

# **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.

## **Updates At A Glance.**

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

### Fenton Street Cycletrack:

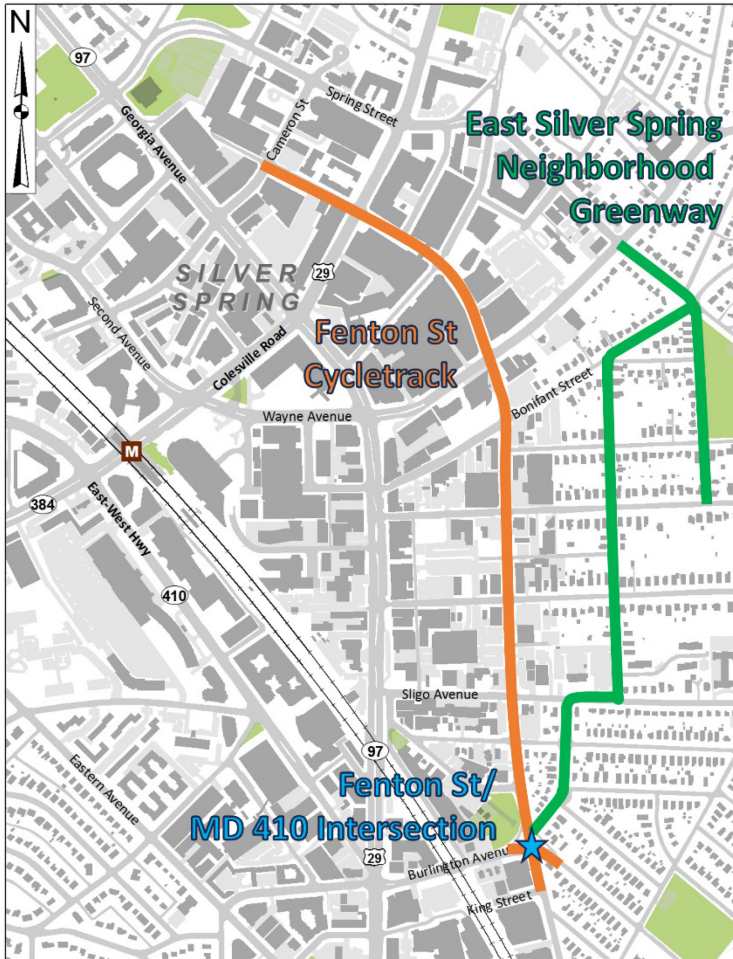
- Phase: Permitting and property acquisition.
- Phase completion: Early 2026.
- Next phase: Utility relocation.
- Construction expected to start mid- to late-2026.

### Fenton Street/Maryland 410 Intersection:

- Now included with the Fenton Street Cycletrack Project.

### East Silver Spring Neighborhood Greenway:

- Phase: 65% design complete.
- Next phase: Final design.
- Construction expected to start Summer/Fall 2026.



(End of updates at a glance section).

### **Fenton Street Cycletrack Update.**

Since the last project update in May 2024, we have been working to revise the final design to minimize utility relocations. This has delayed the schedule a bit, but should reduce impacts to the community and project cost. We have continued to work on both permitting and property acquisition. There have been no substantial changes to the layout since the 65% stage. The plans and a video update from that stage are available on the project webpage, under the Project Documents tab.

Most of the work over the past year has focused on minimizing utility relocations. In addition to the power and telecommunication lines you can see on the poles along portions of Fenton Street, there are also a multitude of utilities hidden underground. Each of these needs to be a safe distance from other utilities. We have coordinated extensively with the utility companies and final utility design

and approvals are currently underway. We hope to finalize approvals from each utility company by the end of 2025.

We are also currently working to get permit approvals from several agencies, including the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services, the Maryland State Highway Administration, and the Federal Highway Administration. We had hoped to have all permits in hand by the end of 2024, but the utility redesign delayed that process. We now hope to have our permitting complete by the end of this year.

We expect to go to construction in 2026. Construction is likely to take 18-24 months to complete. You may see some construction activity in advance of our work starting, as the utilities begin to relocate their facilities.

We will coordinate closely with businesses along the street, and will continue to post updates for residents. Please feel free to contact us with questions or concerns.

