

# CITY OF TAKOMA PARK 2020 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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District 20 Delegation  
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# First and Foremost – THANK YOU!

- Welcome back Senator Smith! Thank you for your service and CONGRATS on your pending appointment as Chair of Judicial Proceedings!
- And thank you to the D20 delegation for all your continued assistance and support for the City. We really appreciated your participation in recent discussions – and even organizing a tour! – related to needed improvements on and around University Blvd., as well as continued efforts to identify potential new opportunities for raising local revenues.

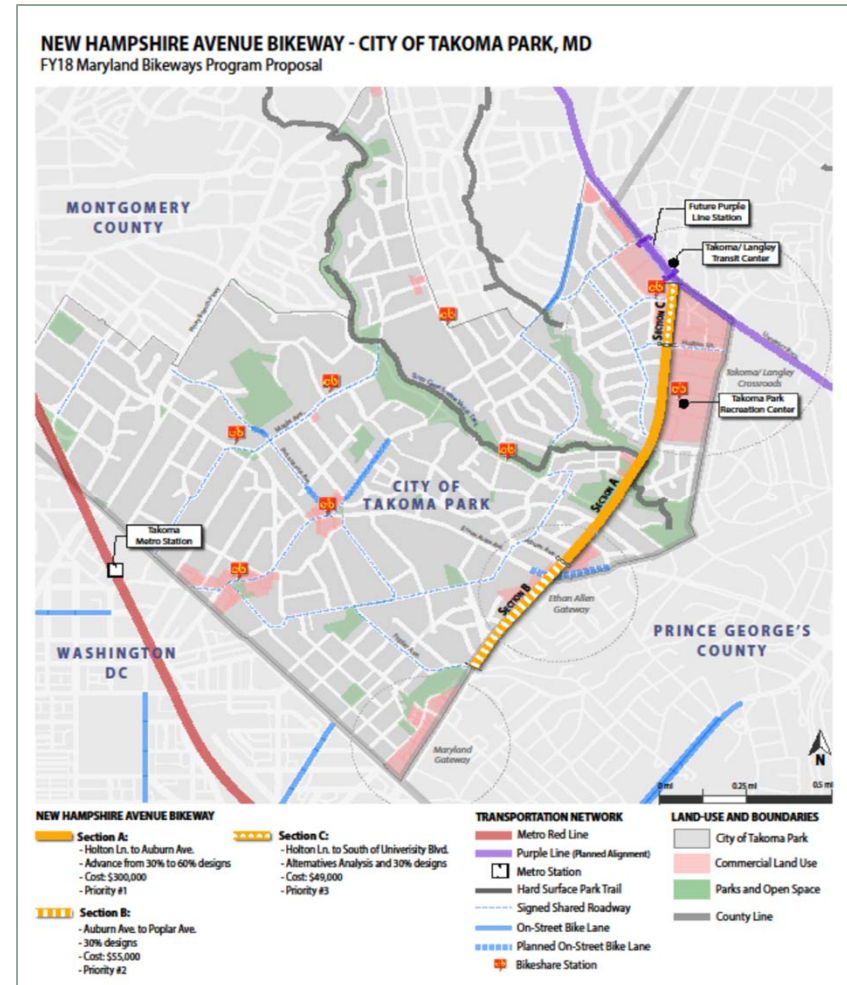
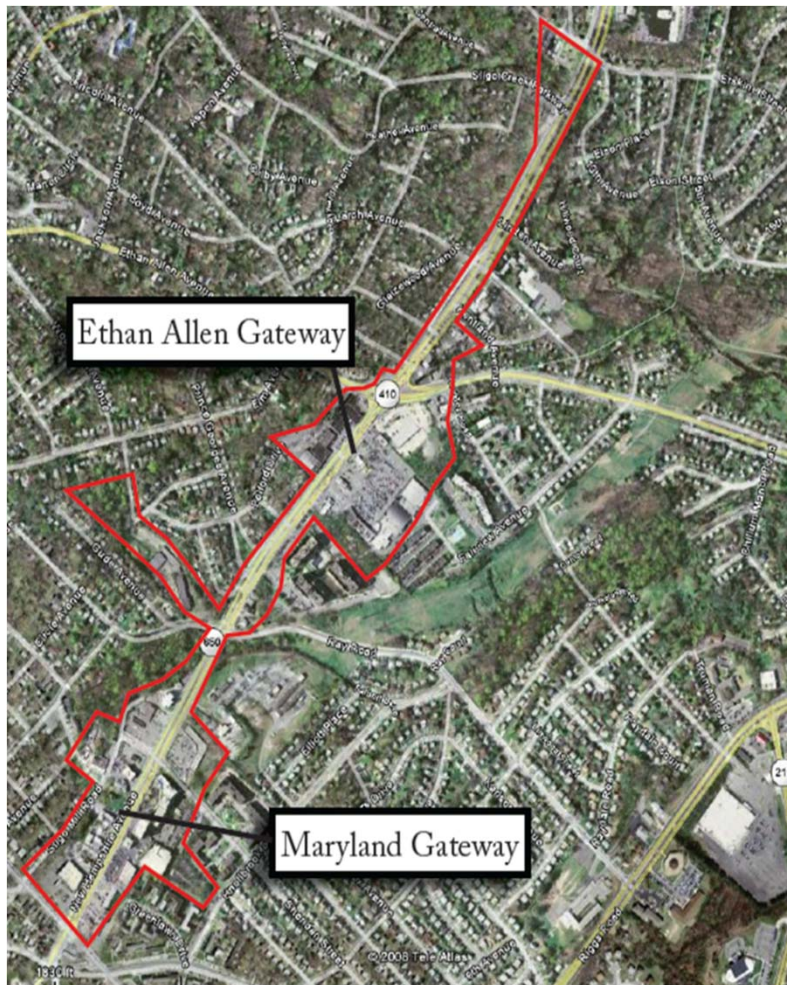
# Major City Priorities

