



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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County Executive

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Director

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RE: **Final Decision** - Purple Line-Takoma-Langley Station Sidewalk Proposal

Dear Residents:

I am writing to update you with the final decision on the Purple Line Takoma-Langley station sidewalk proposal, which proposed sidewalk installation on the following roadways:

- The east side of Baron Street from Carroll Avenue to Prospect Street.
- The east side of Glenside Drive from Carroll Avenue to Prospect Street.
- The west side of Long Branch Parkway from Carroll Avenue to Patterson Court
- The east side of Chester Street from Carroll Avenue to Prospect Street
- The west side of Prospect Street from 1214 Prospect Street to the Long Branch shared-use path.

The proposed sidewalks on Carroll Avenue were previously installed during Purple Line construction activities.

The decision to install Purple Line infrastructure rests on several factors, including the roadways' proximity to the Purple Line station and other community trip generators, each roadway's priority rating, and feedback from the community.

The Takoma-Langley proposal was issued to 152 households and 13 community or homeowners' associations on February 10th, 2025. The public workshop, held on February 27th, 2025, was well attended. The highest rated roadway in the proposal is Long Branch Parkway, which has a moderate rating of 4.7 out of a possible 10. Out of 73 written comments received, only 12 residents supported the installation of sidewalks. In the remaining 61 comments, residents heavily opposed the installations, expressing concerns about loss of available parking, lack of need, financial loss due to tree and landscaping removals, loss of environmental beauty and the "natural feel" of the community, stranger danger, increased crime, littering, and, most of all, the worsening of stormwater flooding and erosion.

Additionally, as discussed at the public workshop, the Purple Line budget does not have sufficient funds to approve and install all the sidewalks recommended in the 2021 Purple Line Access Study. Given the moderate priority ratings and substantial resident opposition to the proposed Takoma-Langley sidewalks, our decision is clear. The Takoma-Langley sidewalk proposal has been canceled due to a lack of support. None of the proposed sidewalks will be installed.

Thank you for participating in the Sidewalk Program's proposal process. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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