

# New Hampshire Avenue Flash BRT

## Public Open House Meeting Summary

May 14, 2025

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

### Event Overview

On May 14, 2025, an in-person public open house was conducted at the Langley Park Community Center from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm for the New Hampshire Ave Flash BRT project to share the Hybrid Alternative and corresponding analysis results with the community. Photos of the event are included in **Appendix A**.

The Langley Park Community Center space was selected because it is located close to the BRT corridor and is accessible by multiple modes of public transportation. The space is well-sized and set up for the open house format of the event. The public open house included twenty-six display boards positioned around the room where project team members, County staff, and open house attendees discussed alternatives and answered questions. The boards were printed in both English and Spanish. A presentation was given at 6:30 pm followed by a question-and-answer period. Attendees were offered water and light refreshments. About 14 people attended the event in total. They were encouraged to fill out the online survey.

The public open house was advertised via several email blasts. Additionally, direct mailer postcards were sent to residents and property owners leading up to the event. The event was also advertised through flyers that were distributed at pop-up events and through flyer drops at bus shelters, schools, churches, businesses, and other community places.

### Presentation

The [presentation](#) was given by a member of the project team. They provided an overview of the New Hampshire Avenue BRT study, relayed project updates, described the Hybrid Alternative, and compared the Hybrid Alternative to the other study alternatives. They also outlined engagement activities and key next steps.

They described how the Hybrid Alternative was assembled by mixing and matching best performing segments across the other alternatives, including curbside lanes, mixed traffic with queue jumps, and mixed traffic sections. They described what “bus pull-outs” are and how they contribute to faster bus service. They also discussed ideas for improving pedestrian crossing safety at the Takoma Langley Transit Center.

The project team outlined key Hybrid Alternative analysis takeaways:

- Shortest travel times for both BRT and local buses
- Reduces general traffic travel time more effectively than most scenarios
- Local bus pull-outs save around 3.6 minutes of BRT travel time in peak travel directions
- Relatively low cost, high value approach to improve transit

At the end of the presentation, they encouraged attendees to take and distribute the study alternatives survey.

## Audience Questions and Answers

During the Q&A session following the presentation, attendees shared a mix of support, curiosity, and concern regarding the proposed Flash BRT service along New Hampshire Avenue. While many welcomed the potential for improved transit, others raised questions about cost, construction impacts, and data transparency.

Discussion topics included:

- Construction impacts on traffic, property, and local access
- Ridership data collection methods
- Questions regarding technical methods for estimating travel time and ridership
- Funding sources and project implementation timeline
- Continued opportunities for public engagement

Key themes:

- Desire for improved transit and interest in BRT
- Concerns about construction disruptions and local impacts
- Need for clarity in data and technical analysis
- Mixed opinions on project cost and financial priorities

## Display Boards

The twenty-six [boards](#) displayed at the public open house included content in both English and Spanish. The boards presented information on what BRT is, the study area, project timeline, and project goals. There was also content about existing conditions findings, the approach to developing alternatives, key aspects of each alternative, and how the alternatives compare based on measures of effectiveness. There was a board describing the Hybrid Alternative and information on how it compares to other alternatives. The boards also included a link to the survey and paper surveys were available at the event.

## Display Board Feedback

Participants were encouraged to provide feedback on the display boards using sticky notes and dot stickers. Common themes included:

- Questions about recorded ridership numbers across the corridor.
- Concerns about dedicated bus lanes, especially near MD-410.
- Questions about the length of time Flash will take to get from different points across the corridor.
- Questions about the potential for route extension beyond Colesville.
- Concerns about the Colesville and Spencerville intersection and limited bus access and service availability in that area.



# Appendix A: Event Photos





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