

North Bethesda BRT Planning Study

North Bethesda TMD

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Study Overview and Status

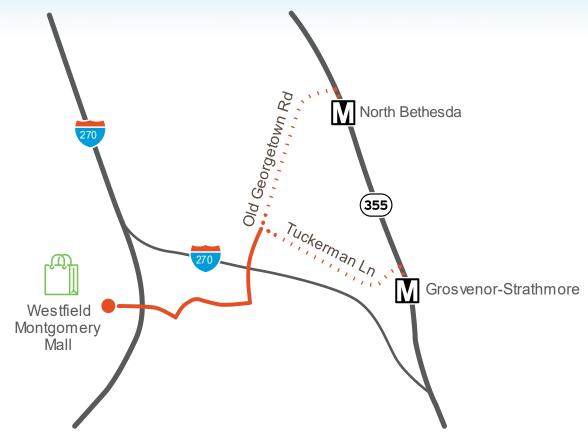






North Bethesda Transitway Planning Study

- Corridor Extents from 2013 Master Plan:
 - Western Terminus: Westfield Montgomery Mall
 - **Eastern Terminus:** North Bethesda Metrorail station *OR* Grosvenor-Strathmore Metrorail station
- Study Outcomes:
 - Select an eastern terminus
 - Designate alignment types
 - Dedicated BRT lanes vs. mixed traffic
 - Median vs. curb running
 - Identify stop locations
 - Prepare for next phase: design and environmental









Study Schedule

Winter 2022

Spring 2022

Summer 2022

Winter 2023

Build Alternatives Analysis

We Are Here

Summer 2023 - Spring 2025

Summer 2025 -Fall 2025

Select Preferred Alternative

Project Kick-off **Corridor Foundations**

Termini Screening Build Alternatives Development





Stakeholder and Public Meetings

★ Project Survey







Feedback from 2024/2025 CAC and Recent HOA Engagement

- Work to minimize potential ROW impacts
- Work to reduce project costs
- Provide additional graphics to help understand BRT operations
- Provide updated ridership analysis
- Non-transportation infrastructure concerns
- Concerns about bike lanes and existing congestion



