



# FY 2024 MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE PROGRAM

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# Overview

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- TAP Background
- TPB TAP Selection Process
- Maryland: Schedule + Project Recommendations

# TA Set Aside Background

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- **PURPOSE:** A federal formula program that provides funding to projects considered “alternatives” to traditional highway construction
- **FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION**
  - MAP-21 (2012) – Established as the “Transportation Alternatives Program”
  - FAST Act (2015) - Renamed “Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside”
  - IIJA (2021) – Increased funding
- **TPB ROLE:** Large MPOs are sub-allocated funds and given the responsibility for selecting projects for those funds



# TPB TAP Selection Process

- Selection panel included staff from DDOT, VDOT, and the TPB. Staff from MDOT served as technical a resource.
- Panel members individually scored projects.



- The selection panel used the average scores as a basis for discussion. However, the final recommendations were based on consensus.

# Maryland FY 2024 Schedule

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- April 14 - May 15      Application period
- June 28-30            TPB Selection Panel made recommendations for the TPB's MPO suballocation
- July 19                 TPB scheduled to approval projects using MPO suballocation
- August-September    MDOT will make selections with statewide funds



# Maryland Project Recommendations

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- **Combined Funding Request:** \$4,885,589
- **Funds Available to TPB:** \$3,523,060
- **Recommended for Funding:** \$3,285,589



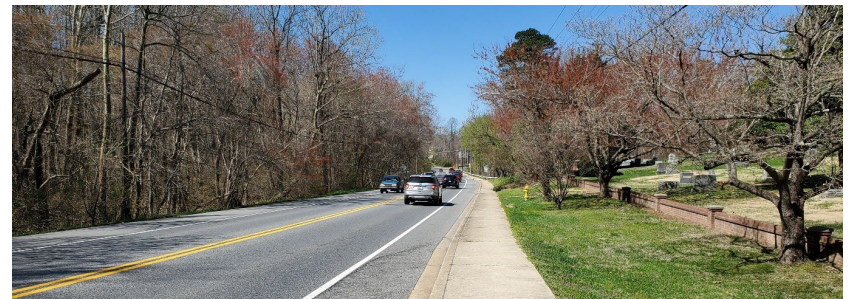
# Recommended Projects

Project Name	Sponsor	Project Type	Recommended TAP Funding	Local Match	Total Project Cost
La Plata Bikeway: Radio Station Road Sidepath*	Town of La Plata	Construction	<b>1,442,589</b>	396,712	1,983,560
Forest Glen Road Sidewalk	Montgomery County	Design	<b>679,000</b>	169,750	848,750
New Design Road Sidepath Phase 2	Frederick County	Design	<b>480,000</b>	120,000	600,000
Industrial Drive Path Connection	City of Gaithersburg	Design	<b>400,000</b>	100,000	500,000
Fleet and Monroe Complete Streets (Design)	City of Rockville	Design	<b>224,000</b>	56,000	280,000
Brunswick Comfort Station	City of Brunswick	Design	<b>60,000</b>	15,000	75,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$3,285,589</b>	<b>\$857,462</b>	<b>\$4,287,310</b>

\* Total project cost includes additional SHA grant management cost for construction projects

# La Plata Bikeway: Radio Station Road Sidepath

- \$1,442,589 – Town of La Plata
- Construct a 2¼-mile path connecting neighborhoods, natural and recreational area, and schools.
- “Every school-aged child east of downtown will be able to walk, ride, or roll to school or to the park without assistance.”
- Connections to a wider planned trail network in Charles County





