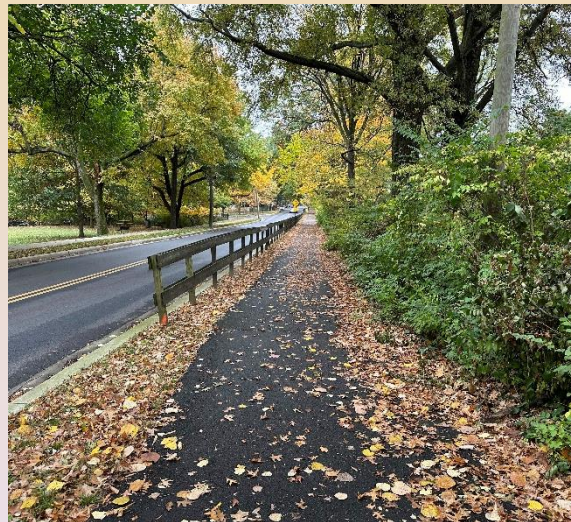




Metropolitan Branch Trail Upgrade

30% Design

City Council
Presentation
July 12, 2023





Good Evening and Welcome

- Metropolitan Branch Trail (MBT) Upgrade
- Preliminary (30%) Design
 - City sponsored project
- Funding for 30% Design
 - TLC Technical Assistance Grant





Project Location

Met Branch Trail Upgrade LIMITS

DC Line to Silver Spring





Project Goals

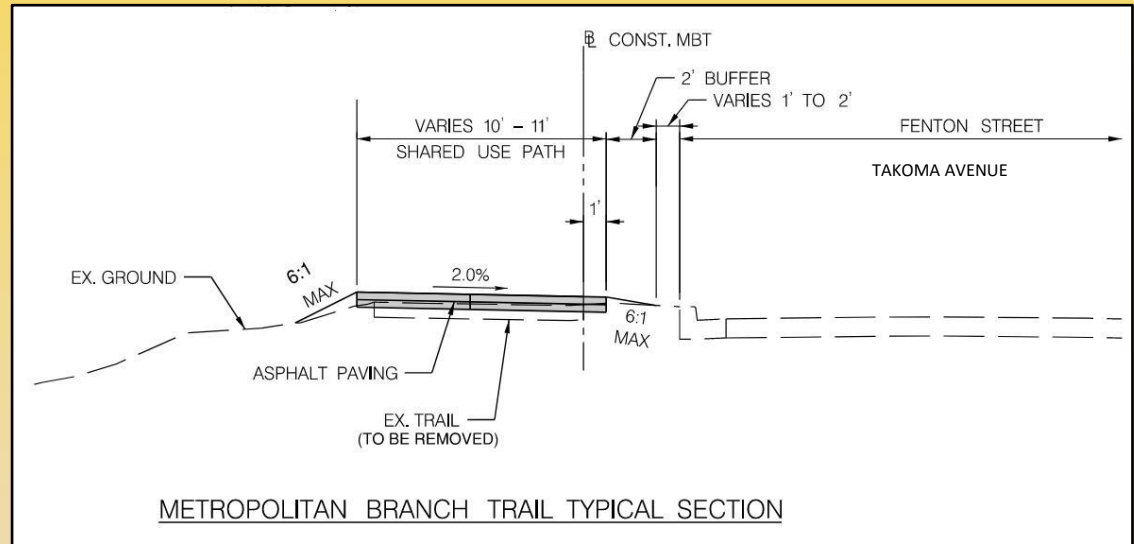
- Upgrade City's 0.5 mile section of MBT
- Improve safety and comfort
- Avoid impacts to property and utilities
- Stormwater Management (SWM)
- Maintain mature trees





30% Design

- Reconstruct MBT
 - 11' wide (typical)
 - 3' wide buffer (minimum)
 - asphalt paving
 - raise trail elevation (typical)
 - bike railing, where necessary
- Avoid Impacts
 - ROW, Utilities
 - CSX Railroad Line
 - WMATA Metro Red Line
- Continuous Lighting
- ADA compliance upgrades
 - Pedestrian ramps
 - Bus stops

