



Veirs Mill Road (MD 586) Flash Bus Rapid Transit Public Meeting

October 21, 2025

Agenda

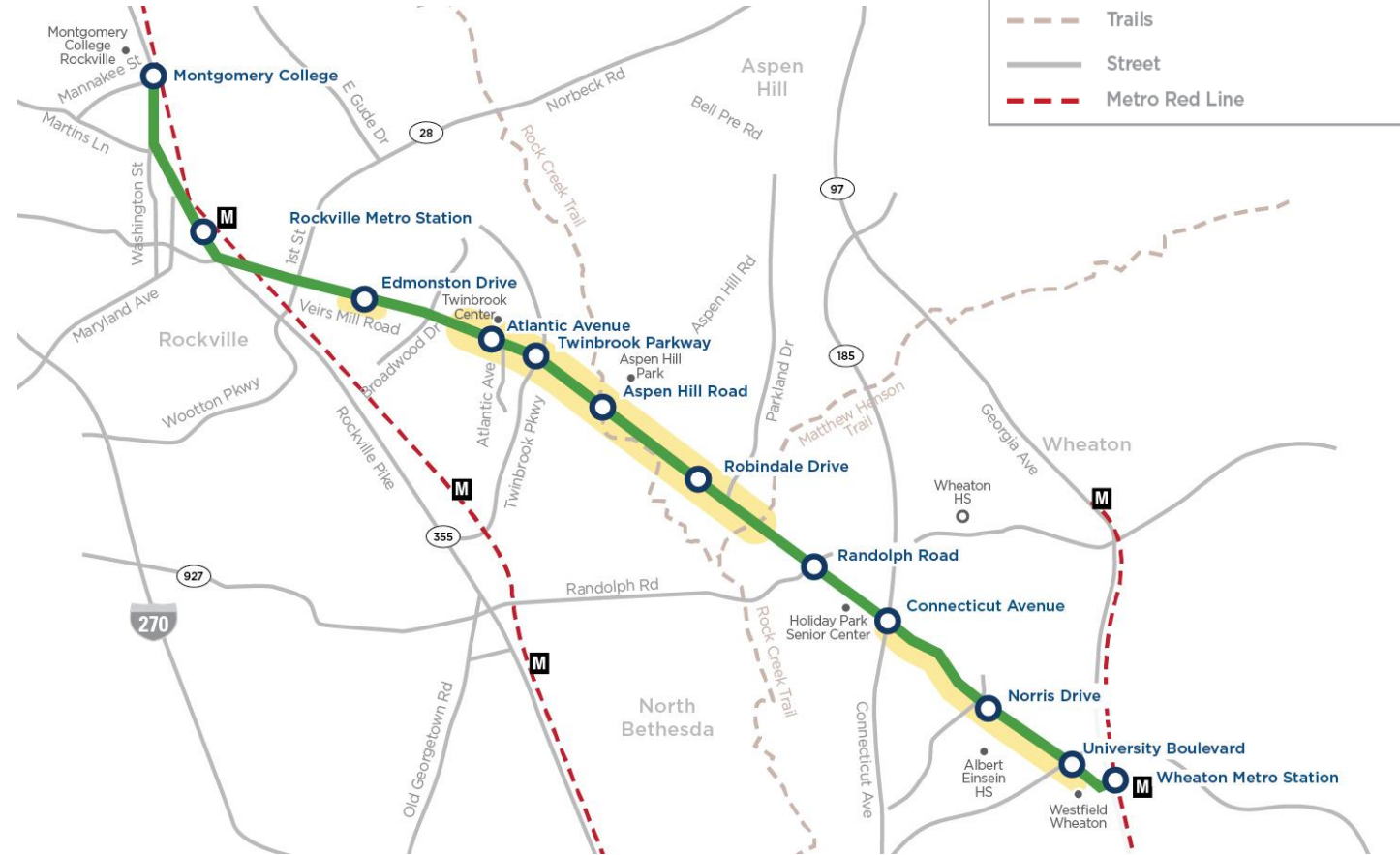
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Project Overview

