

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK 2018 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



District 20 Delegation
December 13, 2017

Major Priorities

- Additional bond bill funding for the expansion and renovation of the Takoma Park Library
- Support for State Highway improvements to New Hampshire Avenue (MD 650)

Other Priorities

- SHA cooperation with the City of Takoma Park on reconfiguring Takoma Junction (MD 410 and MD 195)
- Restoration of Highway User Revenue (HUR) to level from before the Recession
- Assistance with impacts from Purple Line construction
- School construction funding

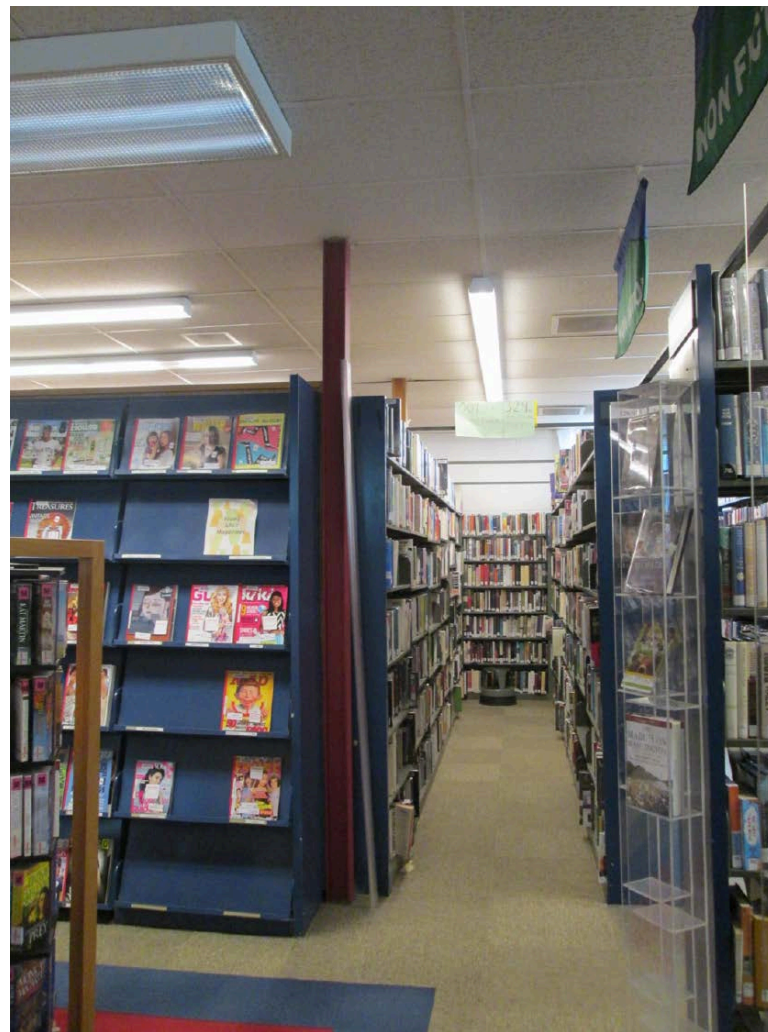
Library Expansion and Renovation

- Thank you for 2017 Bond Bill of \$150,000!
- We are requesting a second Bond Bill of at least that amount
- Have borrowed \$7 million towards costs of the project
- Construction to start in about a year



Library Expansion and Renovation

- We have an AMAZING library!
- We need space for teen books and for programs
- We need to be ADA accessible
- We need energy efficiency



The Takoma Park Library

A District 20 Legacy for the Future



New Hampshire Avenue (MD 650)

The “Orphan Project”

- Right of way switches back and forth between Montgomery and Prince George’s Counties
- It’s a major entrance into Maryland
- It’s unattractive and difficult to cross