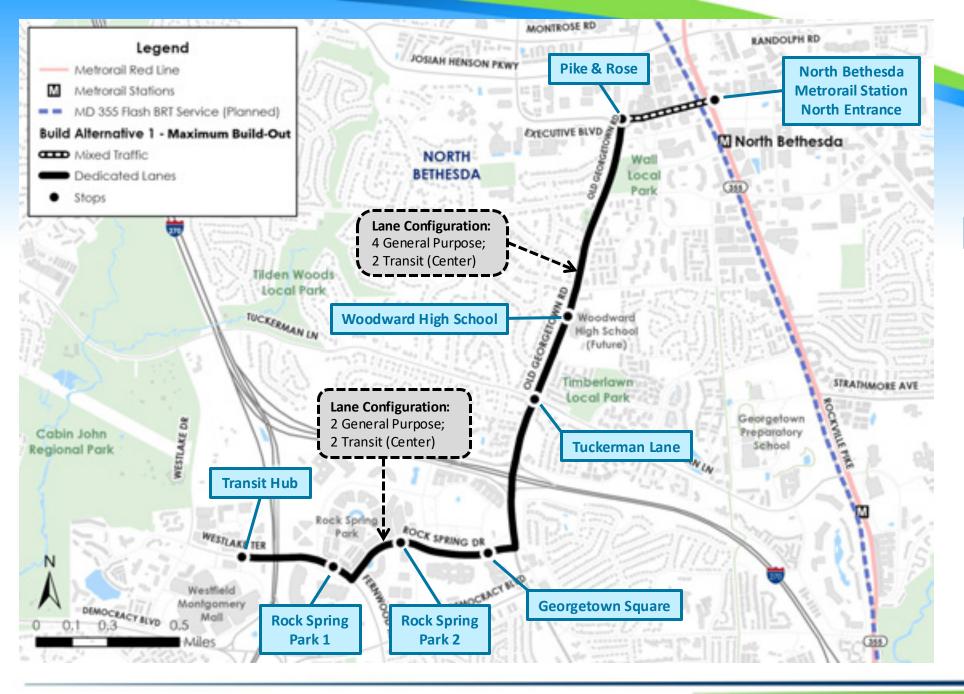




NBT Build Alternatives







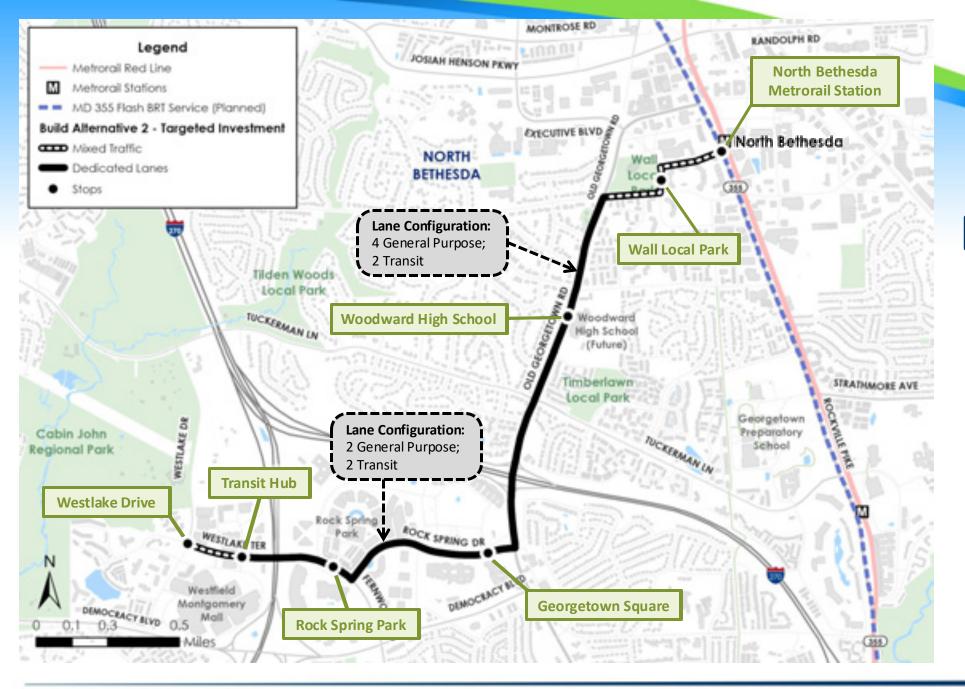


Build Alt. 1:

- Center-running BRT
- 8 Proposed Stations
- Serves Proposed North Entrance at Metrorail
- 2.45 Miles of dedicated lanes









Build Alt. 2:

- Curb-Running BRT
- 7 Proposed Stations
- Serves Current Entrance at Metrorail
- Extends Service to Westlake Drive
- 2.17 Miles of dedicated lanes