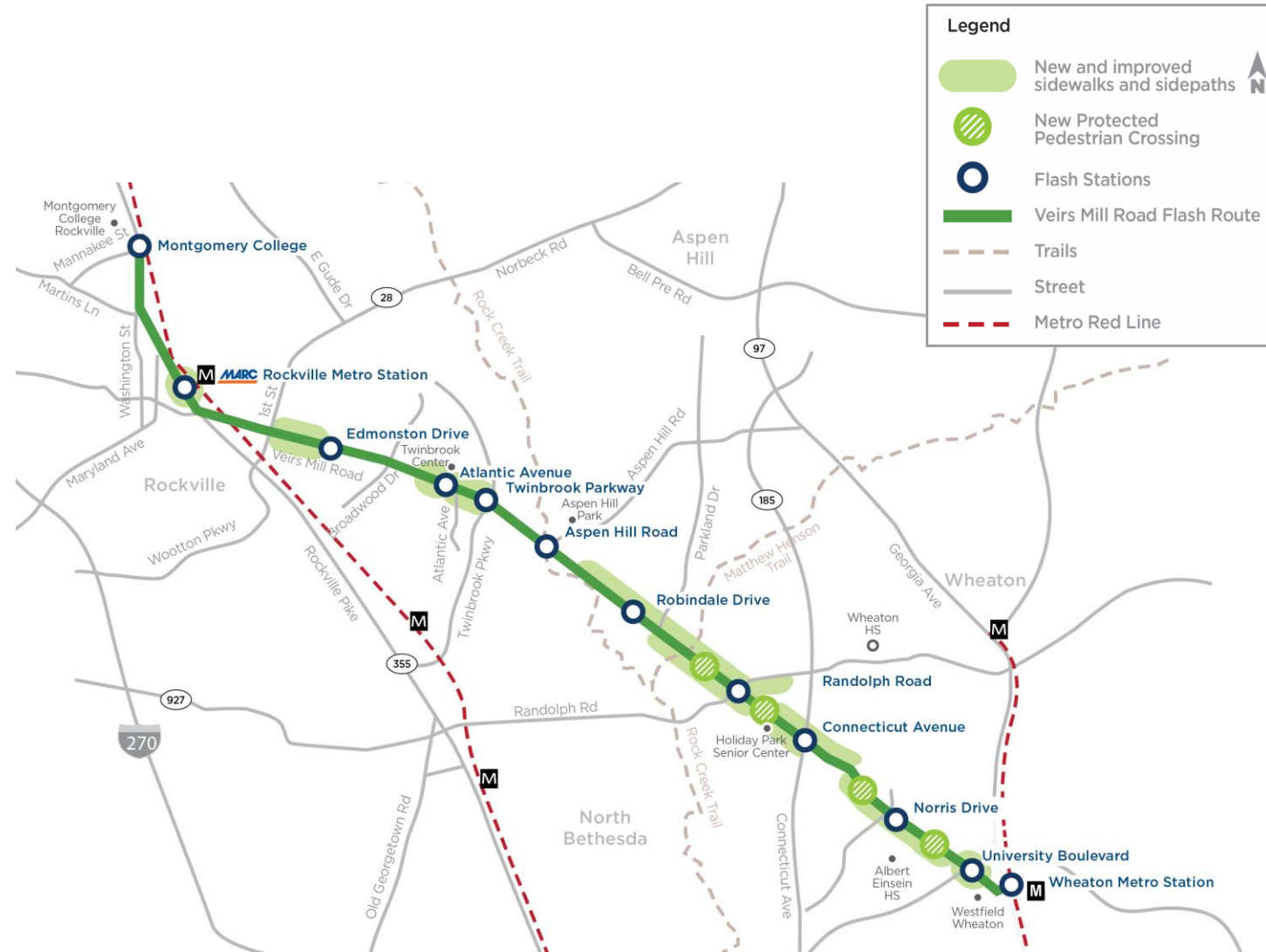
Bus Rapid Transit Improvements

- ▶ 7.6-mile corridor
- ▶ Montgomery College to Wheaton Metro Station
- ▶ 34% Dedicated bus-only lanes
- ▶ 20 Transit Priority Signals
- ▶ Queue Jumps throughout corridor
- ▶ 12 Enhanced BRT stations



Safety Improvements

- ▶ 3.8 miles of new and improved sidewalks and paths
- ▶ Four new traffic signals
 - Havard Street
 - Bushey Drive
 - Pendleton Drive
 - Galt Avenue
- ▶ Improved pedestrian lighting
- ▶ Lowered speed limit to 35 mph



Project Elements



Overall Benefits

- ▶ Faster transit travel
 - 6-10 minutes faster travel times
- ▶ More reliable transit
 - Reduced bunching of buses
- ▶ More frequent bus arrivals
- ▶ Safety improvements
 - New sidewalks and paths
 - New signalized crossings

