



MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

November 17, 2021

Mr. Christopher Conklin, PE, Director
Montgomery County Department of Transportation
Executive Office Building
101 Monroe Street, 10th Floor
Rockville, Maryland 20850

SUBJECT: Project Briefing: North High Street Extension Facility Planning Study: Facility planning study for planned road extension with pedestrian and bicycle improvements, *Olney Master Plan*

Dear Mr. Conklin:

At its regularly scheduled meeting on October 28, 2021, the Montgomery County Planning Board received a briefing from the Montgomery County Department of Transportation on the North High Street Extension facility planning study. The Planning Board has provided the following comments:

1. Consider the development of a new third alternative that is similar to Alternative #2, except the sidepath is moved to the south side of North High Street and the sidewalk is moved to the north side of North High Street.
2. The north side sidewalk (in new Alternative #3) should only be built through redevelopment, not as a CIP project. Swapping the sidepath to the south side (compared to Alternative #2) ensures that the south side improvement constructed by MCDOT will accommodate both pedestrians and bicyclists.
3. Alternative #1 is not preferred, as it does not provide a protected bicycle facility on North High Street.
4. Alternative #2 is not preferred, as it creates severe property impacts to the five residential properties along the north side of North High Street.
5. MCDOT should continue to explore the best intersection configuration and operations for the intersection of Morningwood Drive with North High Street. Options include lower posted speed limits, physical measures, and all-way stop control. This location should be a protected crossing consistent with the Complete Streets Design Guide.

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The Planning Board appreciates the opportunity to review this project and continue coordinating with your staff on future projects. If you have questions, please contact Stephen Aldrich at 301-495-4528 or Stephen.Aldrich@montgomeryplanning.org.

Sincerely,



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Chair

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