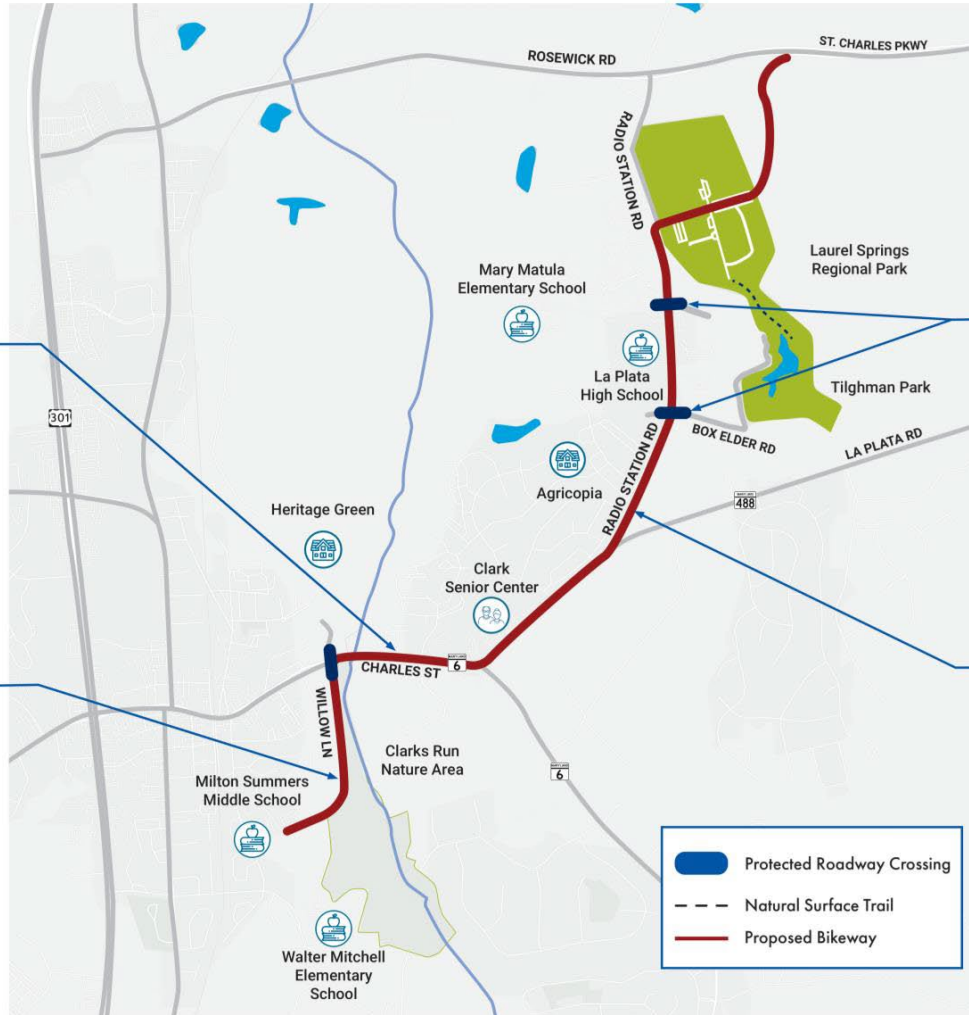


# CONNECTING Schools | Neighborhoods | Parks

SIDEPATH



PROTECTED BIKE LANE



PROTECTED ROADWAY CROSSING

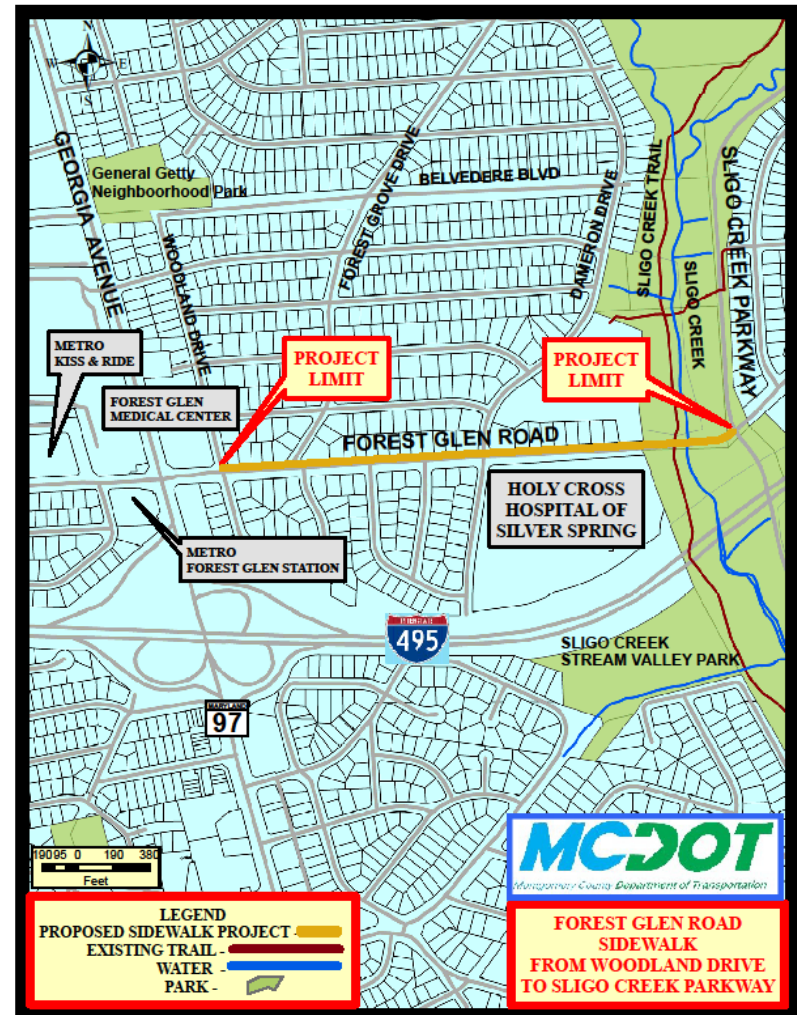


EXISTING PATH AT AGRICOPIA



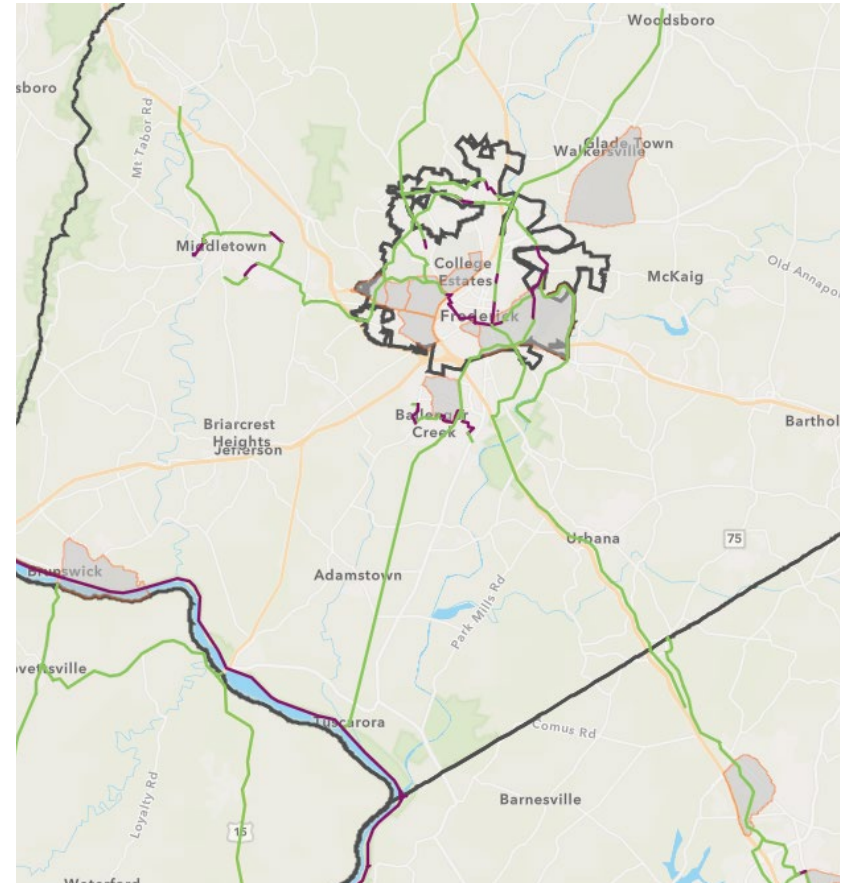
# Forest Glen Road Sidewalk

- \$679,000 – Montgomery County
- 100% design for a half-mile sidewalk providing safe pedestrian access to Metrorail station, medical center and hospital, park and trail
- Project will add a separated bike lane connection to Sligo Creek Trail.
- Build on TAP funding provided by the TPB in 2018