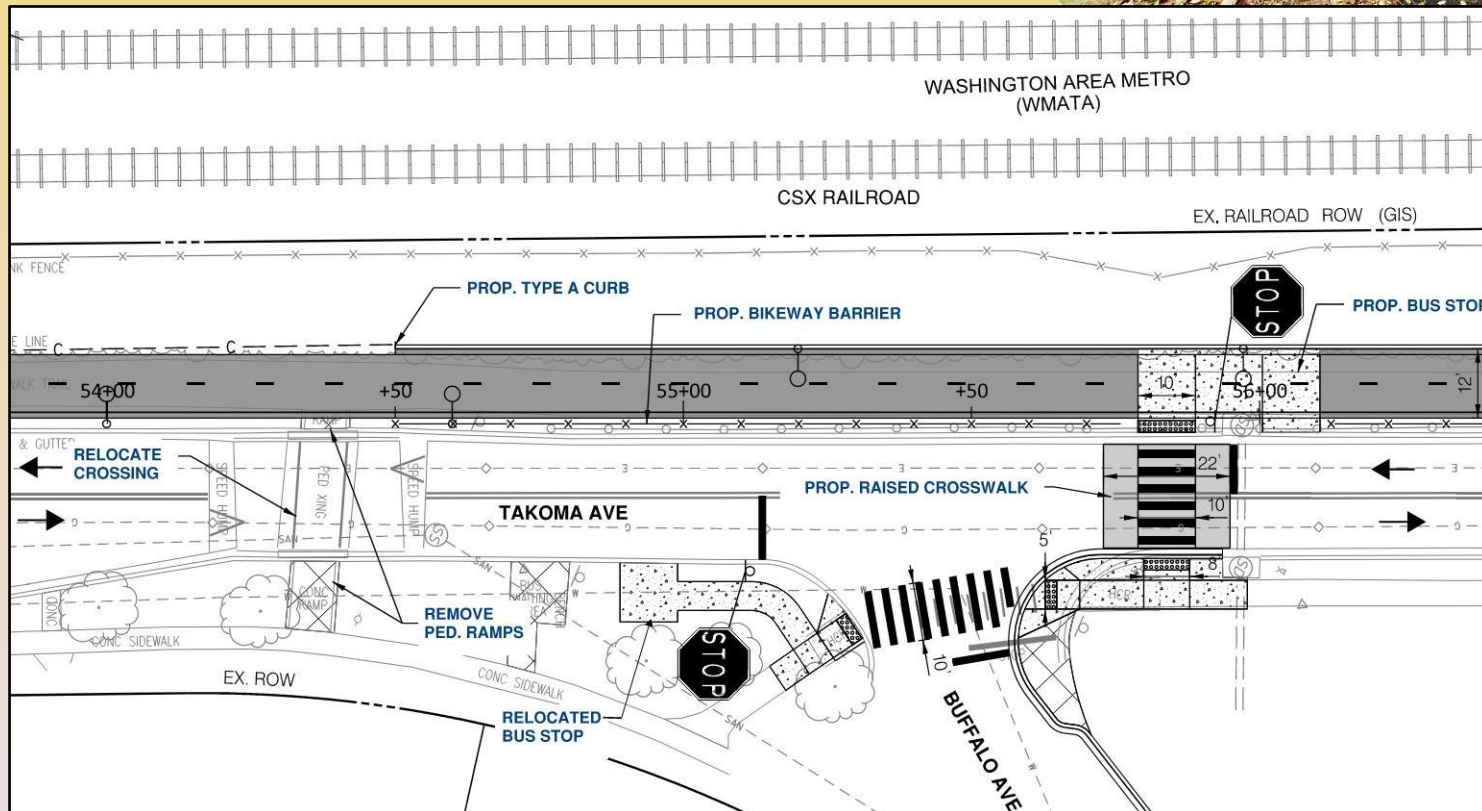




30% Design

Takoma Ave at Buffalo Ave Intersection

- Eliminate mid-block crosswalk
- Relocate bus stops
- Curb return extensions
- Relocate bus stops
- Install stop signs