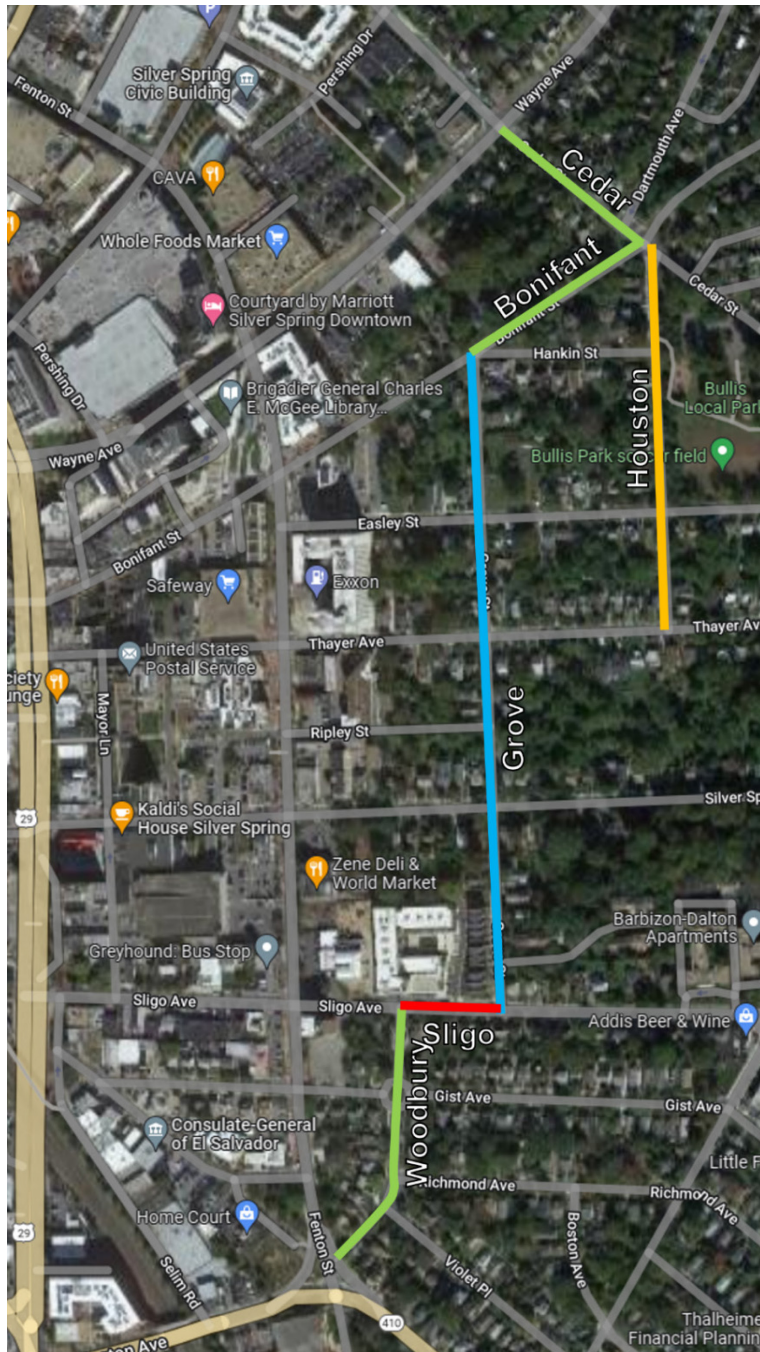
### **Fenton Street / Maryland 410 Intersection – Now a part of the Fenton Street Cycletrack Project.**

M-C-D-O-T originally anticipated that the Fenton Street / Maryland 410 Intersection Project could be constructed on a faster timeline than the rest of Fenton Street and made it a separate project for that reason. However, permitting delays have pushed the timeline back, and it now makes sense to construct this at the same time as the Fenton Street Cycletrack. From now on, the intersection project will be considered part of the larger Fenton Street Cycletrack project.

### **East Silver Spring Neighborhood Greenway Update.**

The East Silver Spring Neighborhood Greenway was designated by the Bicycle Master Plan, adopted in 2018.

The map below shows the scope of the East Silver Spring Neighborhood Greenway. Grove Street, which will get upgrades, is shown in blue. The other streets proposed for neighborhood greenway treatments are shown in green. The stretch of Sligo Avenue that will get a low-stress bike and pedestrian connection is shown in red. Houston Street is shown in yellow.



Above image: Map of the streets included in the East Silver Spring Neighborhood Greenway.

For a detailed description of the different elements of the project, please visit our website or review the May 2024 newsletter (#11).

As part of the design process, we need to confirm underground utility locations so that we can refine the design to avoid the need to relocate them. The utility

designation process is underway and will progress to the field verification stage in mid- to late-September 2025.

The field verification of utilities will involve drilling holes in the roadway to confirm utility locations. This work will take place during the day time and will impact on-street parking and will also include some lane closures. We expect the work to take a few weeks to complete.

Please obey any no parking signs, lane closures, and watch out for workers in the roadway.

We expect to complete the final design in early 2026. Once design is complete, we will work on completing any utility relocations and permit applications. We expect construction could start in late 2026, but is likely to be broken into different phases based on how easy construction is in a given segment and based on the availability of funds.

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

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

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