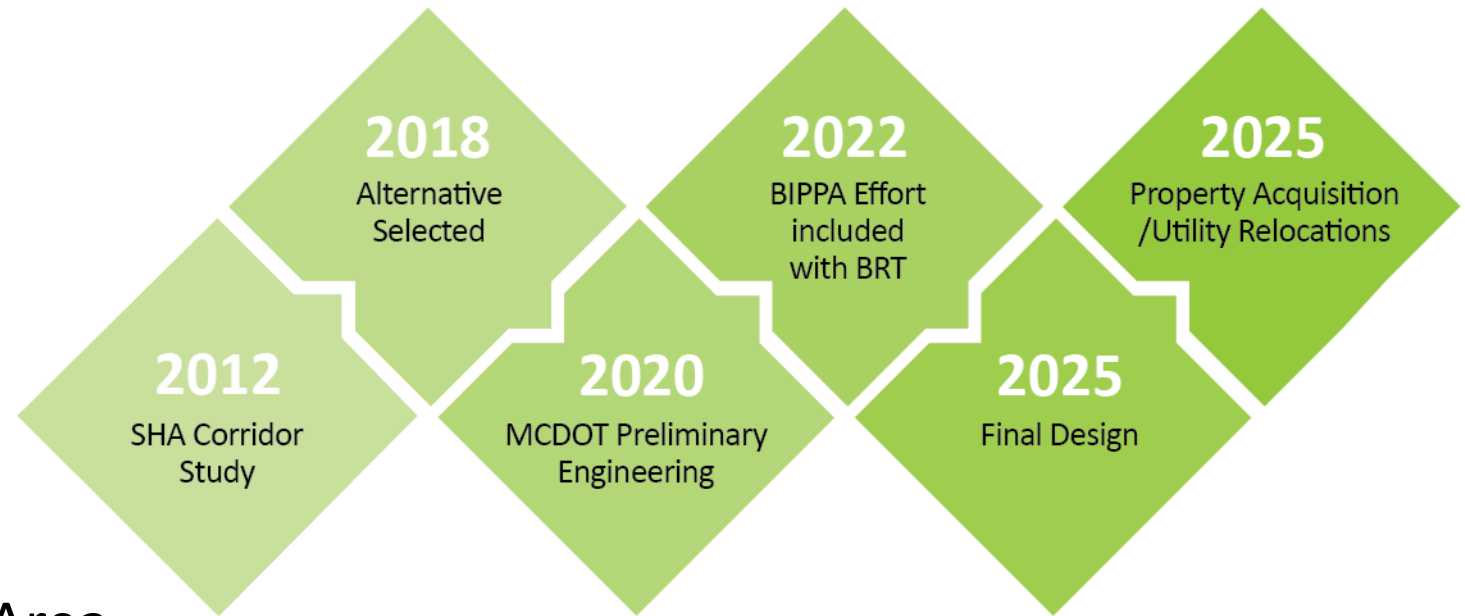


Project Background

Public Outreach & Project History

► Between 2012 – 2024

- 21 Public Meetings
- 20 Pop-up Events
- 28,000 Mailers/Postcards
- 3,000 flyers
- Online Community Survey
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Area (BIPPA) improvements included in 2022



Transit and Safety Needs

- ▶ High Transit Ridership
 - 11,000 riders a day on the corridor
- ▶ Transit is slow and unreliable
- ▶ Road has high crash rates
 - Many intersections along the corridor are in the County top 50 regarding pedestrian crashes
 - SHA identified Veirs Mill Road as a Vulnerable Road User corridor



Current Activities

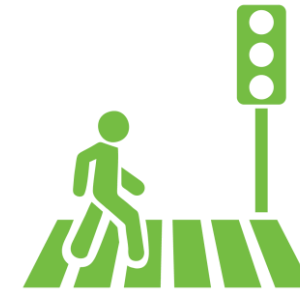
- ▶ Recently completed design
- ▶ Starting utility relocation
- ▶ Purchasing property
- ▶ Preparing for construction



Property Acquisition Process

What is causing the need

- ▶ Path/sidewalks
- ▶ Stations
- ▶ Queue jumps
- ▶ Resulting utility relocations
- ▶ **No residences or businesses will be purchased for the project**



