

September 16, 2020

Mr. Chris Conklin, Director
Montgomery County Department of Transportation
101 Monroe Street, 10th Floor
Rockville, MD 20850

RE: Expand Shared Streets on Montgomery County Roads

Dear Director Conklin,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we would like to offer a list of County roads that would benefit greatly from a "Shared Streets" approach as has been implemented in Glenmont and Downtown Silver Spring. The list includes segments proposed as Neighborhood Greenways in the recently passed Bicycle Master Plan.

We are proposing a similar treatment of stretches of some County roads in various parts of the County to promote greater connectivity for bicyclists and pedestrians and make it safer for those who do not want to drive or do not have access to a car to make trips throughout Montgomery County walking or by bicycle. These could be commuting to work trips, or shorter ones to go buy groceries, visit the doctor, connect with trails or do other errands. It is vital to provide alternatives to cars that are safe, affordable and are useful in getting people between different parts of the County or even within a short radius of where people live.

Here is the list of around 13 miles of County roads we propose as candidates for a Shared Streets approach:

- a. College View Drive from Huggins to Norris (Wheaton - Parallel to Veirs Mill Road) (.7 mi)
- b. Windham from Georgia Ave to Douglas to McComas Ave to St. Paul Ave (Wheaton to Kensington) (1.2 mi)
- c. Grandview Ave from Blue Ridge to Randolph (Wheaton to Glenmont) (1.0 mi)
- d. Woodland Drive from Spring Street to Highland Drive, to Crosby to Sligo Creek Trail (Silver Spring to Montgomery Hills) (1.1 mi)
- e. Ellsworth Drive from Cedar to Bennington to Sligo Creek Trail (DTSS to Sligo Creek) (.9 mi)
- f. Osage Street from Carroll Avenue to Tahona Drive to 12th Avenue to New Hampshire Avenue (Takoma Park) (.5 mi)

- g. Sudbury Road from Plymouth Street to E. Franklin Ave (Long Branch) (.6 mi) and Domer Avenue from Flower Ave to Barron Street (.3 mi)
- h. West Virginia Avenue from Lynbrook Drive to Wisconsin Avenue (East Bethesda) (.4 mi) and Pearl Street/Maryland Avenue from Sleaford to Jones Bridge (.7 mi) and Cheltenham Drive from Maryland Ave to Wisconsin Ave (.3 mi)
- i. Brandermill Drive from Middlebrook Road to Oxbridge Drive (Germantown) (.8 mi)
- j. Spartan Road from MD-97 to Old Baltimore Road (Olney) (1.2 mi)
- k. Amherst Ave from Dennis Avenue to Arcola Avenue (Wheaton) (1.4 mi)
- l. Lewis Avenue from Halpine Road to First St. (Rockville Pike) (1.3 mi)
- m. Kara Lane from E Randolph Road to Autumn Drive, Autumn Drive from Kara Lane to Eldrid Drive, Eldrid Drive from Autumn Drive to New Hampshire Avenue (Colesville) (1.0 mi)

View the segments in a map [here](#).

We look forward to your response and hope that you can work with Montgomery Planning Department and members of the Montgomery County Council.

Sincerely,

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