



## Public Meeting – Concept Design

### Dr. Bird / Norwood Road Shared Use Path

# OVERVIEW & INTRODUCTIONS



# Welcome to the HTT Virtual Public Meeting!

- Please note that this meeting's audio/video is being recorded and will be posted on the MCDOT website.
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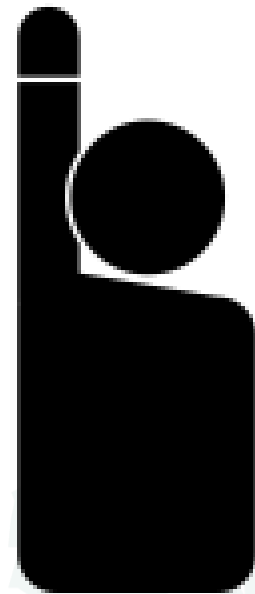
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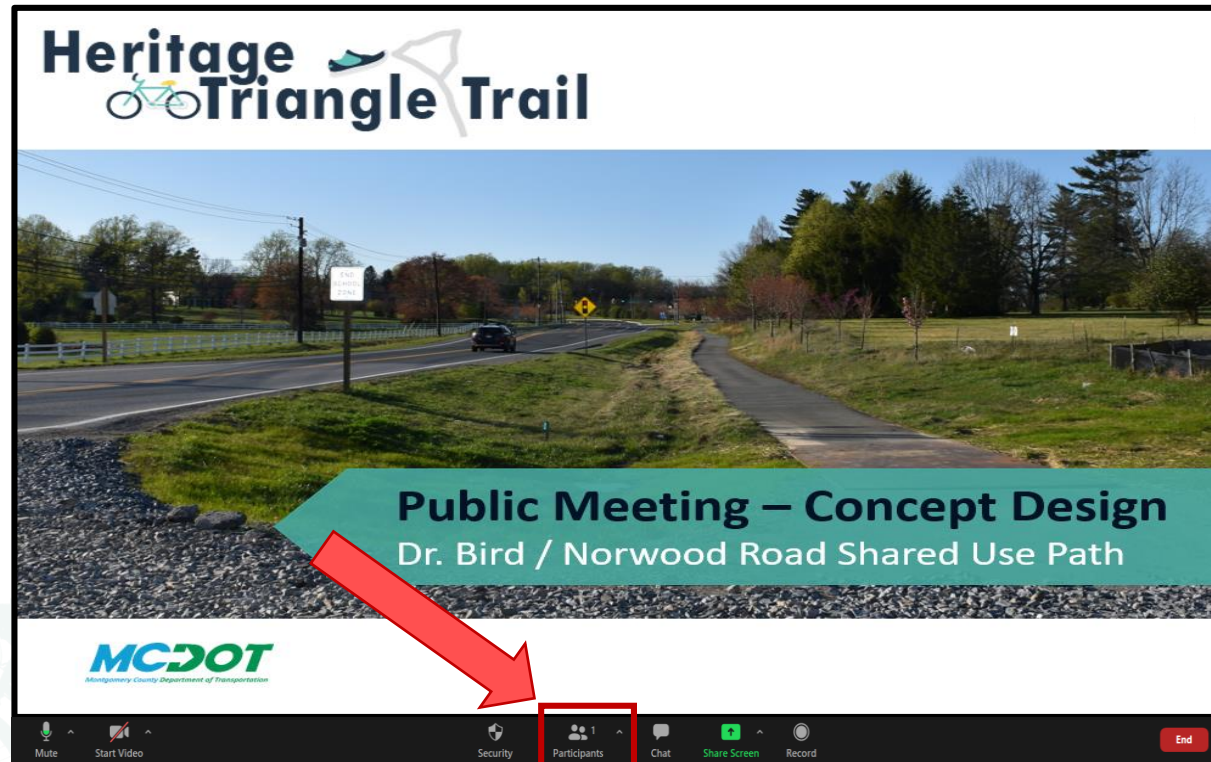
- Everyone is on mute. You cannot unmute yourself. We will unmute you during the Q&A Session.
- To request to speak, you'll need to use the **Raise Hand** feature (instructions to follow). Once we unmute you, you may still need to click a pop-up menu to unmute yourself.
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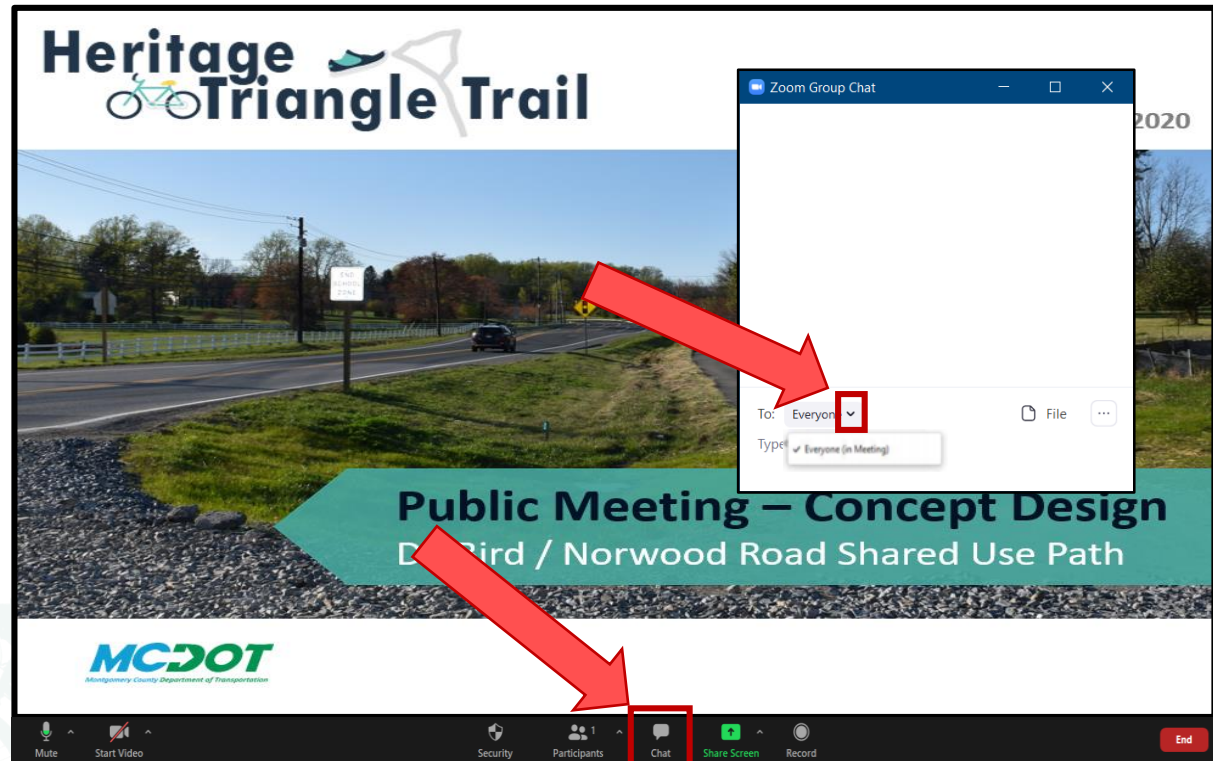
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- **Speaking / Raise Your Hand** – If you'd like to speak to ask a question or make a comment, please raise your hand.
  - Click “participants” in the bottom menu.
  - A new window will appear. Click the blue “raise hand” button.
  - If you've dialed in by phone, dial \*9.



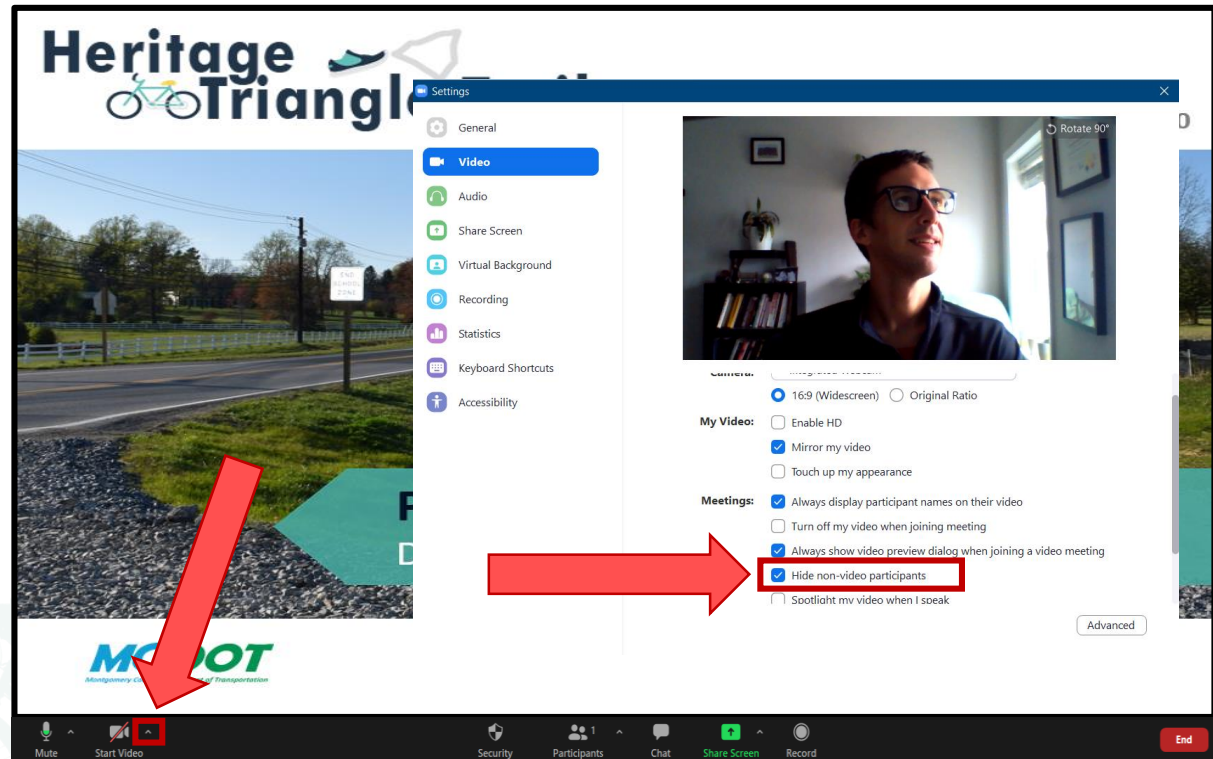
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- **Ask a Question (Text)** – If you have a question during the presentation, use the chat to send it.
  - Click “chat” in the bottom menu.
  - A new window will appear. In the “to” field, change the drop down to “Collin Hayward”
  - Type your question and send it.