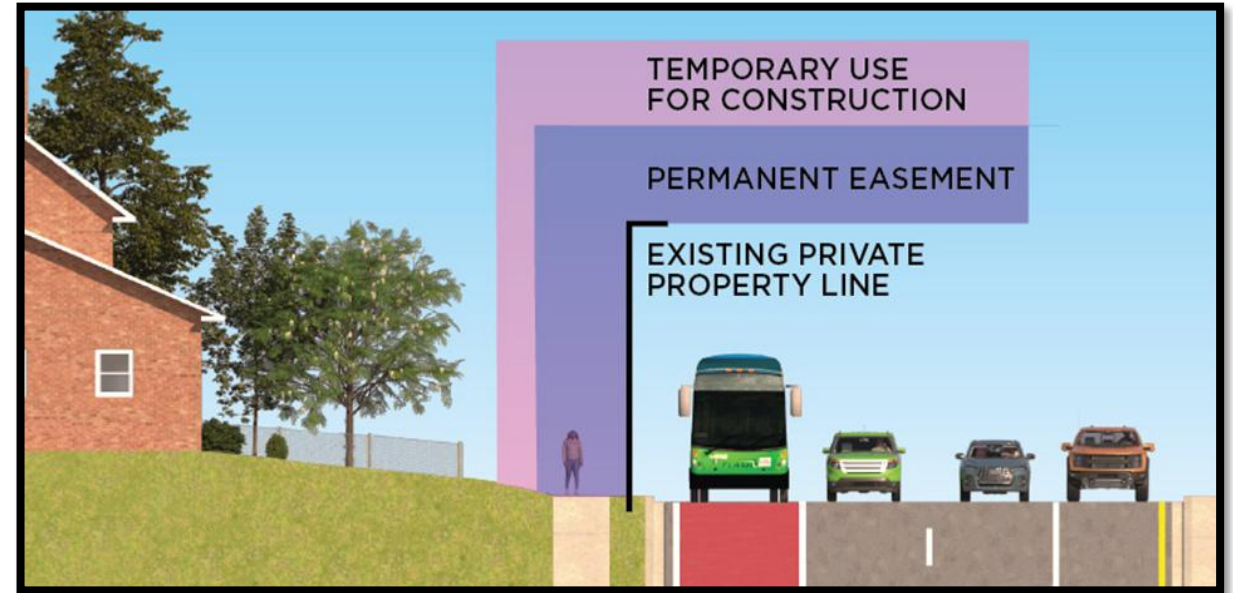
Property Needs - Easements

► Permanent Easement

- Allows the County to use part of the property for public infrastructure
- Accommodate BRT facilities, new or wider sidewalks and paths

► Temporary Construction Easement

- Allows the County to use part of the property during construction










How to Read the Maps

1

Find familiar landmarks and major roads and use the legend to understand map colors and symbols.

LEGEND LEYENDA

	ASPHALT PAVEMENT ROADWAY OR SIDEWALK PAVIMENTO DE ASPALTO PARA CALLE O SENDERO
	CONCRETE SIDEWALK ACERA DE CONCRETO
	CONCRETE PAVEMENT PAVIMENTO DE CONCRETO
	PAVEMENT REMOVAL REMOCIÓN DE PAVIMENTO
	STORMWATER FACILITY INFRAESTRUCTURA PARA AGUAS PLUVIALES
	FLASH STATION ESTACION FLASH
	DETECTABLE WARNING SURFACE SUPERFICIE DE ADVERTENCIA DETECTABLE

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Review the design features, including dedicated bus lanes, sidewalks, and new traffic signals.



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Staff are available to assist and discuss what is shown on the maps.

