

Columbia Pike Pedestrian and Bicycle Study

MWCOG TLC Project, 2017 / 2018





Study Objective

To enhance bicycle and pedestrian facilities along the 4.5 mile section of Columbia Pike within Fairfax County.

Safety

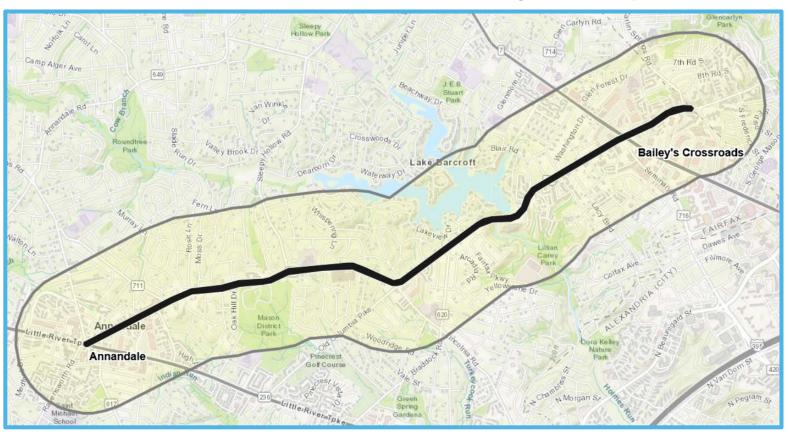
Connectivity

- Continuity
- Comfort



Study Area

Columbia Pike from Little River Turnpike to Arlington County Border



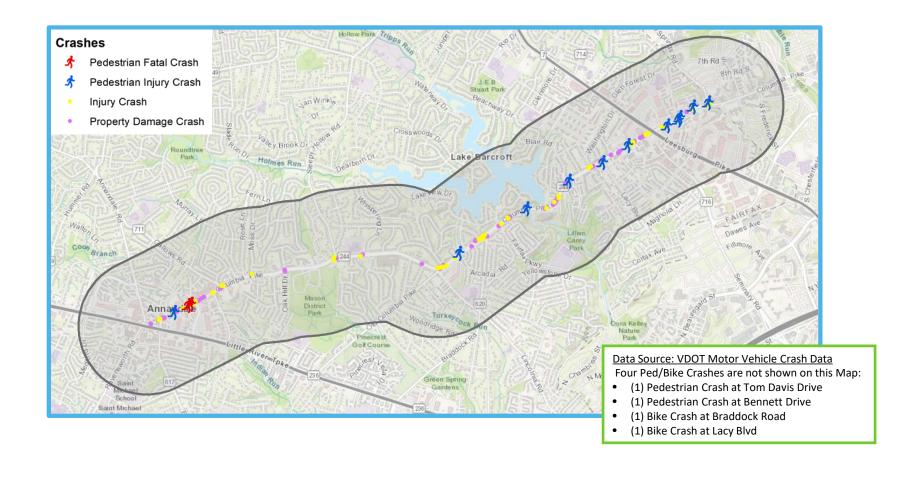
Existing Conditions

Metric	Findings	
Land Use	Primarily Commercial in Annandale/Baileys Crossroads; Residential/Community Mid-Pike	
Average Daily Traffic	Between 23,000 and 32,000 vehicles per day	
Transit	9 Bus Routes along portions of Corridor	
Bicycle Routes	Two Intersecting marked bicycle routes, other recommended routes	
Trails	Trail Networks through parks and along Columbia Pike	
Bike Ped Facility Gaps	Significant Gaps in Connectivity	
Crashes	Pedestrian and Bike Crashes throughout corridor, with concentrations in Annandale and Bailey's Crossroads	

Crash Data: 2014-2016

Crashes	Number	Percent
Total Crashes	174	100%
Fatal Occupant Crashes	0	0%
Occupant Injury Crashes	67	38%
Property Damage Crashes	90	52%
Pedestrian Fatalities	2	1%
Pedestrian Injuries	12	7%
Bicyclist Fatalities	0	0%
Bicyclist Injuries	3	2%