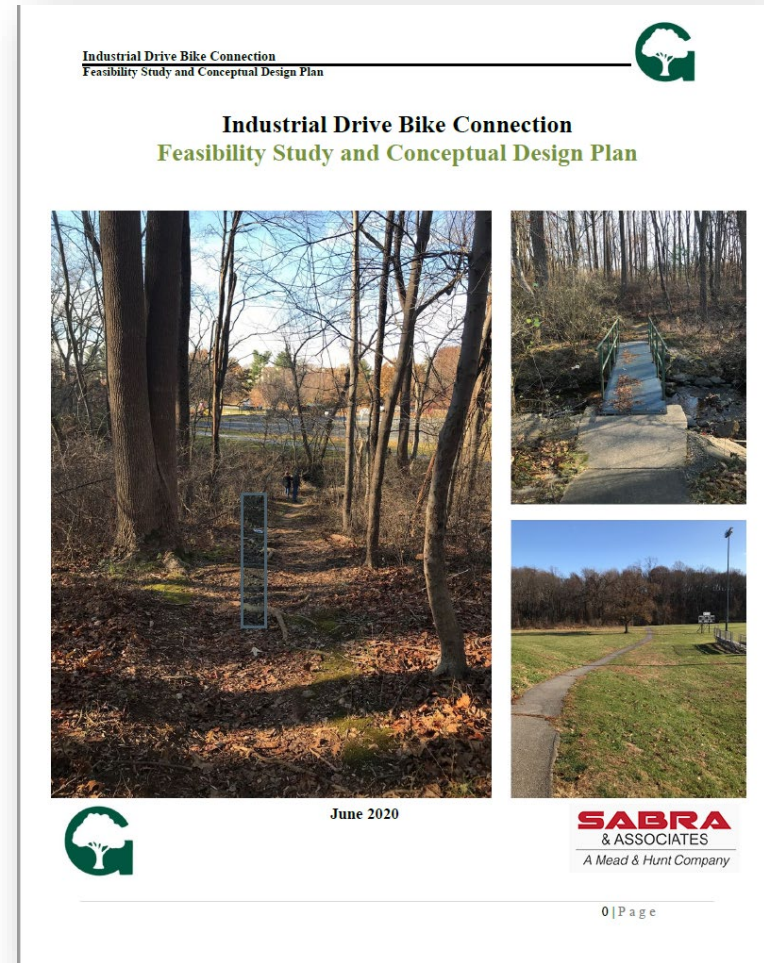
# New Design Road Sidepath Phase 2

- \$480,000 – Frederick County
- Develop 100% design plans for more than three miles of trail
- Key element in National Capital Trail Network. When all phases are completed, the trail will connect the City of Frederick with the C&O Canal Trail
- Previous design/preliminary engineering funded through TLC and TAP



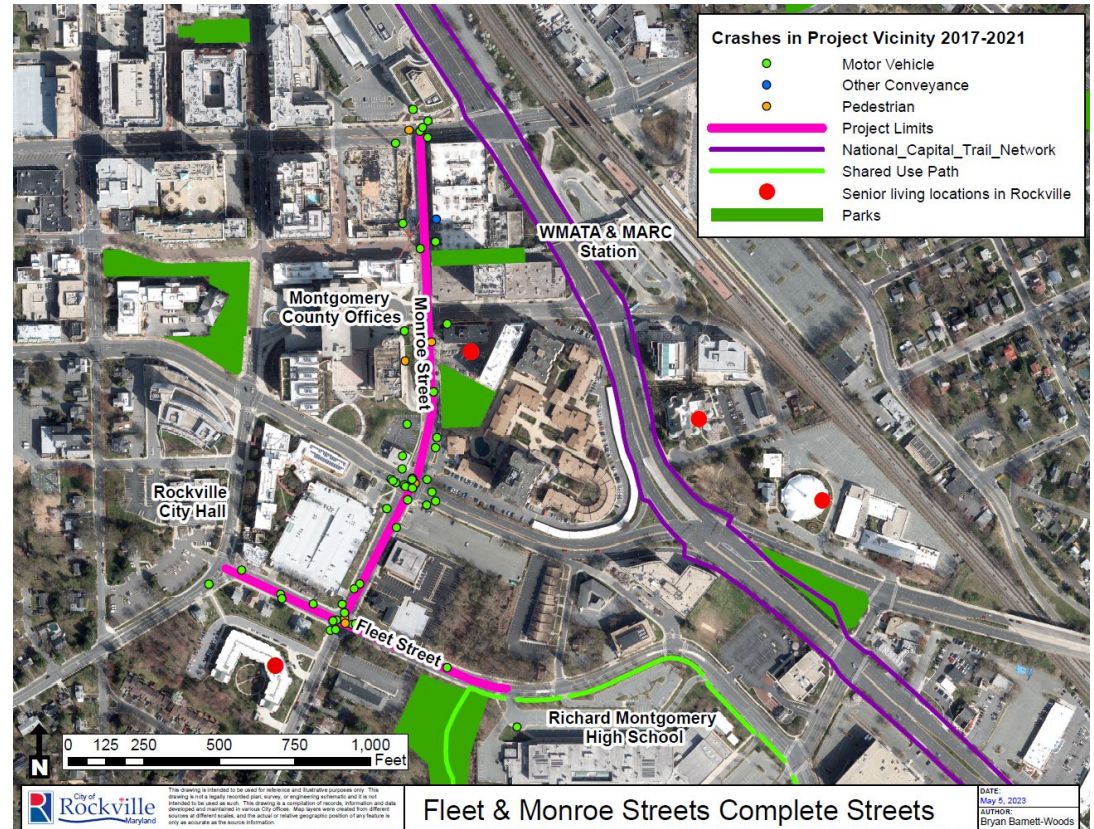
# Industrial Drive Path Connection

- \$400,000 – City of Gaithersburg
- Develop 100% design for a half-mile trail, creating a bike/ped connection across I-370
- Provide connections to Montgomery County’s wider trail system and to three regional Activity Centers
- Previously studied (to 10% design) through TLC



# Fleet and Monroe Complete Streets

- \$224,000 – City of Rockville
- Complete 100% construction-ready design plans to convert Fleet and Monroe to “complete streets” with a separated bike/shared-use facility as well as new signals and bus stops
- Building upon FY23 TLC feasibility study



# Brunswick Comfort Station

- \$60,000 – City of Brunswick
- Design a comfort station for trail users, train commuters, other visitors
- Provide a trailhead amenity at a key stop along the C&O Canal, a major segment of the National Capital Trail Network



# Staff Recommendation

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- Adopt Resolution R1-2024 to approve funding for six projects for the FY 2024 Maryland Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP)



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