



## Takoma Park City Council Meeting – July 12, 2023 Agenda Item 2

### **Presentation**

Presentation on the New Ave Bikeway – Section D (District Connector)

### **Recommended Council Action**

Listen to the presentation.

### **Context with Key Issues**

The City was awarded a MWCOG TLC program grant to begin preliminary design work for the New Ave Bikeway – Section D (District Connector). This new section will extend from the bikeway's southern point at Poplar Avenue and connect to the existing bike lanes on Kansas Avenue NE at the DC border.

The goal of the New Ave Bikeway is to fill a gap in safe bicycle infrastructure along New Hampshire Ave (MD 650). This project redesigns the underutilized service lanes on the southbound side on New Hampshire Avenue to become a two-directional bikeway. The route creates new connections between local retail, recreation, and transit hubs while also preserving essential vehicular access to neighboring properties.

This project is currently divided into three parts: Section A (Holton Lane to Auburn Avenue), Section B (Auburn Avenue to Poplar Avenue), and Section D (Poplar Avenue to Kansas Avenue NE). The division of the bikeway into smaller sections allows the City to pursue different sources of grant funding to move the project forward.

RK&K was selected as the contractor for this project to develop a preliminary design concept (30%). The final products are preliminary design drawings and cost estimates for implementation. The preliminary drawings were designed with multiple points of input from City and County staff, as well as community engagement. The opportunities for community input included a community site walk, a public meeting, and a virtual survey advertised with yard-signs along the route and door-to-door canvassing.

### **Council Priority**

Advancing a Community of Belonging  
Community Development for an Improved & Equitable Quality of Life

### **Environmental Considerations**

Not applicable for this presentation; however, any improvements or redevelopment that may occur as a result of the project would be evaluated on their environmental impacts, including stormwater impacts, tree canopy impacts, and value toward the City's climate resilience goals.

**Fiscal Considerations**

Not applicable for this presentation; however, in order to achieve final (100%) designs and construction, the City will need to appropriate budget funds and/or receive grant funds.

**Racial Equity Considerations**

Not applicable for this presentation. The New Ave Bikeway will be the first dedicated, protected bike infrastructure on the eastern side of the city. It creates a new connection between the Takoma/Langley Crossroads, its transit, shops, and dense multi-family housing, and important recreational resources, like Sligo Creek Trail and the Takoma Park Recreation Center, and job opportunities in DC, accessible via its existing bike network.

**Attachments and Links**

New Ave Bikeway Webpage:

<https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/housing-and-community-development/planning-and-community-development/new-ave-bikeway/>