

# Operationalizing Equity: Bus Prioritization in Takoma Park, MD

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# Introduction to Takoma Park, MD

**Population** | ~17,800  
**2.4 mi<sup>2</sup>**

**Area** |

## Demographics

**BIPOC** | 54%

**Renters** | 49%

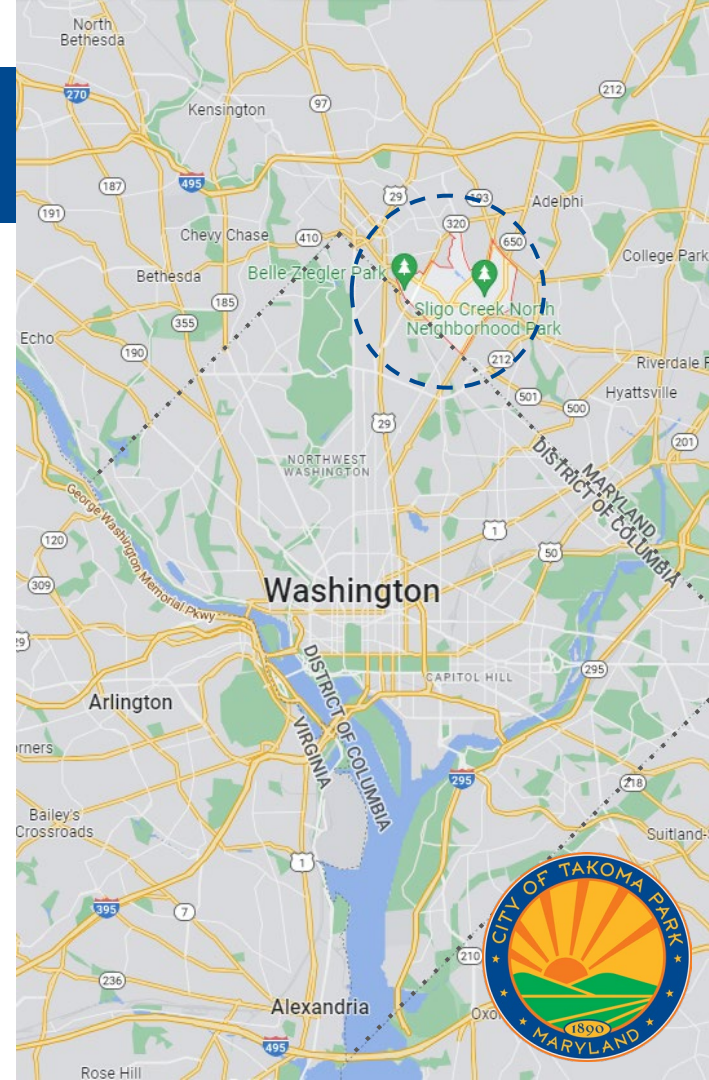
**Foreign-born** | 30%

**Median Household Income** | \$83,919 (60%

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## Transportation

**Bus Systems** | 3 (WMATA, Ride On,

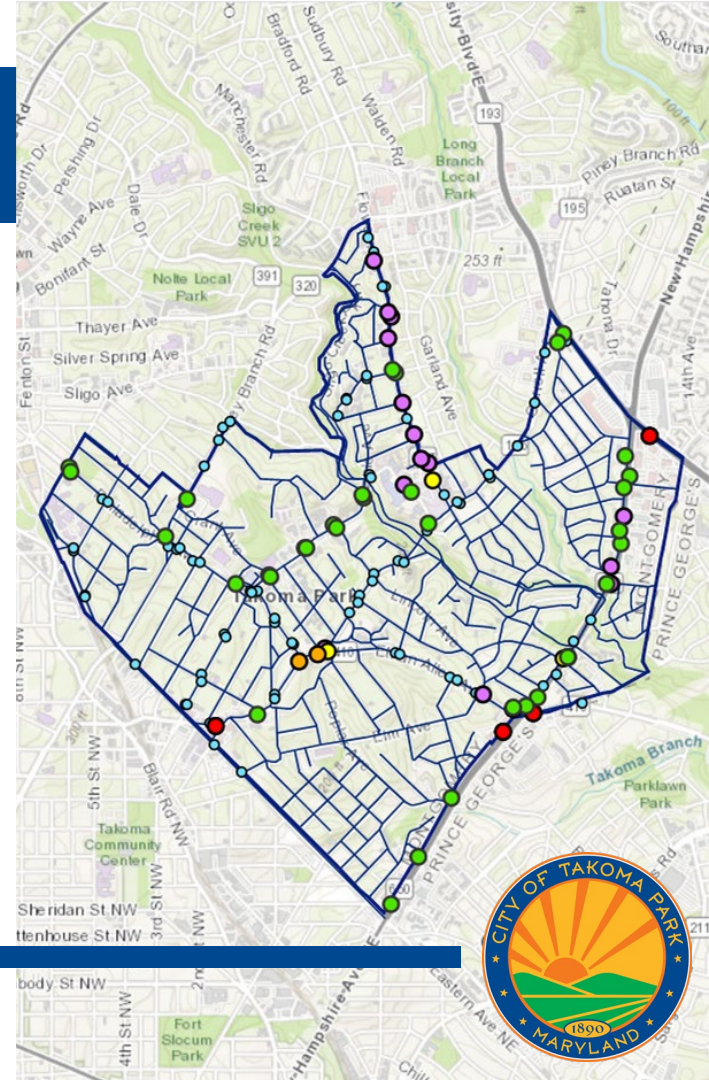


# Bus Stop Prioritization

In 2020, Council passed a **bus stop prioritization resolution** and the City was awarded a \$50,000 technical assistance grant to take a look at our **bus stop quality** and **ridership trends** to create a prioritization plan.

## Learn more at:

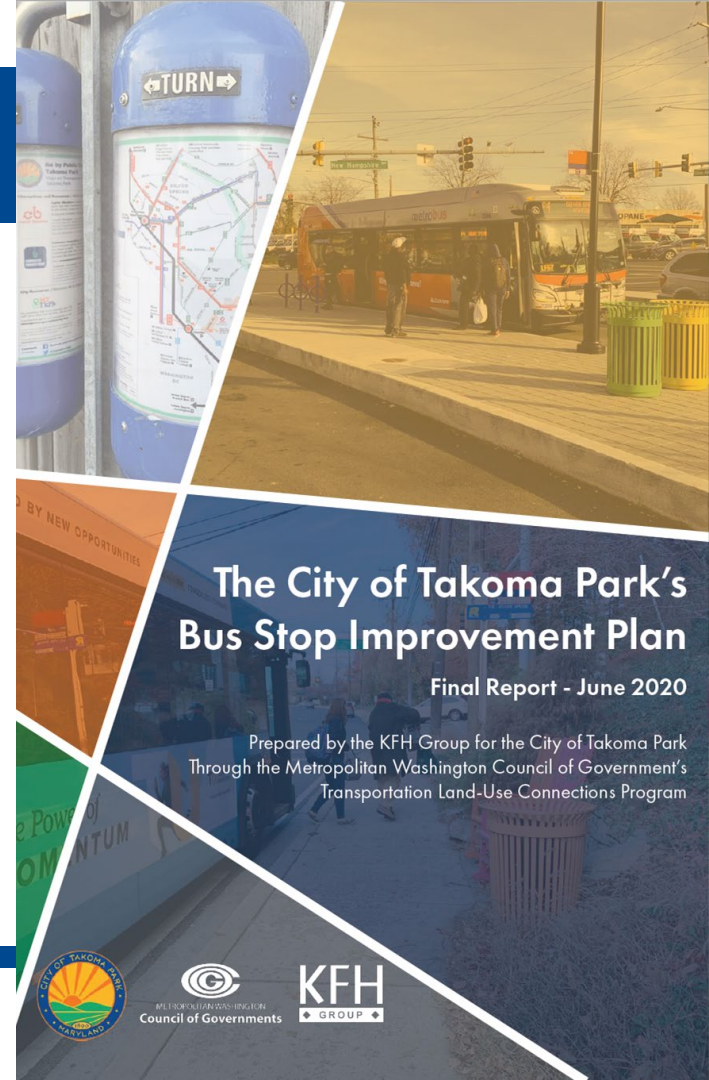
<https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/housing-and-community-development/planning-and-community-development/bus-stop-improvements/>



# Bus Stop Improvement Plan

## Multiple components:

- Compiled “best practice” standards for accessible bus stop design
- Conducted bus stop ADA assessment and inventory
- Developed **“Improvement Guidelines”**
  - Included a prioritization strategy



# Bus Stop Improvement Plan - Prioritization

Figure 4-8: City of Takoma Park's Bus Stop Improvement Priority Factors



Figure 4-9: Potential Bus Stop Prioritization Score Weighting



## Bus Stop Prioritization (cont'd)

In FY21, City Council approved \$60,000 for **five new bus shelters**, including the installation of new concrete bus pads.

Capital Improvement funding was allocated for the four following years, too.

Challenges persist via narrow rights of way and cross-jurisdictional ownership.



# Bus Stop Prioritization - FY 23 Next Steps

- Add one new bus shelter at high-volume location
- Install benches at 10 existing bus stops
- Continue analysis for improved access and amenities at priority locations



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