fall 2022.

Fenton Street Cycletrack Project Update.

The Fenton Street Cycletrack design continues to progress. In February, the County Council T&E Committee selected Alternative E as the preferred alternative. Based on feedback from the community and businesses, we have refined the design throughout the project.

The project will add a two-way cycletrack on the west side of Fenton Street from Gist Avenue to Cameron Street. The project also includes pedestrian safety improvements along the length of Fenton Street.

The design includes several safety features including the use of protected intersection treatments, bike signals, floating bus stops, signal protection from left turns, loading zones on each block, shorter pedestrian crossings, stormwater management best practices, and accessibility improvements to make the area easier and safer for people with vision disabilities to navigate.

Major changes since the June 2021 meeting include the saving of some parking on the west side of Fenton Street between Silver Spring Avenue and Thayer Avenue and the addition of a southbound left turn lane for Fenton Street at Sligo Avenue.

Feedback from you at the upcoming meeting will help us continue to refine the design to meet the needs of the community.

A hearing before the Montgomery County Planning Board is expected to be scheduled in January 2022. Construction on the first phase of this project (Gist to Bonifant) is currently anticipated in Summer 2023, with second phase (Bonifant to Cameron) construction taking place in Summer 2024.

Meeting graphics for both the Fenton Street / Maryland 410 and Fenton Street Cycletrack projects will be posted to the project webpage approximately 1 week before the December 7 meeting.

(Sidebar.) Grove Street Greenway – Stage 1.

In July, we started installation of Stage 1 of the Grove Street Neighborhood Greenway Pilot. Except for the speed humps, the treatments are in place. Below are some pictures of the Stage 1 treatments. Speed hump installation is expected in mid-November 2021.



Above image: mini-roundabout at Silver Spring Avenue.



Above image: walking lane.



Above image: painted bump-outs and crosswalks.

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(Contact Information Section.)

The project websites are located at: <https://tinyurl.com/FentonVillage> and <https://tinyurl.com/Grove-Street>.

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To sign up for the project update mailing list, please send an email to Matt.Johnson@MontgomeryCountyMD.gov and indicate you're interested in the Fenton Village projects mailing list.

The Division of Transportation Engineering (D-T-E) can be reached by phone at 240-777-7270. You can follow them on Twitter at @MoCo_DTE. The D-T-E website is <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dte/index.html>.

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