Old Georgetown Road

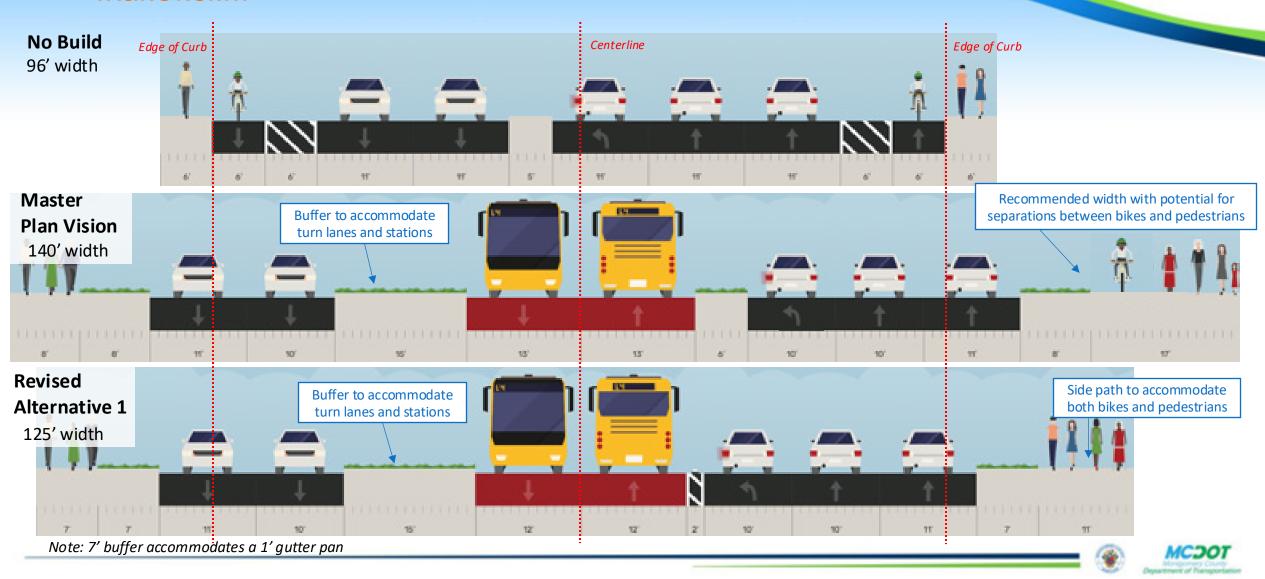




Old Georgetown Road – Alternative 1

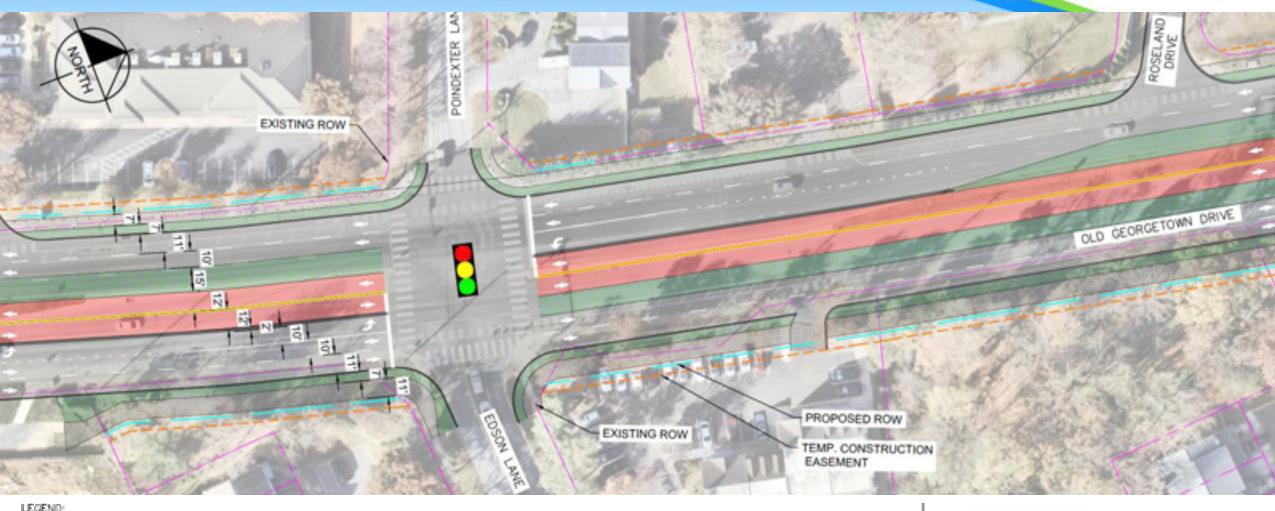


FACING NORTH



FLASH

Old Georgetown: Plan View – Alt 1



BUS LANE GRASS BUFFER PROPERTY LINE GRAPHIC SCALE IN FEET TRAVEL LANE. TRANSIT STATION BRT EASEMENT TEMP. CONST. ESMT DOUBLE WHITE PAVEMENT MARKING 110264005 PREM. ROW IMPACT SHARED USE PATH WHITE PAVEMENT MARKING, 10' LINE, 30' BREAK