# ZOOM TUTORIAL - VIEW

- **View** – To change your view so that you only see people with cameras on, complete the following steps.
  - Click the up arrow next to “start video”.
  - Select “Video Settings”.
  - Make sure “Hide non-video participants” is checked. You may have to scroll down slightly.





# MEETING AGENDA

- 7:00PM - Welcome / Zoom Overview
- 7:10PM - Project Team & Meeting Goals
- 7:20PM - Project Background
- 7:30PM - Project Overview
- 8:10PM - Q&A
- 8:50PM - Adjourn



# PROJECT TEAM

**Patricia Shepherd** — Project Manager



**Rick Adams** — Project Director

**Collin Hayward** — Project Team Leader

**Rebecca Williams** — Project Engineer



# MEETING GOALS



- Provide an overview of the Heritage Triangle Project and the corresponding MHAA Grant.
- Review the preliminary Phase 1 shared-use path design along Dr. Bird and Norwood Roads.
- Solicit input from community members on the current design, potential uses, schedule, and any other project aspects.
- Review project next steps and provide contact information for follow-up.

# PROJECT BACKGROUND

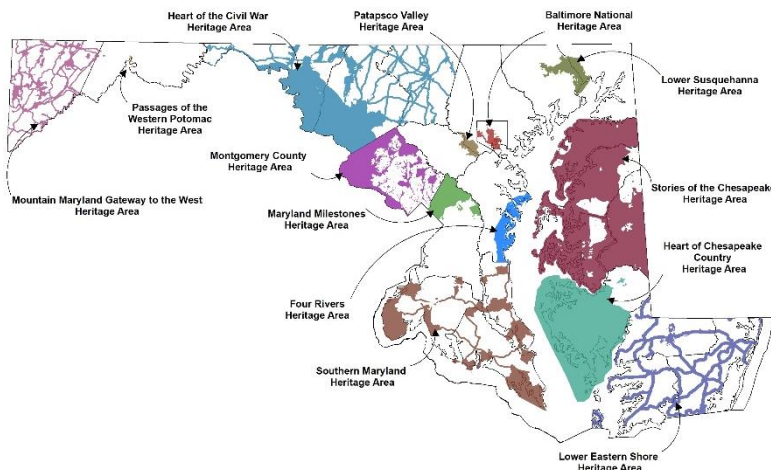




# MHAA Grant Submission



- Submitted MHAA Capital Grant Application in March 2019
- Identified need to provide walkable/bikeable access to 4 heritage tourism destinations
- Awarded \$100,000 in July 2019 for design of HTT components on Dr. Bird & Norwood Road
- Comprehensive heritage experience for visitors that closes existing accessibility gaps



# HISTORICAL CONNECTIONS



Olney Theatre



Sandy Spring Museum



Underground Railroad  
Experience



Woodlawn Manor



# LOCAL BENEFITS

## Benefits to the Local Community

- Unique opportunity to improve bicycle & pedestrian access with a single trail alignment
- Provide wayfinding and interpretive signage planned to tell the stories of Sandy Spring
- Attract more visitors and increase trip length
- Contribute to local economy via tourism and increased multi-modal activity



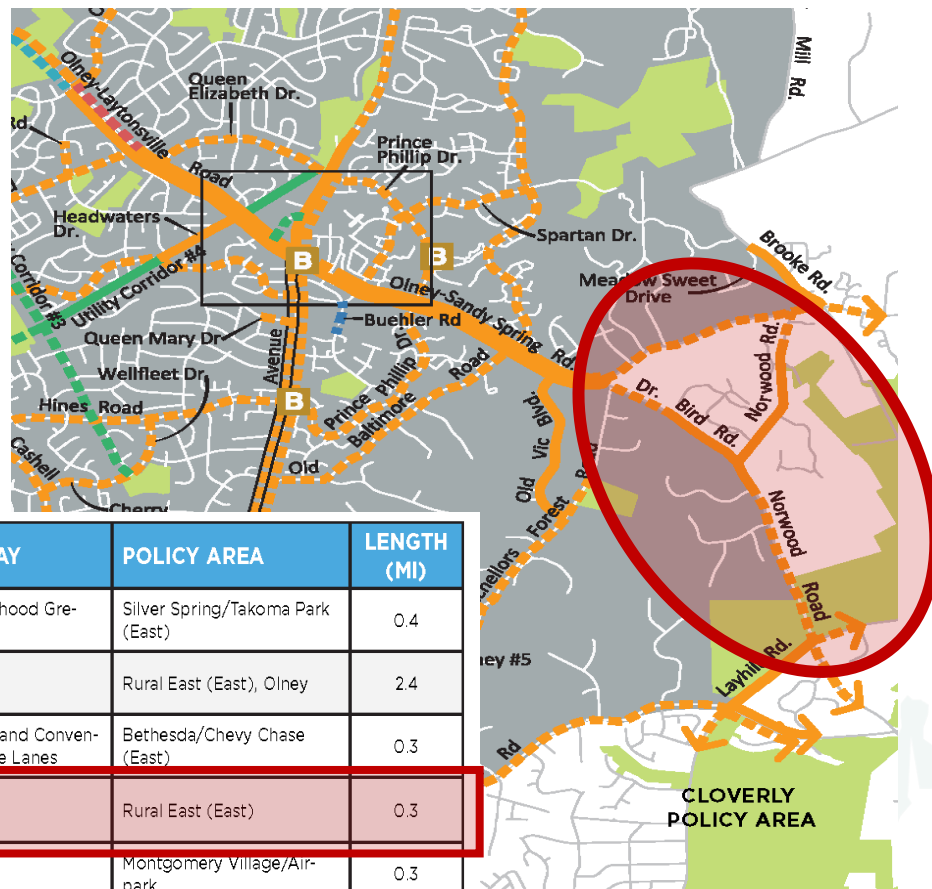




# EXISTING PLANS – MONTGOMERY COUNTY BICYCLE MASTER PLAN

## MC Bicycle Master Plan (2018)

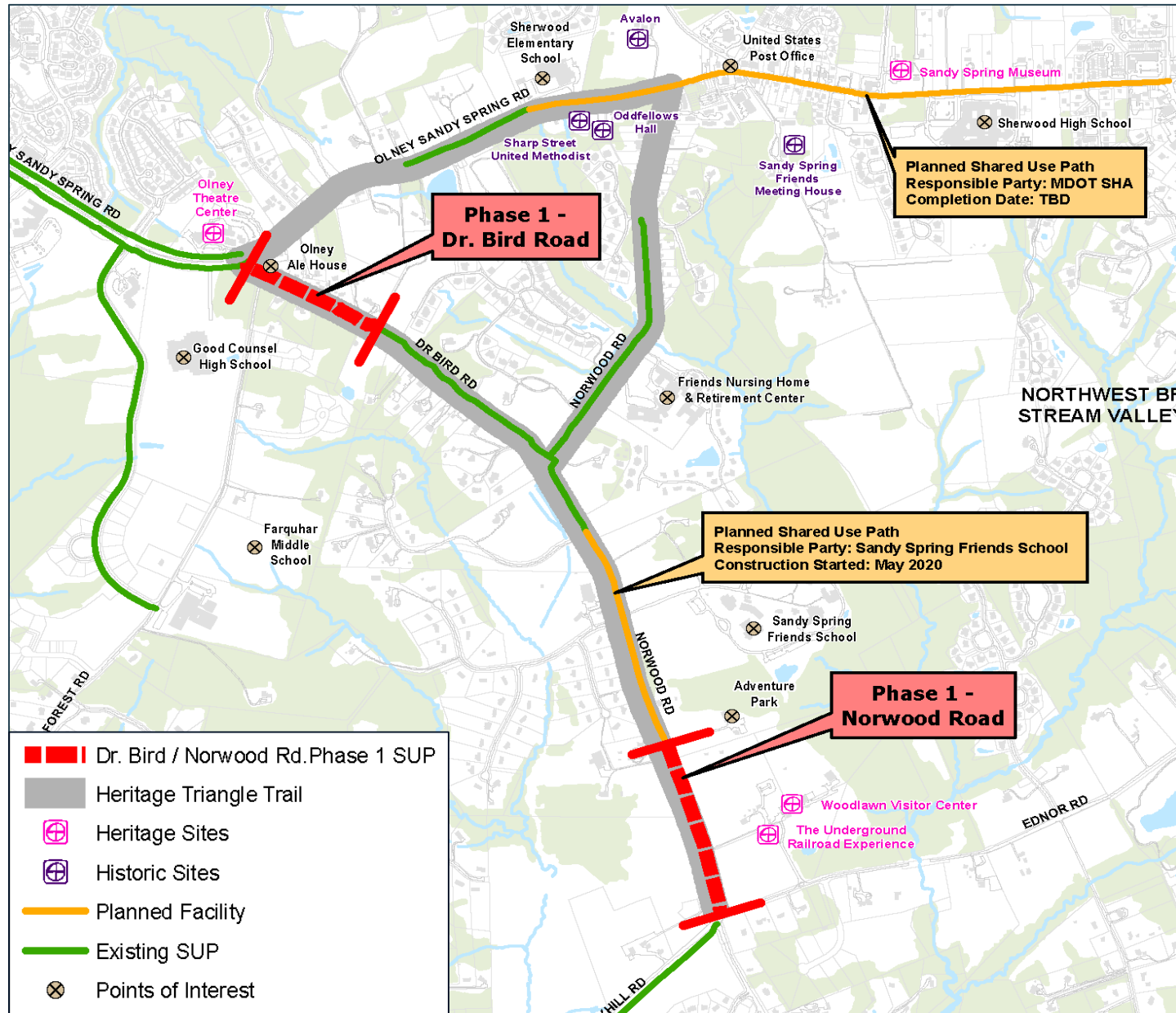
- Dr. Bird / Norwood Road identified for shared-use path treatment
- Key connection to other planned facilities