Crash Patterns



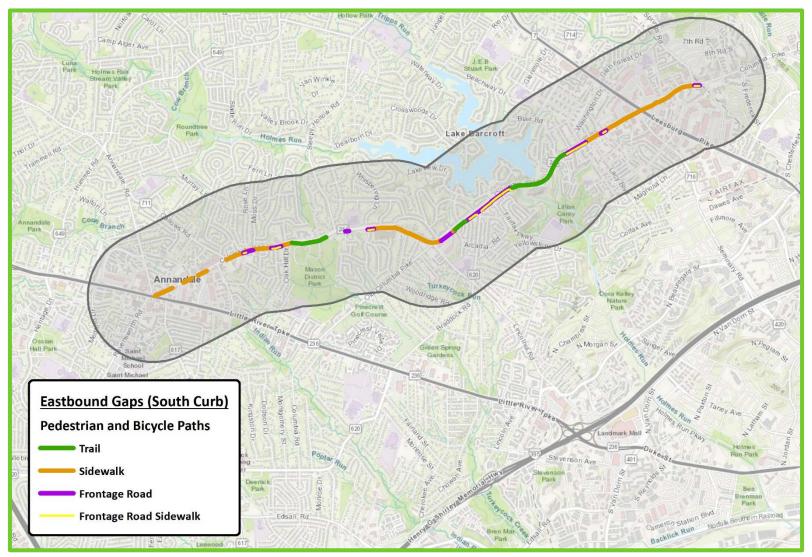
Gap Analysis

The project team inventoried pedestrian and bicycle facilities to analyze gaps in connectivity.

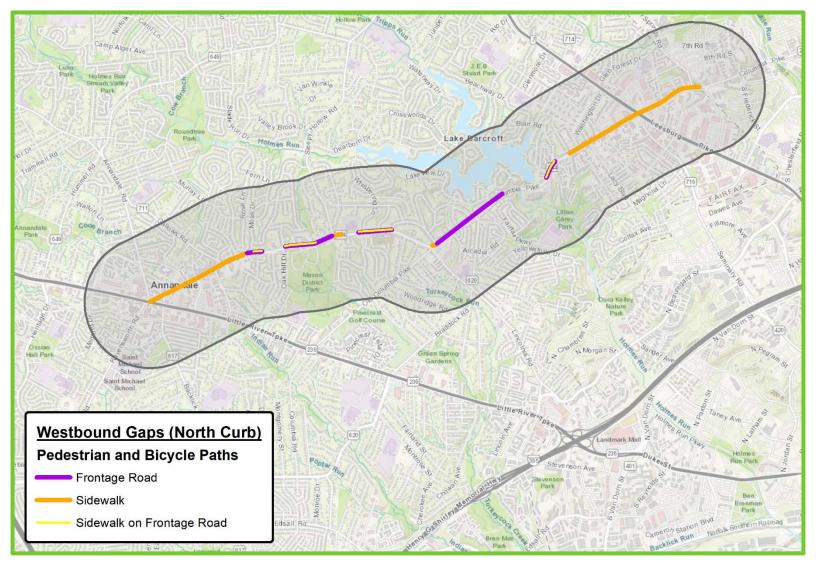








Eastbound Gaps



Westbound Gaps

Public Engagement



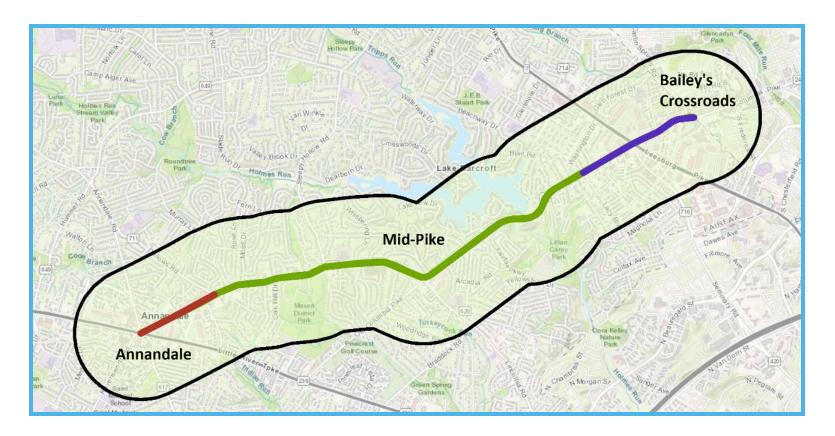
Pop-Up Public Engagement

- Saturday April 14th, 2018
- Safeway in Annandale
- Giant Food in Bailey's Crossroads
- Attendance: 80
- Comments on scroll map