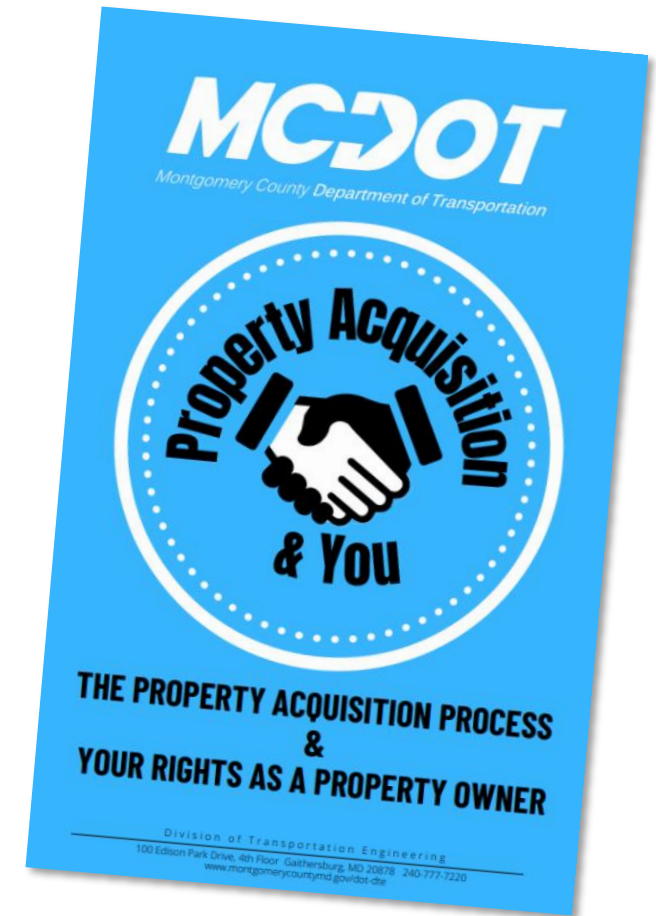


What to Expect During Property Acquisition Process

- ▶ Fairly compensate property owners
- ▶ Follow a transparent and equitable process
- ▶ Adhere to all relevant County, State, and Federal regulations

More details can be found at:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dte/PAS/Index.html>

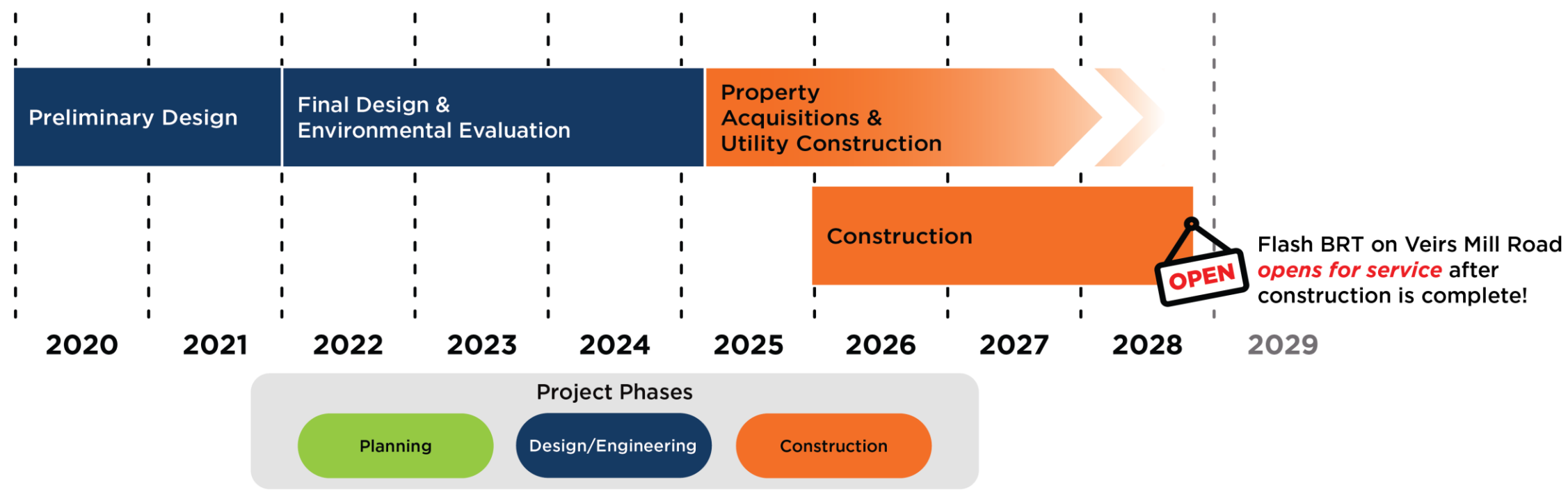


Property Acquisition Schedule

Initial Contact	• Began February 2025
Appraisal Process	• Began July 2025
Offer	• Began October 2025
Negotiation	• Begins Fall 2025
Agreement	• Begins Winter 2025/2026
Compensation and Settlement	• Begins Spring 2026

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Opportunities for Engagement

Questions?

- ▶ Public meeting October 21
 - Albert Einstein High School
 - Meeting at 6:30 PM
- ▶ Sign up online for one-on-one discussions with the project team
 - 15-minute meetings will be available on the following dates:
 - ▶ Monday, October 27th 9am to 11am
 - ▶ Tuesday, October 28th 10am to 1pm
 - ▶ Wednesday, October 29th 9am to 10 am
 - ▶ Wednesday, October 29th 2pm to 4pm
 - ▶ Thursday, October 30th 5pm to 8pm



Thank You

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