

# MD 97 RECONSTRUCTION

PROPOSED MAJOR ADDITION  
VISUALIZE 2045

From 16<sup>th</sup> Street to Forest Glen Road

## Basic Project Information

Project Length.....<1 Mile

Anticipated Completion.....2025

Estimated Cost of Construction.....\$52 million

Submitting Agency.....Maryland DOT

Anticipated Funding Sources.....

☐ Federal ☒ State ☒ Local ☒ Private ☐ Bonds ☐ Other

CLRP ID.....2618



HIGHWAY



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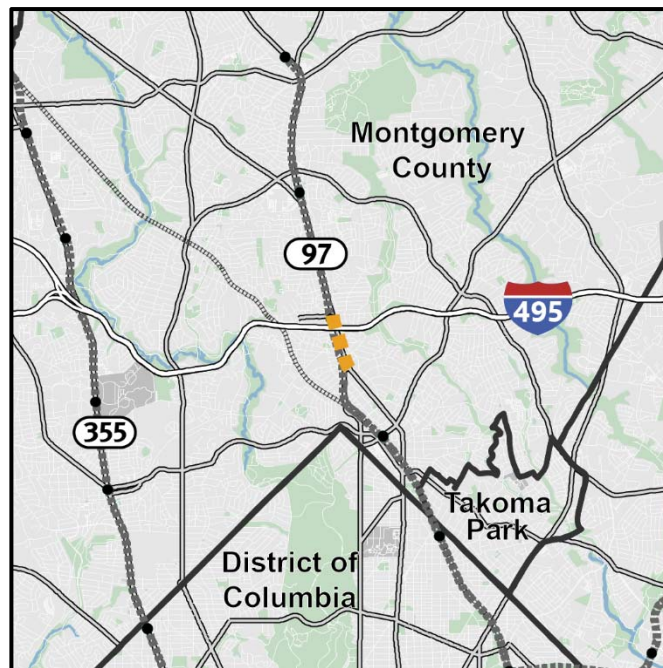


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## NOW AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT

December 14, 2017-January 13, 2018

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## Project Description

This project will reconstruct and widen MD 97, Georgia Avenue from six or seven lanes to seven or eight lanes on either side of I-495, Capital Beltway between 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Forest Glen Road. Sidewalks and accommodations for bicycles will be included where appropriate.

## Existing Support for this Project

This project has been reviewed at the local, state, and/or sub-regional levels and is included in the following approved plans:

☒ Montgomery County 2017 Transportation Priority Letter

See official CLRP Project Description Form for more information about this project.



**Goal 1:** Provide a Range of Transportation Options



**Goal 2:** Promote Dynamic Activity Centers



**Goal 3:** Ensure System Maintenance, Preservation, and Safety



**Goal 4:** Maximize Operational Effectiveness and Safety



**Goal 5:** Protect and Enhance the Natural Environment



**Goal 6:** Support Interregional and International Travel and Commerce

See reverse side for more information about how this project advances regional goals and addresses certain federal planning requirements.



## How this project supports or advances goals in the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan

Motivated by safety considerations (Goal 3), this project will widen approximately one mile of this heavily trafficked portion of Georgia Avenue crossing under the Beltway. It will provide pedestrian accommodations where feasible to promote access for all transportation modes (Goal 1), promote better circulation in the Silver Spring Activity Center (Goal 2), and facilitate local goods movement (Goal 6).



### Goal 1: Provide a Range of Transportation Options

Provides, enhances, supports, or promotes the following travel mode options:

- ☒ Single Driver (SOV) ☒ Carpool/HOV ☒ Metrorail ☐ Commuter Rail
- ☐ Streetcar/Light Rail ☐ BRT ☐ Express/Commuter Bus ☒ Metrobus ☒ Local Bus
- ☒ Bicycling ☒ Walking ☐ Other
- ☐ Improves accessibility for historically transportation-disadvantaged individuals (i.e., persons with disabilities, low incomes, and/or limited English proficiency)



### Goal 2: Promote Dynamic Activity Centers

- ☒ Begins or ends in an Activity Center
- ☒ Connects two or more Activity Centers
- ☐ Promotes non-auto travel within one or more Activity Centers



### Goal 3: Ensure System Maintenance, Preservation, and Safety

- ☐ Contributes to enhanced system maintenance, preservation, or safety



### Goal 4: Maximize Operational Effectiveness and Safety

- ☐ Reduces travel time on highways and/or transit without building new capacity (e.g., ITS, bus priority treatments, etc.)
- ☒ Enhances safety for motorists, transit users, pedestrians, and/or bicyclists



### Goal 5: Protect and Enhance the Natural Environment

Expected to contribute to reductions in emissions of:

- ☒ Criteria Pollutants (NOx, VOCs, PM2.5) ☒ Greenhouse Gases



### Goal 6: Support Interregional and International Travel and Commerce

Enhances, supports, or promotes the following freight carrier modes:

- ☐ Long-haul Truck ☒ Local Delivery ☐ Rail ☐ Air

Enhances, supports, or promotes the following passenger carrier modes:

- ☐ Air ☐ Amtrak Intercity Passenger Rail ☐ Intercity Bus

## Comment on this project or on Visualize 2045

**December 14, 2017-January 13, 2018** Comment on the projects before they are included in the federally required Air Quality Conformity Analysis

**September 13-October 13, 2018** Comment on projects and any other aspect of the draft Visualize 2045 before final TPB adoption.

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## Addressing Federal Planning Factors

This project addresses the following federal planning factors designed to guide development of Visualize 2045:

- ☒ Support Economic Vitality
- ☒ Increase Safety for All Users
- ☒ Support Homeland and Personal Security
- ☒ Increase Accessibility and Mobility of People and/or Freight
- ☒ Protect and Enhance the Environment
- ☒ Enhance Integration and Connectivity
- ☐ Promote Efficient System Management and Operation
- ☐ Emphasize System Preservation

## Consideration of Alternatives to Adding SOV Capacity

The agency or agencies submitting this project considered the following congestion-mitigation measures before proposing to significantly increase capacity for single-occupant vehicles (SOVs):

- ☐ Transportation demand management measures (including growth management and congestion pricing)
- ☐ Traffic operational improvements
- ☐ Public transportation improvements
- ☐ Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) technologies
- ☐ Other congestion management strategies
- ☐ Not applicable – This project does not increase SOV capacity or is exempt from consideration of alternatives.
- ☒ Not yet Available – Agencies have until March 2, 2018 to complete the required Congestion Management Documentation.

*See the Congestion Management Documentation Form for more information.*

Information about how projects advance regional goals and address federal planning requirements is self-reported by the agencies submitting projects for inclusion in Visualize 2045.

The information on this form was last updated on December 8, 2017.