NORTH BETHESDA TRANSITWAY

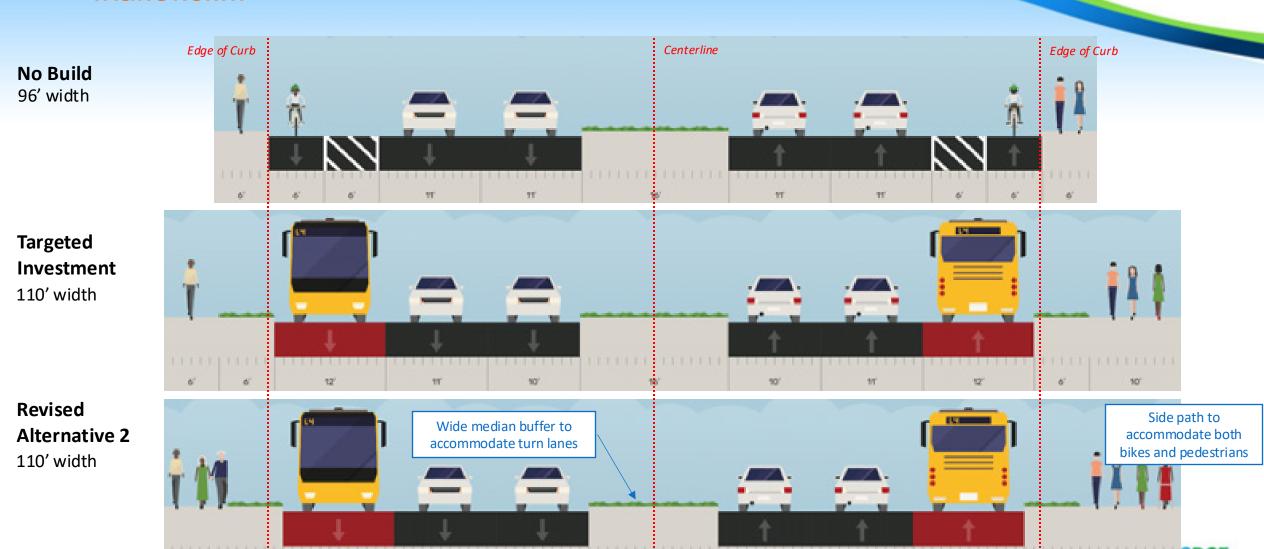
CENTER RUNNING ALTERNATIVE



Old Georgetown Road – Alt 2



FACING NORTH





Old Georgetown: Plan View – Alt 2





NORTH BETHESDA
TRANSITWAY
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SIDE RUNNING ALTERNATIVE

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Western Section







Western Section - Context







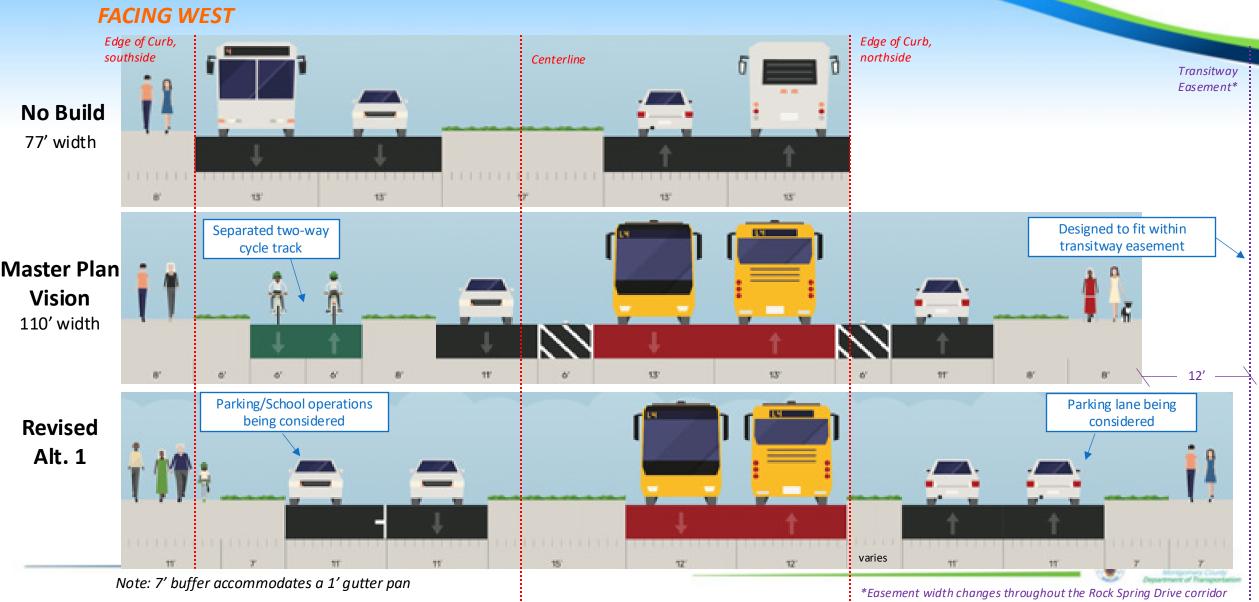








Rock Spring Drive Cross-Section ALT 1

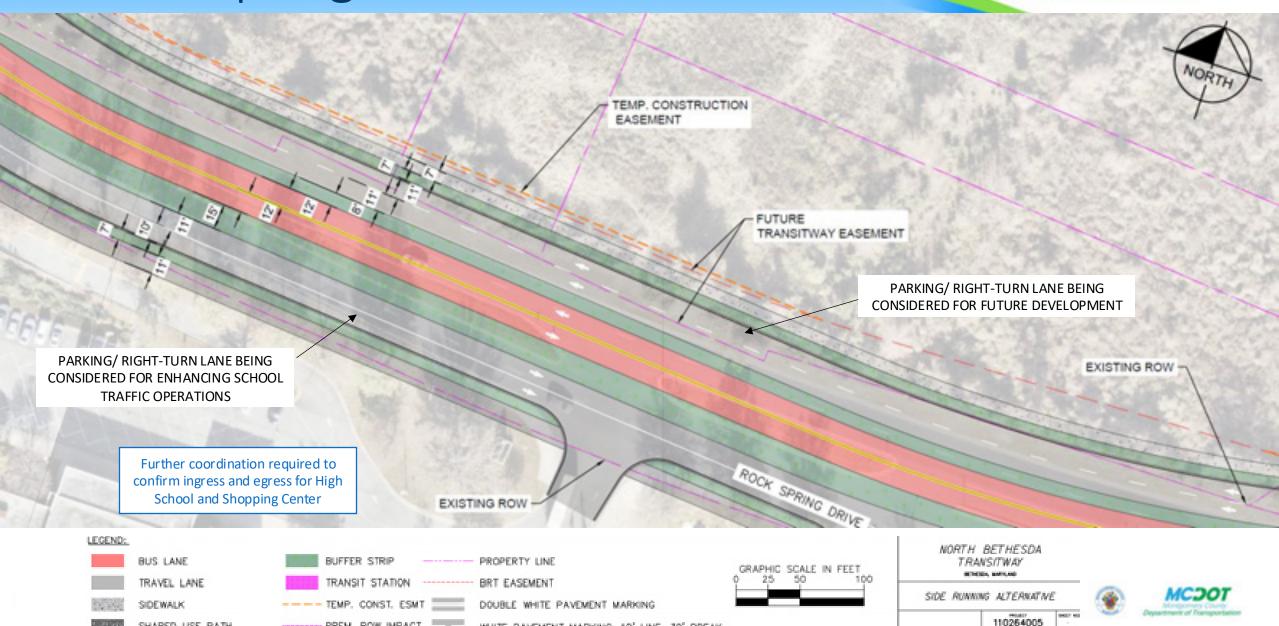


Rock Spring: Plan View – Alt 1

PREM. ROW IMPACT

SHARED USE PATH





WHITE PAVEMENT MARKING, 10' LINE, 30' BREAK



Rock Spring Drive Cross Section ALT 2

FACING WEST

No Build

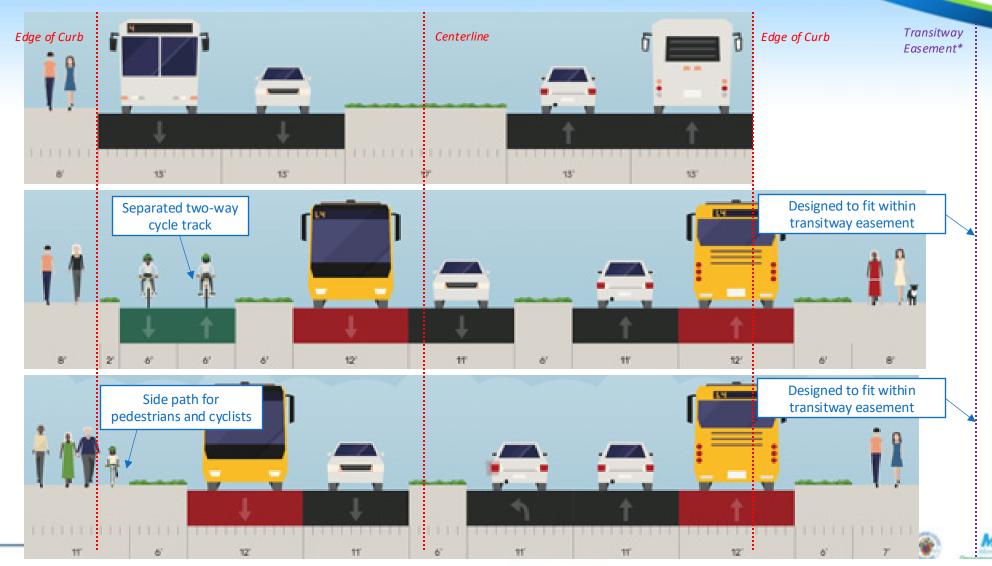