STREET	FROM	TO	BIKEWAY	POLICY AREA	LENGTH (MI)
Baltimore Ave	Philadelphia Ave	District of Columbia	Neighborhood Greenway	Silver Spring/Takoma Park (East)	0.4
Bowie Mill Rd	Muncaster Mill Rd	Cashell Rd	Sidepath	Rural East (East), Olney	2.4
Bradley Blvd	Wilson La	Fairfax Rd	Sidepath and Conventional Bike Lanes	Bethesda/Chevy Chase (East)	0.3
Dr. Bird Rd	Olney-Sandy Spring Rd	Norwood Rd	Sidepath	Rural East (East)	0.3
Emory Grove Rd	Goshen Rd	Strawberry Knoll Rd	Sidepath	Montgomery Village/Airpark	0.3
Emory Grove Rd	Strawberry Knoll Rd	Woodfield Rd	Sidepath	Montgomery Village/Airpark	0.9
Emory Grove Rd	Woodfield Rd	Washington Grove Ln	Sidepath	Montgomery Village/Airpark	0.4

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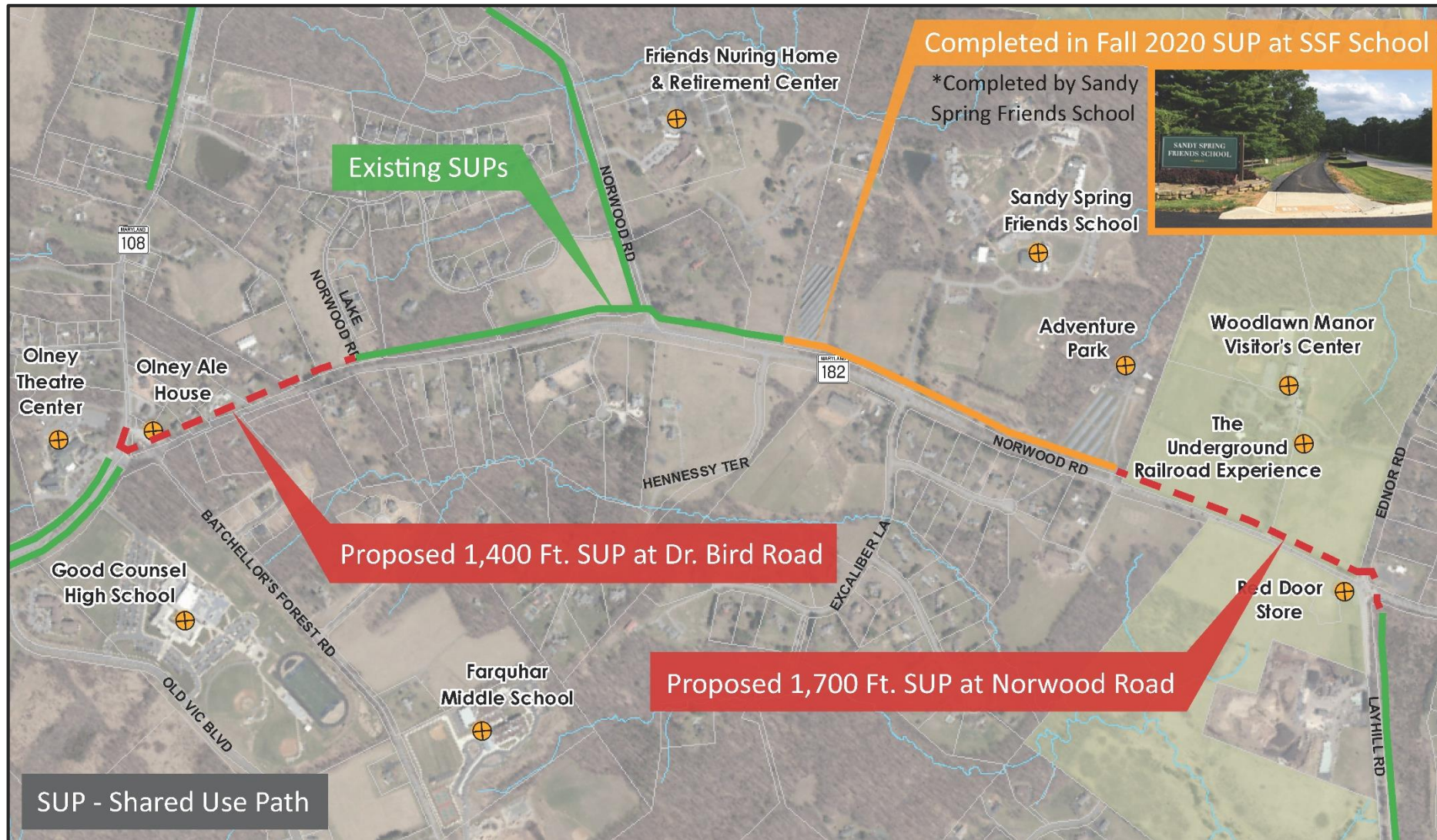


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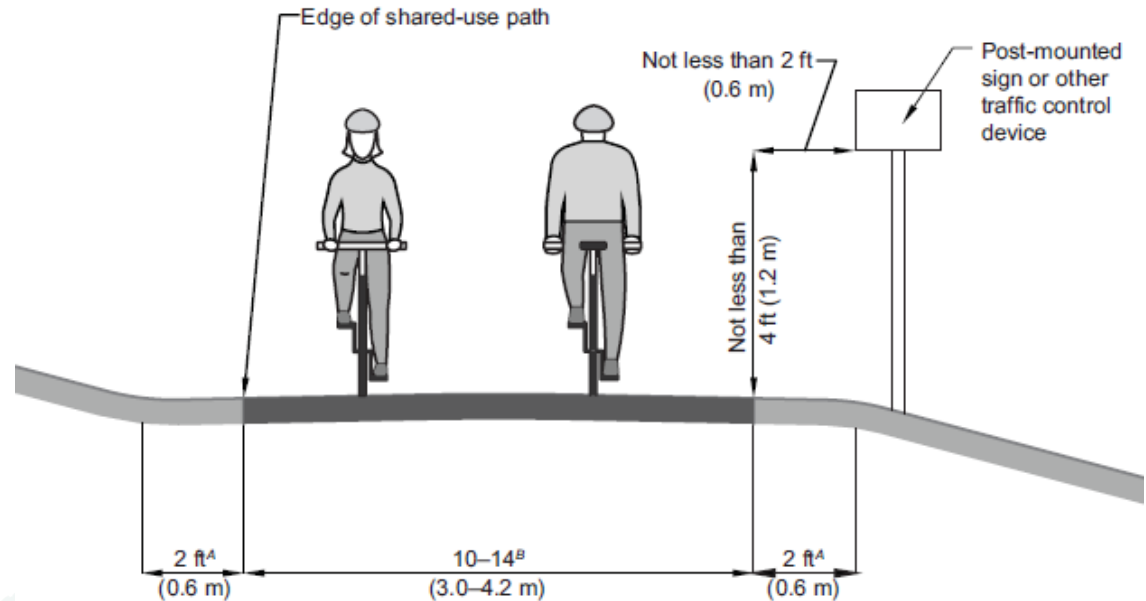




# SHARED USE PATH DESIGN GUIDELINES

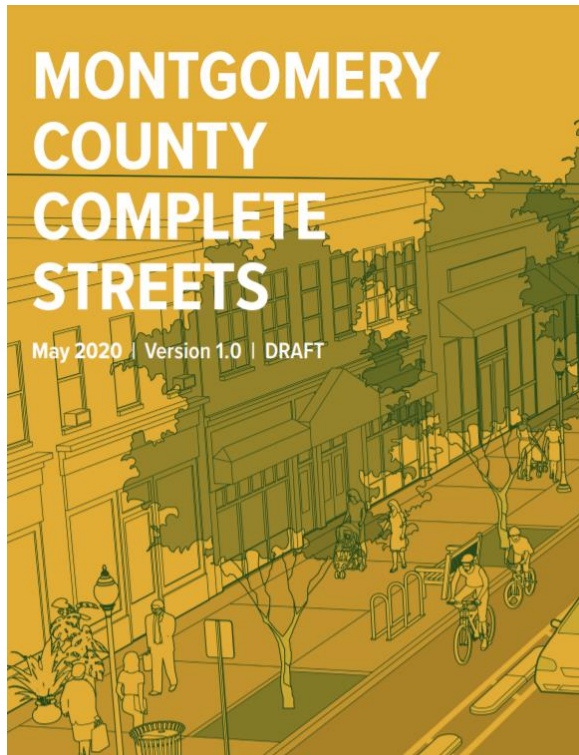
## Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities

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- The minimum paved width for a shared use path is 10 ft.