Context Zones

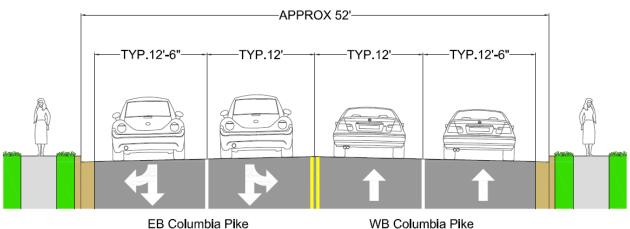
For purposes of reporting existing conditions and developing potential recommendations, the corridor was classified into three Context Zones.



Annandale

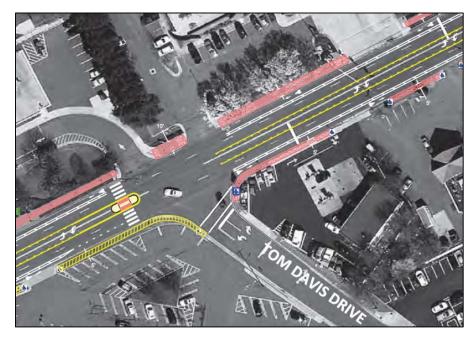
- Commercial land use
- ❖ Four-lane roadway
- Sidewalks gaps
- Add pedestrian ramps





Annandale Concept 1

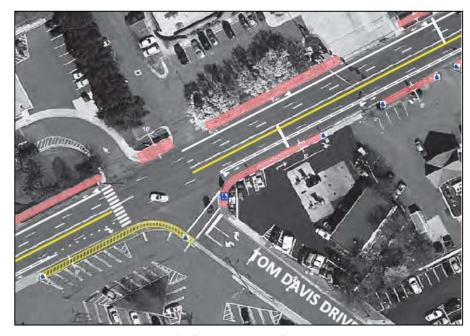
- Road diet with two-way left turn lane and refuge island at Tom Davis Drive
- Add Sidewalks
- Study for Pedestrian Activated Signals and new crosswalks at Tom Davis Drive and/or Evergreen Lane
- Study for Leading Pedestrian Interval at Gallows Road



Annandale Example Section

Annandale Concept 2

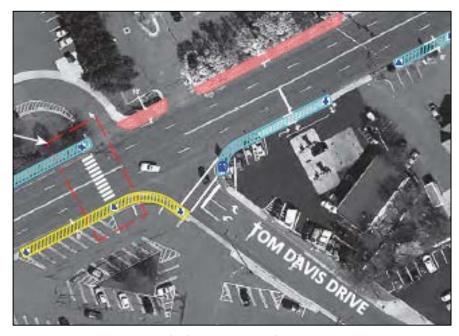
- Road diet with buffered on-street bicycle lane
- Add Sidewalks
- Study for Pedestrian Activated Signals and new crosswalks at Tom Davis Drive and/or Evergreen Lane
- Study for Leading Pedestrian Interval at Gallows Road



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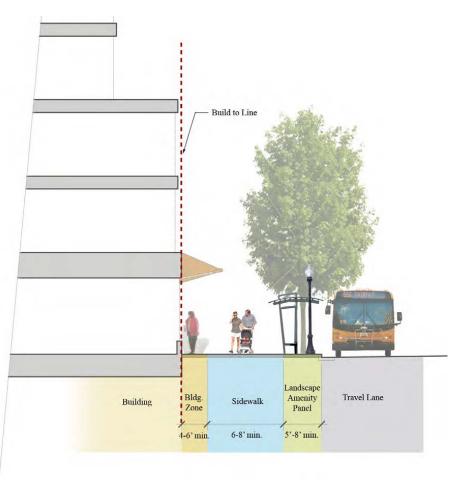
Annandale Concept 3