77' width

Targeted Investment

94' width

Revised
Alternative 2

93' width



Rock Spring: Plan View – Alt 2





WHITE PAVEMENT MARKING, 10' LINE, 30' BREAK

BUS LANE

TRAVEL LANE

SIDEWALK

SHARED USE PATH

BUFFER STRIP PROPERTY LINE
TRANSIT STATION BRT EASEMENT
TEMP. CONST. ESMT DOUBLE WHITE PAVEMENT MARKING

GRAPHIC SCALE IN FEET 25 50 100 NORTH BETHESDA TRANSITWAY MENERAL MARKAGE

SIDE RUNNING ALTERNATIVE

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Outreach and Next Steps





Engagement Plan and Approvals



Engagement Step	Timeframe	Purpose
Corridor Advisory Committee	April 2025	Shared results of analysis and advertise public meeting; gather input on alternatives from public perspective and answer questions
Transit Stop Outreach/Transit Rider Outreach	April – May 2025	Advertise public meeting date and website for opportunities to learn about the project and provide input
Public Meeting	Early May 2025	Share project process and results of analysis for public input; answer questions
Neighborhood and Community Organizations	April – June 2025	Share overview of project process and results of analysis for public input; answer questions

Engagement Step	Timeframe	Purpose
Planning Board	Planning Board Late Summer 2025	Presentation on alternatives analysis results and take direction on possible recommendation
County Council	Early Fall 2025	Presentation on alternatives analysis results







Questions and Discussion