# SHARED USE PATH DESIGN GUIDELINES



	Page Reference	Downtown Boulevard	Downtown Street	Boulevard	Town Center Boulevard	Town Center Street	Neighborhood Connector	Neighborhood Street	Neighborhood Yield Street	Industrial Street	Country Connector	Country Road	Major Highway
<b>Outside Travel Lane (against curb or parking)</b>	105	11'	10.5'	11'	11'	11'	10.5'	10.5'	12'	11'	11'	11'	12'
<b>Dedicated Transitway</b>	108	Transitway lanes: 13' preferred, 12' min Transitway buffer: 6' preferred, 2' min											
<b>Parking Lane</b>	95-99	8'	8'	8'	8'	8'	8'	8'	8'	8'	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Shoulder</b>	105	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6'	4'	8'
<b>Default Bikeways Types and Widths</b>	195	Two-Way SBL on both sides of street. Each SBL: 11' default; 8' min	One-way SBL: 6.5' default; 5' min	Sideways on both sides of the street. Each sidewalk: 11' default; 8' min	Two-Way SBL on both sides of street. Each SBL: 11' default; 8' min	One-way SBL: 6.5' default; 5' min	Sideways on one side of the street: 10' default; 8' min or Bike Lanes	Neighborhood Greenway; Shared Lanes; or Advisory Bike Lanes (for design guidance, see Bicycle Facility Design)	N/A	One-way SBL: 6.5' default; 5' min or Sideways on one side of the street: 10' default	Bikeable Shoulders: 10' or Sideways on one side of the street: 10' default	Bikeable Shoulders: 8' or Sideways on one side of the street: 10' default	Sideways on both sides of street. Each sidewalk: 11' default; 8' min
<b>Street Buffer</b>	66	8' default, 6' min	6'; 11' if shared w/ street parking	8' default, 6' min	8' default, 6' min	6'	6'	6'	6'	6'	10' (if sidewalk/sidewalk are provided)	8' default, 6' min	As wide as feasible (10' min)

- The minimum street buffer, described as the space between the travel lane and the bikeway/sidewalk/path, should be a minimum of 6 ft.

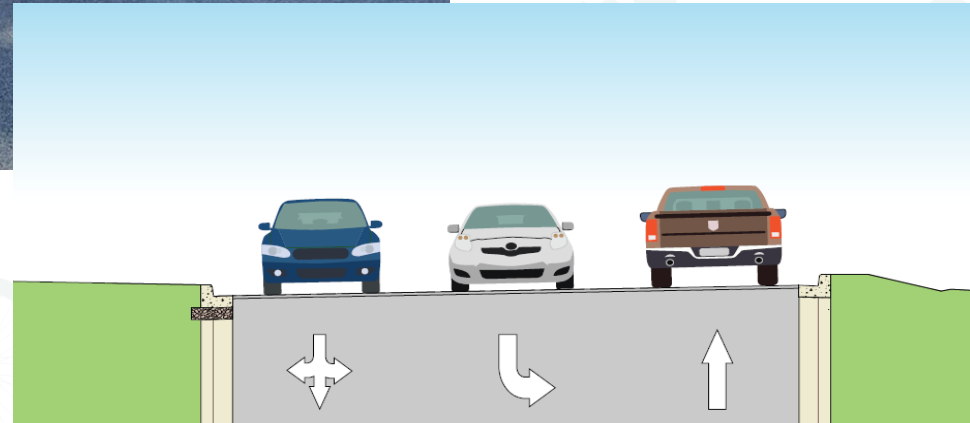
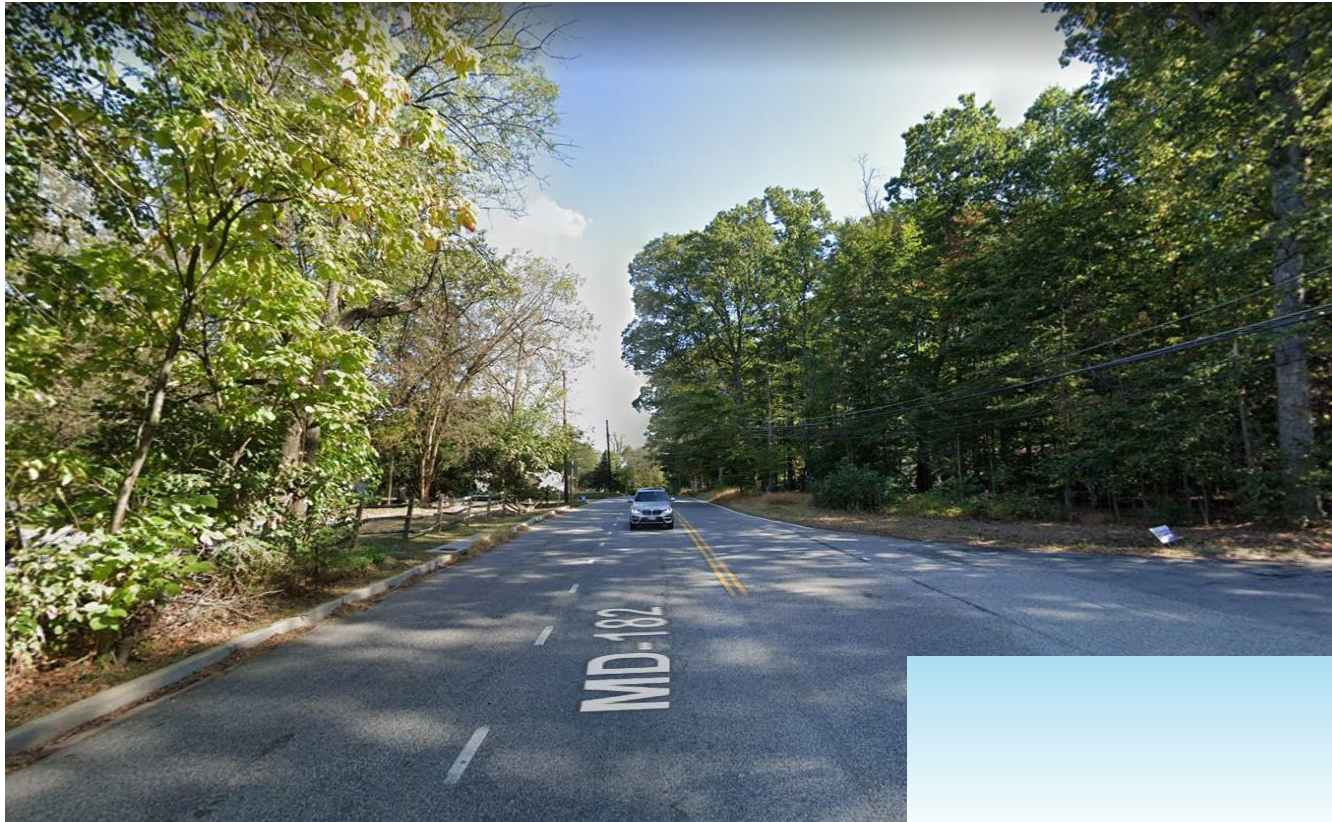
# PROJECT DETAILS – DR. BIRD



- 1400 ft. of new 10' wide asphalt shared-use path with a 6' grass buffer
- Storm drainage, stormwater management, erosion and sediment control
- Signing, pavement markings, lighting, pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements



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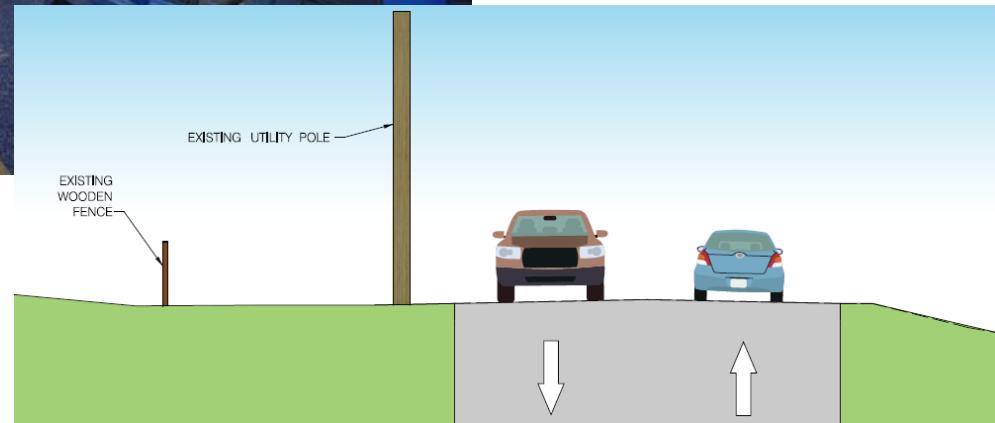
# PROJECT DETAILS – NORWOOD