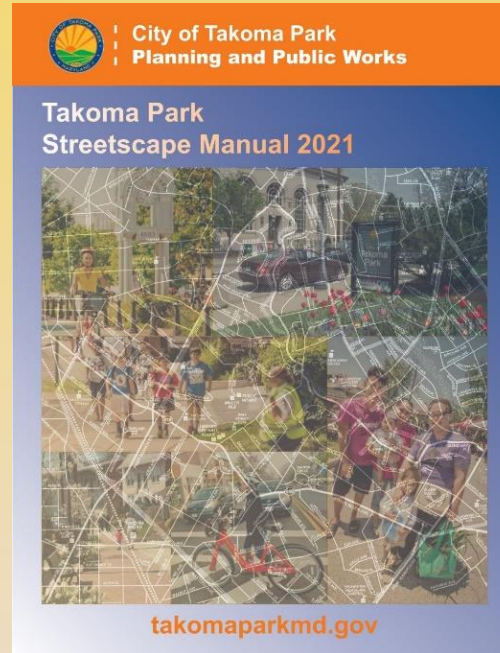
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- Trail Features

- Bike racks
- Benches
- Wayfinding

- Lighting

- continuous trail lighting
- intersection lighting





Requirements to Implement

- Right of Way Impacts
 - None
- Utility Impacts
 - None
- Street Parking Impacts
 - None
- Tree Impacts
 - Required to accommodate wider trail*



* tree inventory, condition assessment will be conducted during next phase of design to confirm tree impacts



Project Schedule

30% Design Phase (nearly complete):

Milestone	Date
1. Call / Kickoff with City & MWCOG	September 2022
2. Field Walk w/ City & Agency Stakeholders	November 2022
3. Public Informational Field Walk	December 2022
4. Complete Surveys, Utility Data Collection	December 2022
5. Submit Existing Conditions / Recommendations Memo	January 2023
6. Submit Draft Preliminary (30%) Design Plans	February 2023
7. Community Meeting	March 2023
8. Receive City / Agency / Community Comments	March / April 2023
9. Draft 30% Design Report	April 2023
10. Final 30% Design Report, Plans & Estimate	May 2023
11. City Council Presentation	Tonight

Community Engagement Completed

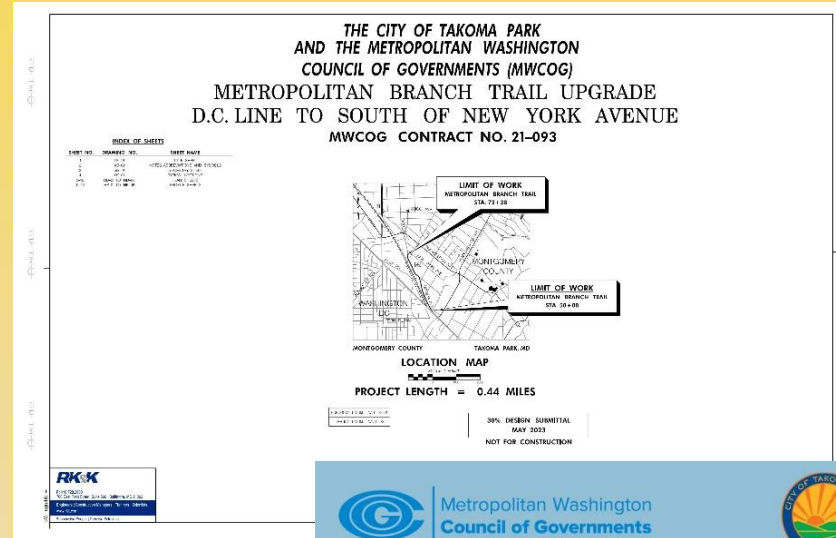
- December 2022: Public Informational Field Walk
- March 2023: Community Meeting No. 1
- March-April 2023: Community Survey**

** 46 survey responses (98%) generally supportive of project



Next Steps

- 30% Design Complete
 - July 2023
- City to secure additional funding





Questions?

Metropolitan Branch Trail Upgrade

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