

# Fenton Village Bike and Pedestrian Projects

## Project Newsletter Number 6, April 2021.

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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.

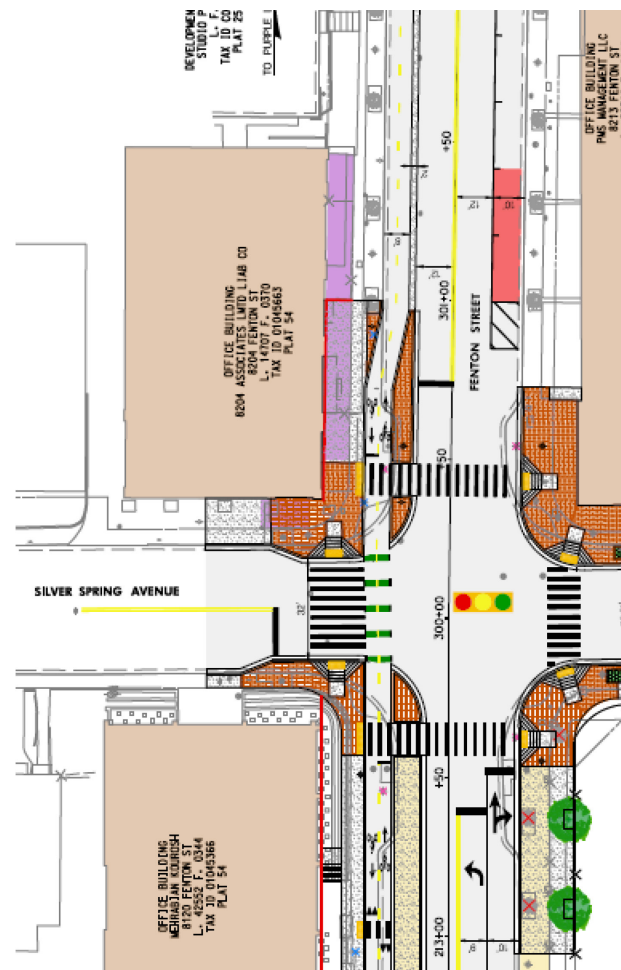
### Fenton Street Cycletrack Alternative Selected.

The Montgomery County Council's Transportation & Environment (T&E) Committee met on February 24 and voted to select Alternative E as the preferred alternative.

Alternative E has a two-way cycletrack on the west side of Fenton Street, with parking and loading on the east side of the street. Left turn lanes are provided for northbound traffic.

The T&E Committee instructed M-C-D-O-T to find ways to include loading zones on the west side of the street in key areas.

The next step is to start the preliminary design stage. We anticipate this will begin in May 2021, and we plan to hold a community meeting to gather feedback this summer.



### 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](mailto: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:

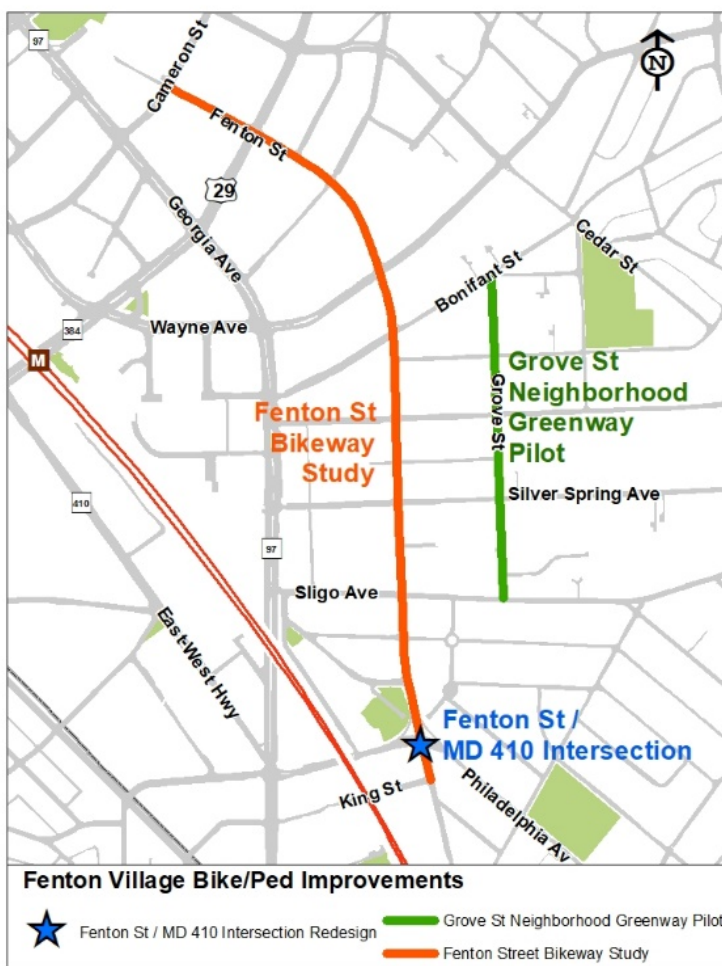
- Phase: Preliminary Design.
- Phase completion: Fall 2021.
- Next phase: Final Design.
- Happening now: Consultant onboarding.