- 1700 ft. of new 10' wide shared-use path with a 6' grass buffer
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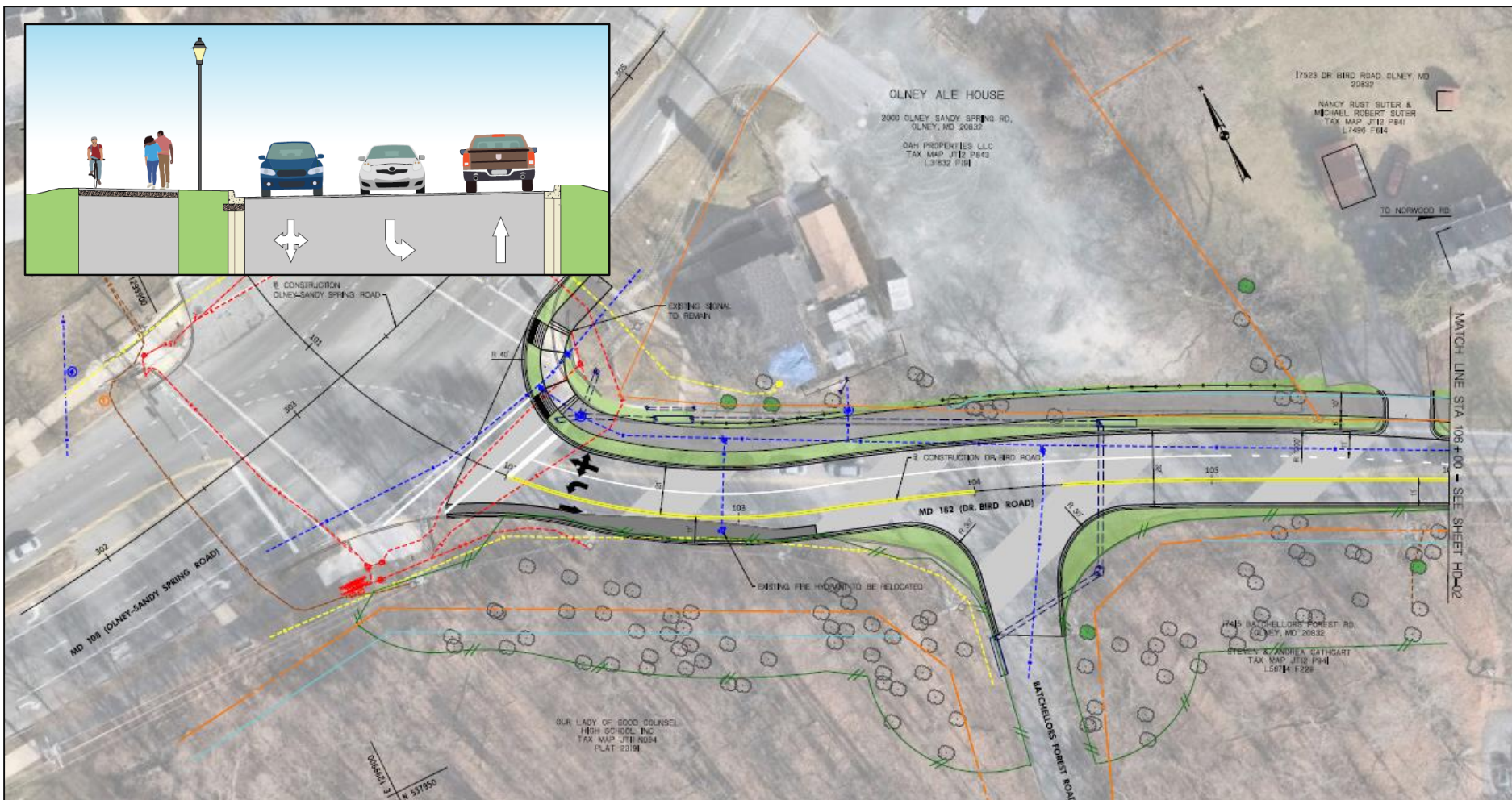
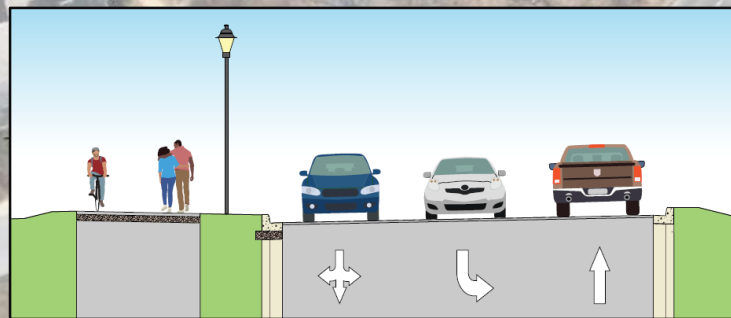


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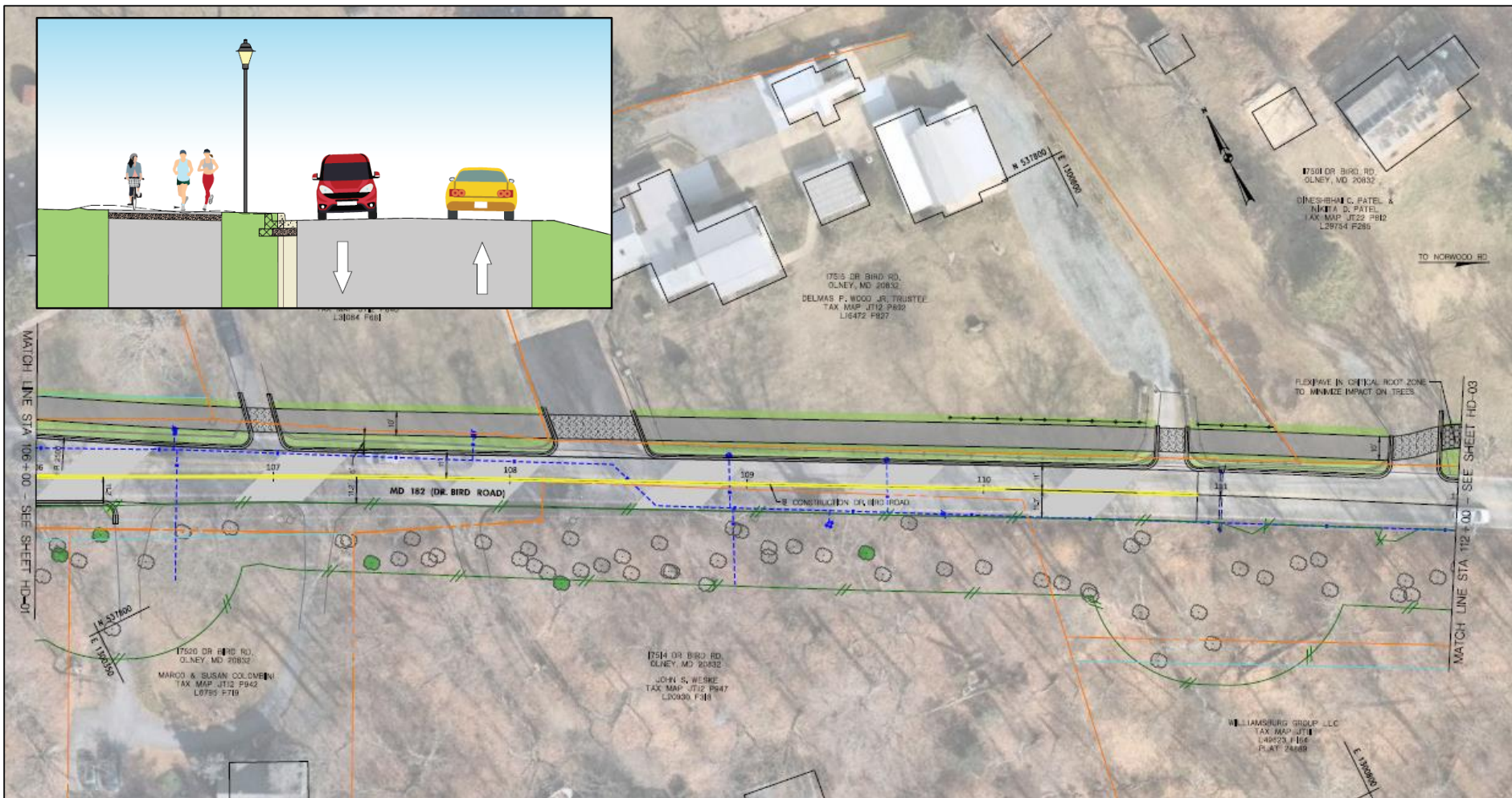