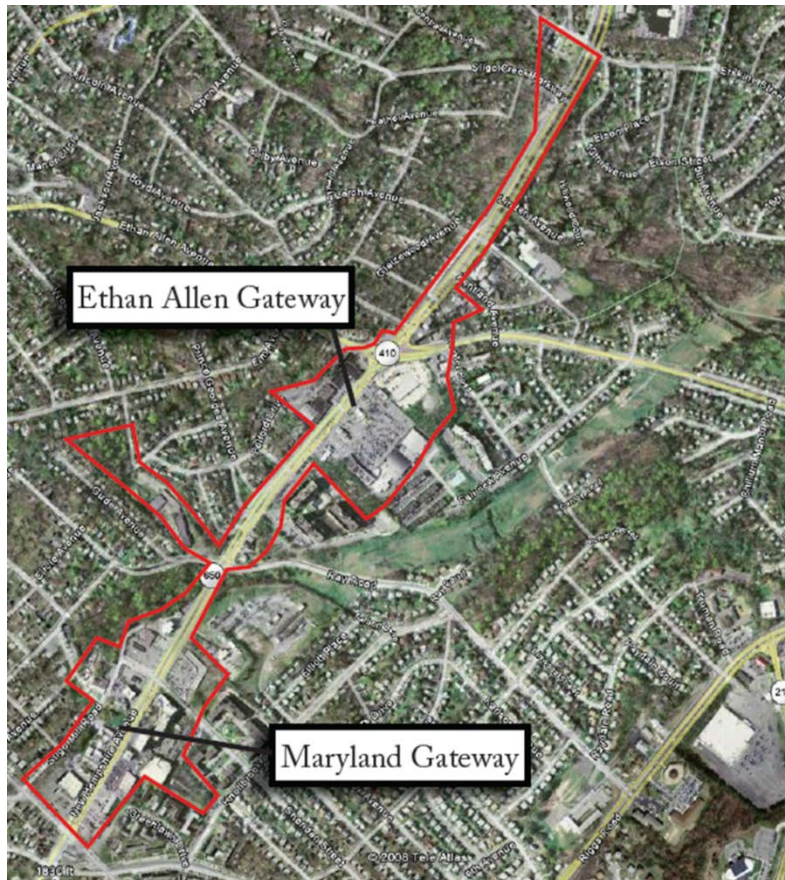


New Hampshire Avenue

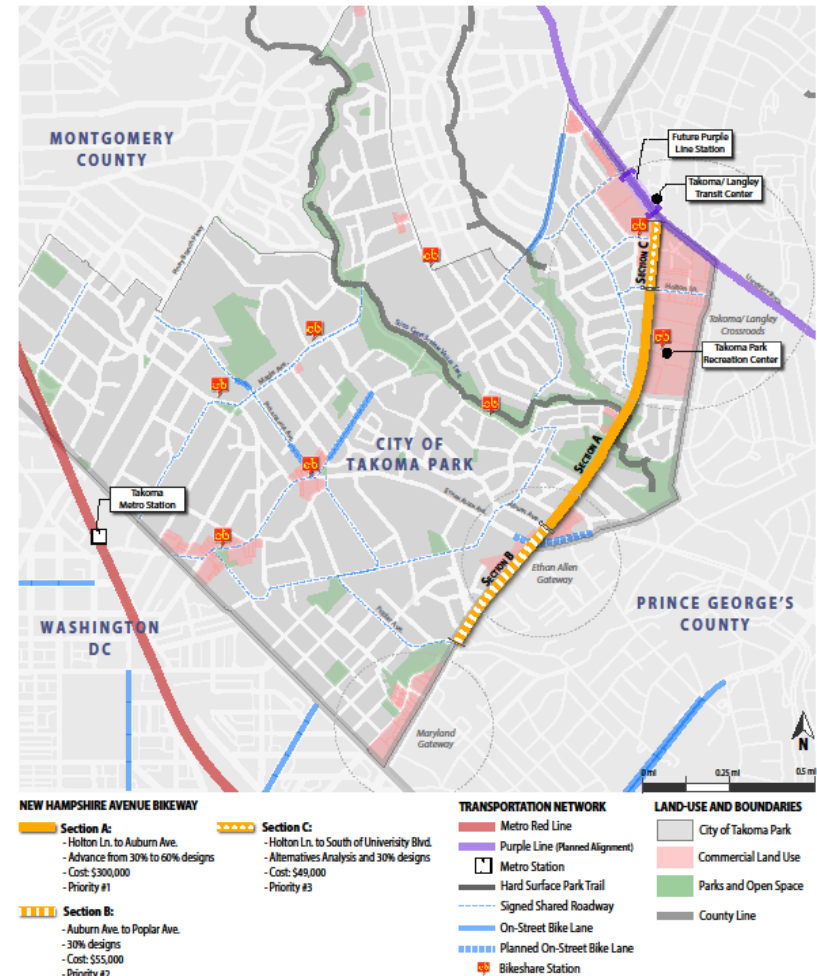
A golden opportunity

- Sector plans, zoning, and concept plans all in place for appropriate redevelopment
- Some improvement work already underway
 - Purple Line Station
 - Ethan Allen Gateway
 - Bikeway plans
- State study shows that if ROW infrastructure work done, potential tax revenue could be:
 - \$2.7 million for State of Maryland!
 - \$21 million for counties!
 - \$6.1 million for City of Takoma Park!

New Hampshire Avenue (MD 650) Help fill in the puzzle!



NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE BIKEWAY - CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MD
FY18 Maryland Bikeways Program Proposal



Other Priorities

- SHA cooperation with the City of Takoma Park on reconfiguring Takoma Junction (MD 410 and MD 195)
 - Increase safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders
 - Reasonable traffic flow to and through intersection
- Restoration of Highway User Revenue (HUR) to level from before the Recession
 - Even with “one-time grants,” only receive 2/3 of former amount and half of what is needed for street maintenance
- Assistance with impacts from Purple Line construction
 - Impacts to businesses along University Blvd
- School construction funding
 - Student population is growing; MCPS looking for new school site

Takoma Park – A Welcoming Community