- Mitigate the impacts of Purple Line construction on area small businesses
- Create opportunities for small businesses and low- to moderate-income residents to thrive after Purple Line construction by leveraging the City's opportunity zone designation
- Support for much needed State Highway improvements to New Hampshire Avenue (MD 650)
- Transportation safety and Vision Zero
- Support for building community resiliency and mitigating the impacts of climate change

# D20 Led Initiatives

- The City has provided testimony in support of Delegate Charkoudian's **Community Choice Energy Bill** and Delegate Wilkins' **Stable Homes Act Bill** (previously Just Cause Eviction)
- The City supports Senator Smith's advocacy for tenants through the Home Act and as chair of Judicial Proceedings
- The City supports Delegate Moon's efforts to make it easier to lower speed limits on residential streets
- The City supports all efforts to get an accurate Census 2020 count
- The City also plans to support D20 bills associated with environmental sustainability, affordable housing, economic security, and immigrant rights, among other things that align with the City's values and interests

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





# The Purple Line is Coming!

- We are excited, as the project is important for our economic health
- We are also very concerned, as construction is already impacting businesses in the area.
- We are already feeling the impacts on traffic in our neighborhoods and have limited ability to address them ourselves.



# Purple Line Asks

- Assist the City by championing and supporting efforts that:
  - Provides funds and technical assistance to small businesses, particularly those in Opportunity Zones.
  - Requires SHA to make necessary infrastructural improvements on state roads that are directly and indirectly impacted by the Purple Line (ex. University Blvd., New Hampshire Ave, Carroll Ave)
  - Provide resources to municipalities for infrastructural improvements needed on City streets due to the Purple Line's impact.
  - Supports housing development projects, especially creating affordable housing opportunities, in Opportunity Zones.



# Takoma Park Recreation Center on New Hampshire Avenue

- Earlier this year, the City assumed ownership of the Takoma Park Recreation Center located at 7315 New Hampshire Avenue
- We expect to have housing and recreation services at this site.
- We are currently identifying a community engagement firm to help with identifying the needs of our all of our residents.
- We will then engage the development community to partner with on developing the property.





# New Hampshire Avenue (MD 650)

- Often overlooked because the right of way switches back and forth between Montgomery and Prince George's Counties
- It's a major entrance into Maryland
- It's difficult to cross and not a "good look" for Maryland – there's only so much beautification the City can do...



# New Hampshire Avenue: A Golden Opportunity for Economic Development

- Sector plans, zoning, and concept plans all already in place for appropriate redevelopment
- Some improvement work already completed or 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 (mostly MoCo)!
  - \$6.1 million for City of Takoma Park!

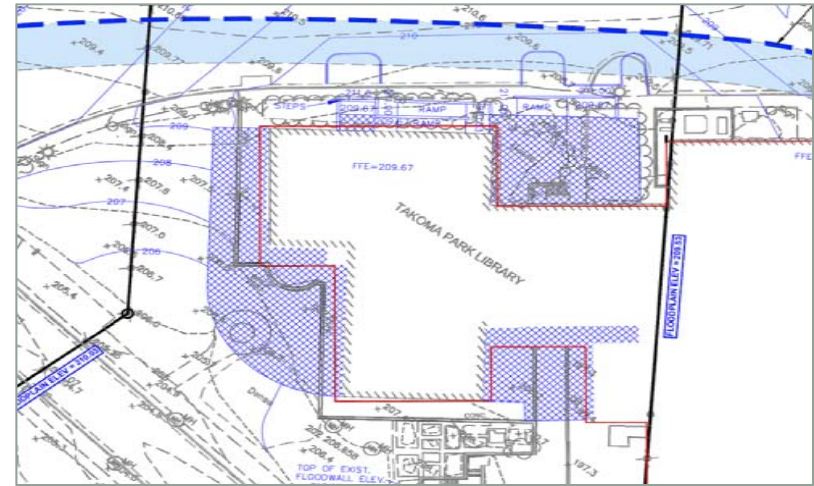
# Transportation Safety

- Legislation lowering speed limits (or enabling speed limits to be lowered) where appropriate
- Vision Zero: support a systems-based approach for developing and implementing infrastructure improvements, outreach programs, policy changes, and coordination with other agencies and jurisdictions. The focus would be on eliminating deaths and serious injuries for people walking and using micro-mobility devices (bikes, scooters, etc.), as well as improving safety outcomes for vehicle occupants



# Sustainability and Resiliency

- The climate is changing and we can see and feel the impacts
  - Floodplain around Community Center, for example
  - Unprecedented stormwater issues and flooding
  - 100+ year old infrastructure doesn't help...
- The City is in process of creating a new Sustainability and Climate Action Plan
- Community Choice Energy





# Help Us Prepare for & Mitigate Impacts



# Other Priorities

- Options for revenue generation other than property taxes
  - Regarding revenue generating opportunities, the City looks forward to the forthcoming report from the Marijuana Legalization Work Group (we understand the report may include information on possible local taxing authority)
- School construction funding
  - Student population is growing; MCPS looking for new school site



# Takoma Park – A Welcoming Community