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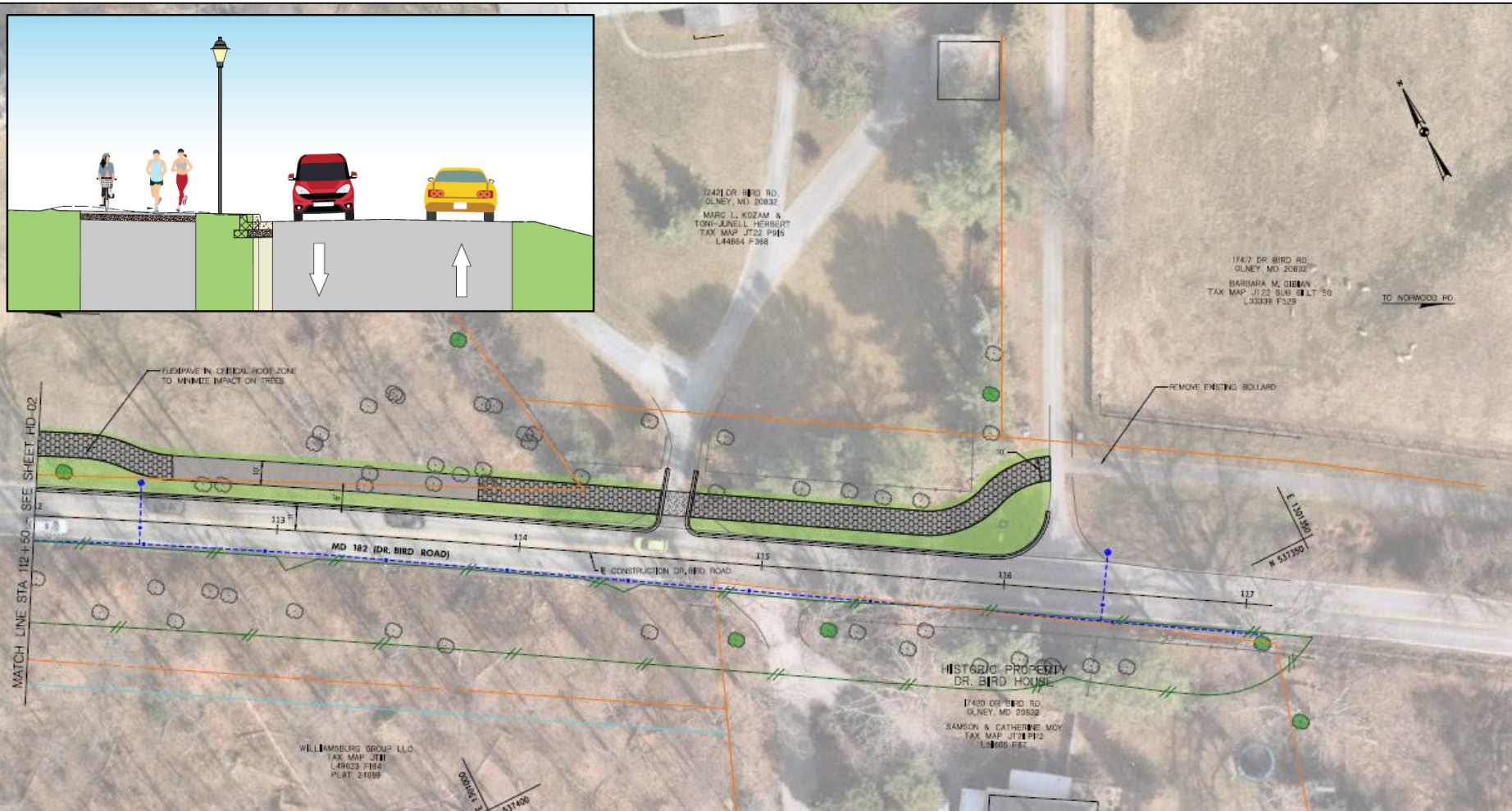
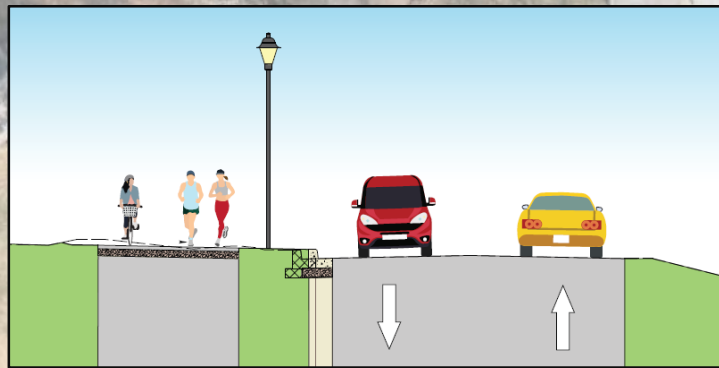




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# PROJECT DETAILS - CONNECTIONS



## Sandy Spring Friends School Trail

- Connecting to newly built path at north terminus of Norwood Road portion
- Closes gap to Dr. Bird portion of trail

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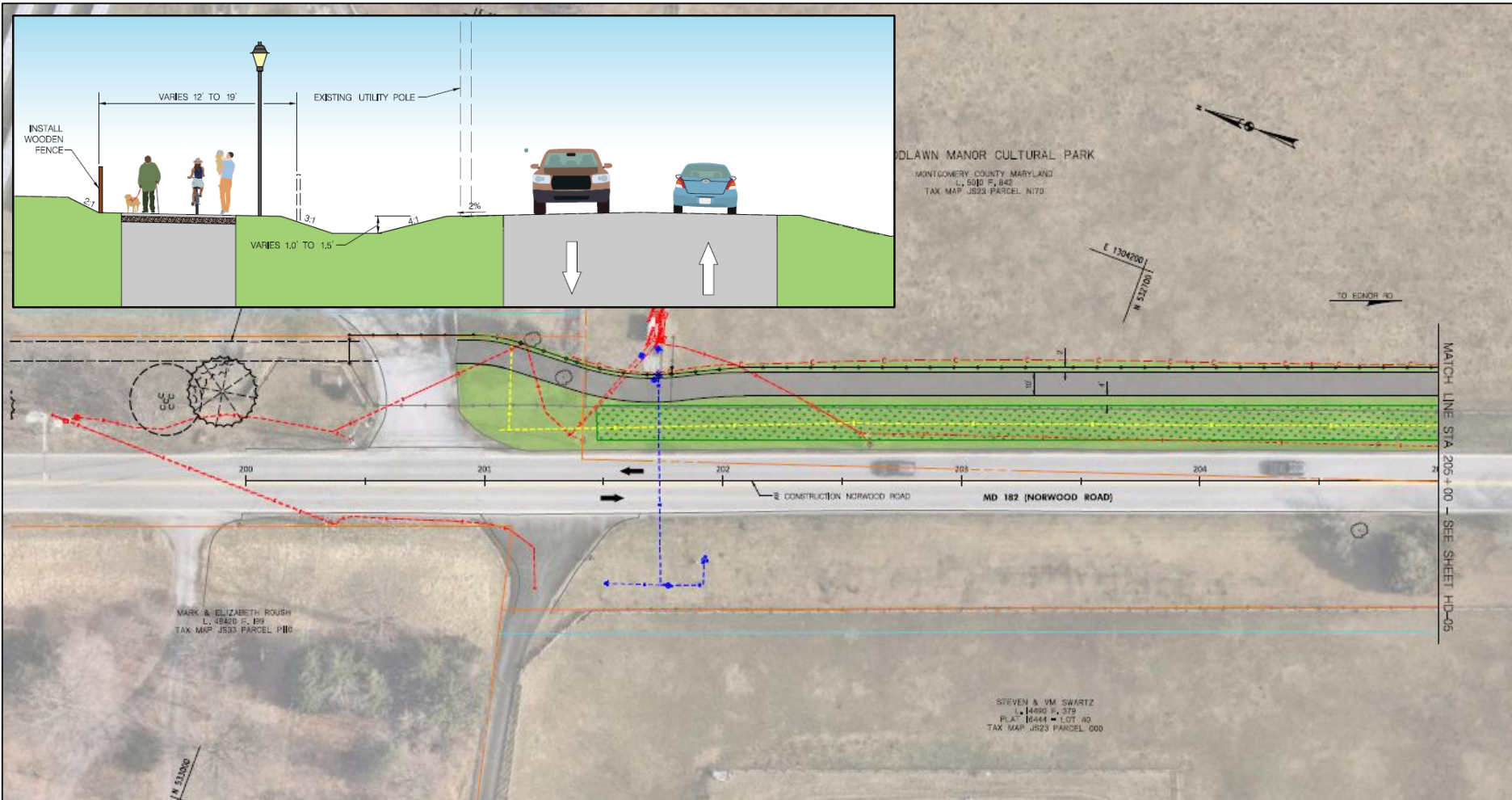