#### Fenton Street/Maryland 410 Intersection:

- Phase: Preliminary Design.
- Phase completion: Spring 2021.
- Next phase: Intermediate Design.
- Happening now: Inter-agency coordination.

#### Grove Street Neighborhood Greenway:

- Phase: Preconstruction.
- Phase completion: May 2021.
- Next phase: Pilot Stage 1.
- Happening now: Barrier manufacturing.



(End of updates at a glance section).

### Grove Street Neighborhood Greenway Pilot

The implementation of the Grove Street Stage 1 pilot treatments has been delayed due to a slower-than expected procurement process. Originally, we had hoped to install the treatments in November 2020, however, the procurement was only recently completed.

Currently, our vendor is in the process of manufacturing the walking lane barrier. Delivery is expected in mid-May.

We now hope to install the Neighborhood Greenway Stage 1 treatments in May or June of 2021. Due to this delay, we expect to leave the Stage 1 treatments in place through Fall 2021.

Stage 1 will include a walking lane along the west side of Grove Street, separated from traffic with a raised barrier that is mountable by emergency vehicles. Other treatments will include speed humps, a mini-roundabout at Grove & Silver Spring Avenue, and painted bump-outs at several intersections.

M-C-D-O-T will hold a community meeting in Fall 2021 to discuss the plans for Stage 2 of the pilot.

The Grove Street treatments are part of a pilot and will be interim-style treatments that can be easily removed or modified. These are not permanent treatments. In the first stage of the pilot, M-C-D-O-T will focus on speed treatments to slow down drivers

### **(Sidebar.) What is a “Neighborhood Greenway”?**

A "Neighborhood Greenway" is a street where the safe movement of pedestrians and cyclists is prioritized and the fast, through movement of vehicles is discouraged. Tools can include speed treatments, like speed humps and chicanes, and volume management, like diverters.



Row 1, left image: Speed hump. Right image: bump-out.



Row 2, left image: mini roundabout. Right image: walking lane.

(End of What is a Neighborhood Greenway sidebar).

### **Fenton Street Bikeway Study.**

In February 2021, the T&E Committee of the County Council selected **Alternative E** to move forward into design. You can view the conceptual Alternative E plans on the project [website](#).

We expect the design phase to start in May. Design is expected to take approximately 24 months. Community meetings will be held periodically throughout

### **Fenton Street / Maryland 410 Intersection Redesign.**

This project will result in the redesign of the Fenton Street / Maryland 410 (Philadelphia Avenue & Burlington Avenue) intersection to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety and reduce impervious surface.

M-C-D-O-T has continued development of the hybrid option, as discussed in our previous newsletters. At this time, we are coordinating with the Department of Permitting Services, the Maryland State Highway Administration, and the Montgomery County Parks Department to refine the design and address concerns.

Once the 30% design is complete in Spring / Summer 2021, M-C-D-O-T will hold a community meeting.

### **(Contact Information Section.)**

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

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