



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – May 17, 2017 Agenda Item 6

Presentation

New Hampshire Avenue Bikeway 30% Design Presentation by RK&K

Recommended Council Action

Review design plans and provide feedback.

Context with Key Issues

The City of Takoma Park received a Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Transportation Land-Use Connections Technical Assistance grant in May 2016 in order to assist in the future implementation of low-stress bicycle improvements along New Hampshire Avenue, connecting the regionally significant Sligo Creek Trail with the Ethan Allen Gateway to the south and Takoma/Langley Crossroads to the north. The proposed bikeway services the City's largest commercial district, the Takoma Park Recreation Center, two Capital Bikeshare stations installed in February at the Recreation Center and Kirklynn Avenue, and higher density residential buildings. It connects to an inter-jurisdictional stream valley trail network. The proposed bikeway will complement existing bicycle infrastructure and help begin to implement the multiway boulevard vision of the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Sector Plan.

The City held an agency stakeholder meeting with representatives from Montgomery County, Prince George's County, Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning, and the Maryland State Highway Administration on May 3rd to review the design plans. The Safe Roadways Committee has also reviewed and offered their input on the concept which RK&K incorporated in their final designs. The City can use the resulting 30% Design Plans to apply for further funding for the bikeway.

Council Priority

A Livable Community For All; Environmentally Sustainable Community

Environmental Impact of Action

The proposed bikeway will encourage alternative modes of transportation by creating a safer and more accessible travel lane separate from high speed automobile traffic.

Fiscal Impact of Action

30% Design Plans were fully funded by a MWCOG TLC Technical Assistance Grant of \$60,000

Racial Equity Impact of Action

The New Hampshire Avenue Bikeway will provide greater transportation connections for Ward 6, an area of the City with a large minority population. The Bikeway would improve cycling access to a more diverse section of the community by creating safer bike infrastructure.

Attachments and Links

- Link to: [New Ave Bikeway](#)
- [Takoma/Langley Crossroads Sector Plan](#)