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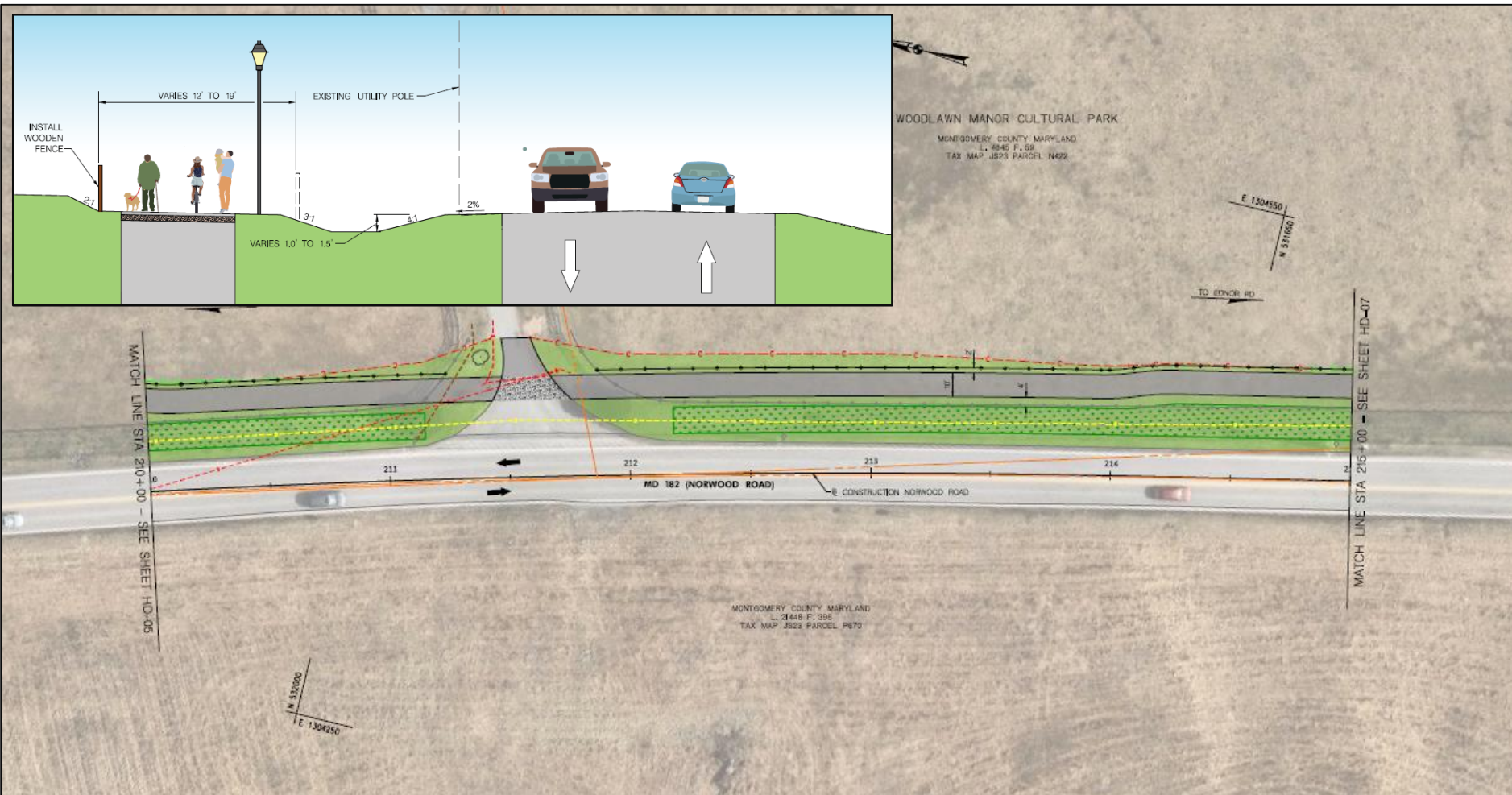
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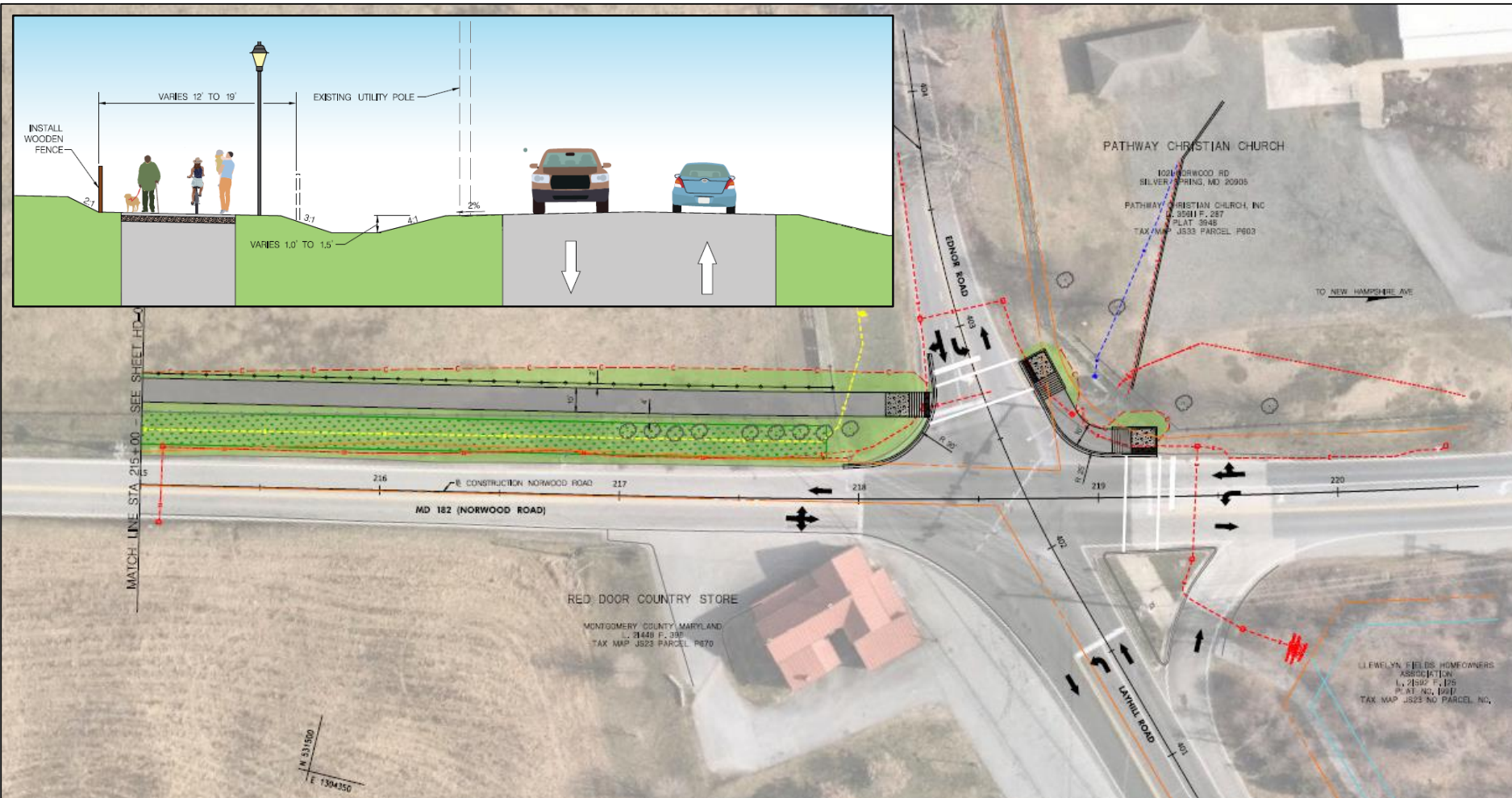
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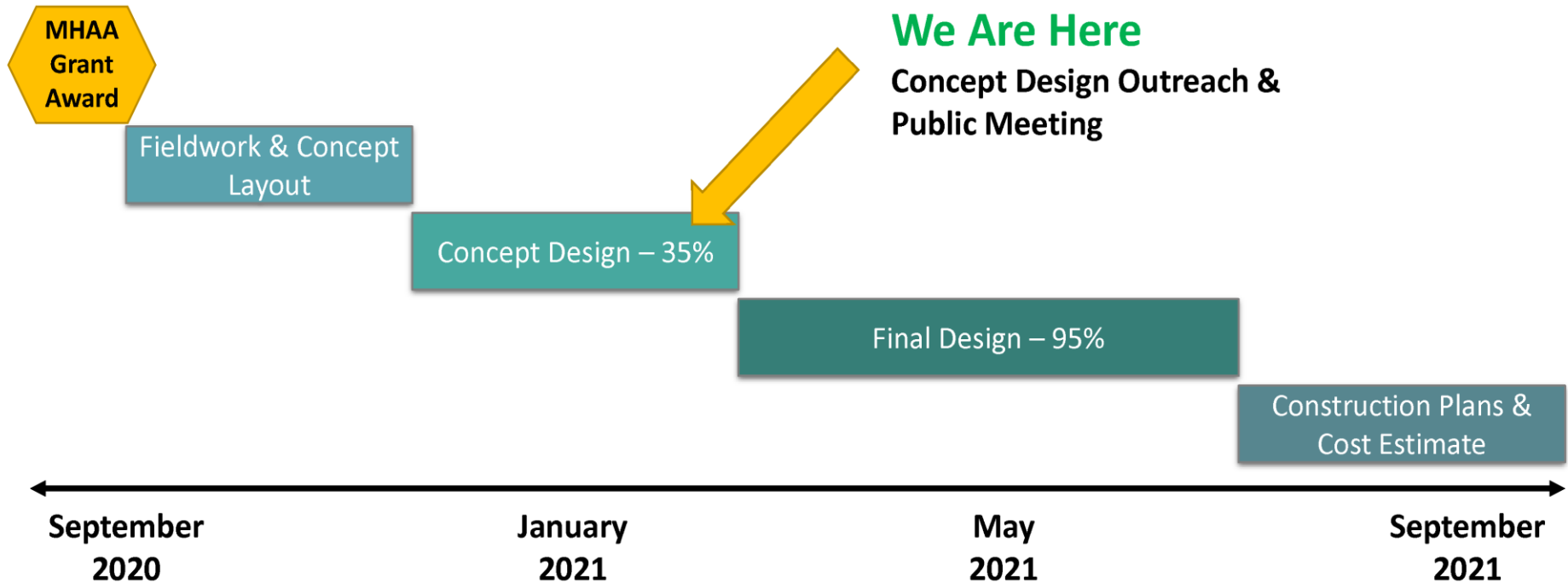