- Widen Sidewalks while preserving landscaping
- Add Sidewalks
- Study for Pedestrian Activated Signals and new crosswalks at Tom Davis Drive and/or Evergreen Lane



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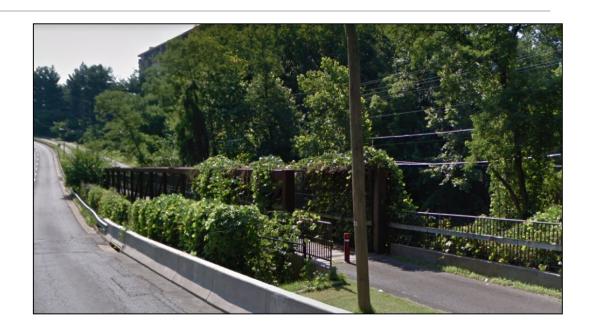
Annandale Long Term Concept

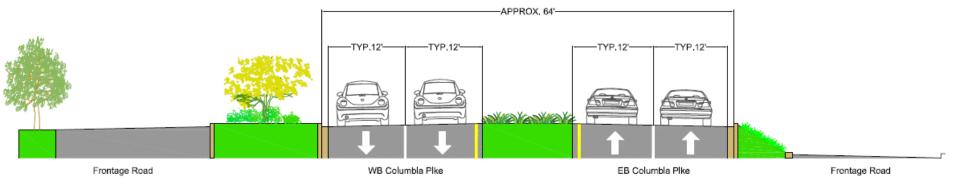


- From the 2017 Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan
- On-Street bicycle facilities
- Urban Design
 - 5–8' Landscaped Amenity Panel,
 - 6-8' Sidewalk
 - 4-6' Building Zone
- Implemented as development occurs

Mid-Pike

- Residential and institutional land uses
- Four lane roadway with median and frontage roads
- Sidewalk Gaps
- Uncomfortable for cyclists





Mid-Pike Concept

- Create pedestrian-bike connectivity
 - Add side paths/sidewalks
 - Widen sidewalks
 - Add pedestrian ramps
 - Utilize frontage road sidewalks

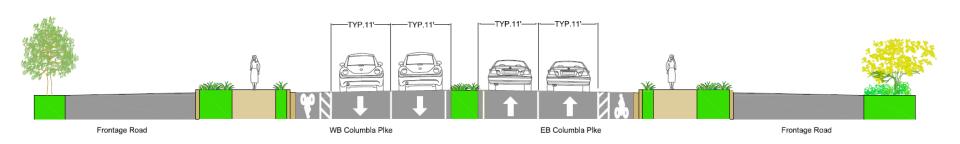
- Study for Pedestrian Activated Signals/crossings
- Utilize service roads for bicycle facilities or provide side paths
- Wayfinding signs



Mid-Pike Example Section

Mid-Pike Long Term Concept

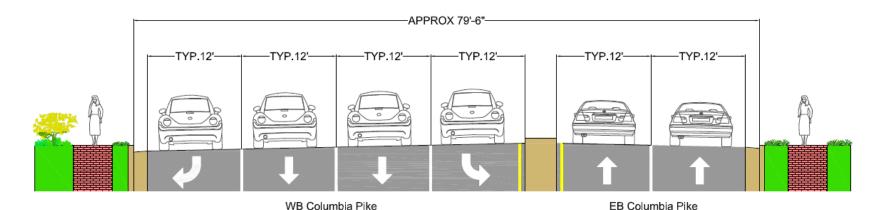
- Lower Speed Design for Vehicles
- 11' or less travel lanes
- On-street separated bike lanes
- Continuous Pedestrian Paths
- Improved Pedestrian and Bicycle Crossings



Bailey's Crossroads

- Commercial land use
- Four to six lane roadway with turning lanes
- Distinctive crosswalks





Bailey's Crossroads Concept

- Upgrade standard crosswalks to high visibility markings
- Add Sidewalks where needed for connectivity
- Widen Sidewalks where feasible
- Study for Pedestrian Activated Signals and new crosswalks at Tyler Street and Moncure Avenue



Bailey's Crossroads Example
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Bailey's Crossroads Long Term Concept

- From District Design Guidelines for Bailey's Crossroads & Seven Corners
- Cycle Tracks
- Landscaped Medians