# PROJECT SCHEDULE

## Dr. Bird / Norwood Road Phase 1 Shared-Use Path

### Project Schedule



Schedule Published - Feb. 2021

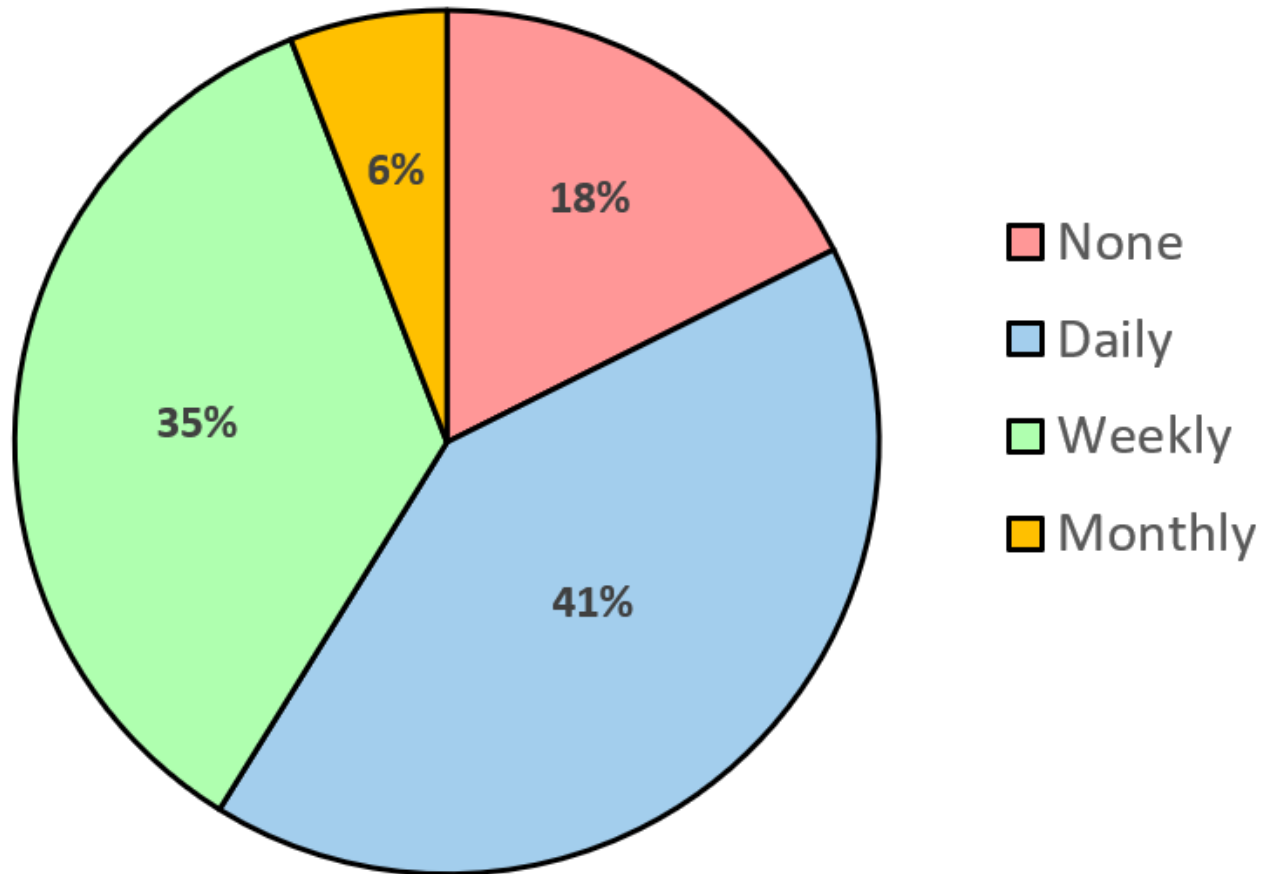


# QUESTION & ANSWER



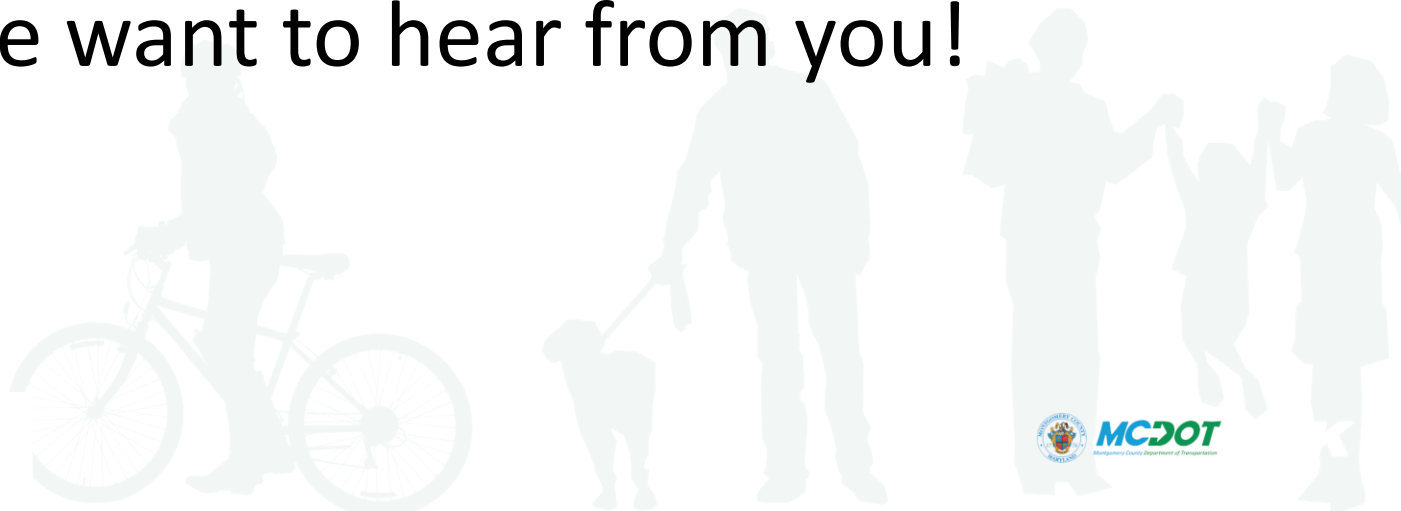
# SURVEY RESULTS

**How often would you bike or walk along the Dr. Bird/Norwood corridor if a new shared use path was constructed?**



# QUESTION & ANSWER

Please ask questions or provide comments by using the **Raise Hand** feature or typing them in the chat.  
We want to hear from you!





# PROJECT WEBSITE



The screenshot shows the MCDOT website interface. At the top is the MCDOT logo with the text "Montgomery County Department of Transportation". To the right is a search bar labeled "Search MCDOT". Below the logo is a navigation menu with links: "MCDOT Home", "Home", "Bikeways", "Bridges", "Drainage", "Online Services", "Standards", "Roads/Transit", "Sidewalk", and "Under Construction". A blue banner below the menu reads "Division of Transportation Engineering". The main heading is "Heritage Triangle Trail - Phase I, Dr. Bird/Norwood Road from MD 108 to Layhill Road". Below this is a table with four tabs: "Project Description" (selected), "Learn More", "Resources", and "Participate". The "Project Description" tab contains the following text: "The Heritage Triangle Trail, Phase I is a project to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety along Dr. Bird (MD. 182) and Norwood Road. The Dr. Bird Road section is planned to run along the east side of Dr. Bird Road (MD 182) from Sandy Spring Road (MD 108) to the current terminus of an existing shared use path located approximately 1,400 feet south of MD 108. The Norwood Road section is planned to run along the east side of Norwood Road from just north of the driveway to the Adventure Park at Sandy Spring to just south of Ednor Road where it will tie into an existing shared use path approximately 1,700 ft. south of the Adventure Park." Below the text is a section titled "Project Background" which states: "The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) is investing in a well- connected pedestrian and bicycle network which enriches the livability of local communities. As part of this effort, MCDOT is working to design and build share use path facilities that serve as critical links in the transportation system, providing access to residential areas, transit, commercial districts, schools, places of worship, parks, and recreational areas. Additionally, MCDOT was recently awarded a Maryland Heritage Areas

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dte/projects/heritageTTph1/index.html>

- Take the survey and provide comments
- Review project information, plans, and documents
- Participate in upcoming events and stay up to date with project announcements

# CONTACT & FEEDBACK



# QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

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# THANK YOU!

