Oakland Mills Road Complete Streets Project

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Agenda

1. General Background
   • *WalkHoward, BikeHoward*, and Complete Streets Policy

2. Oakland Mills Road
   • Location and project history
   • Draft final design

3. Next steps
   • Questions and feedback, project website
   • Deadline for feedback is September 28
What is *WalkHoward*?

The Howard County Pedestrian Master Plan
Adopted by County Council in 2020

The Vision of *WalkHoward*

“Howard County has a connected pedestrian network that safely and conveniently accommodates people of all ages and abilities.”
The Vision of BikeHoward

“Howard County, Maryland seeks to be a bicycle-friendly County where residents and visitors, schoolchildren and seniors, men and women feel comfortable and safe bicycling on our roads and paths as a means of daily transportation and healthy recreation.”
What is the Complete Streets Policy?

“To ensure that Howard County is a place for individuals of all backgrounds to live and travel freely, safely, and comfortably, public and private roadways in Howard County shall be safe and convenient for residents of all ages and abilities who travel by foot, bicycle, public transportation or automobile, ensuring sustainable communities Countywide.”

- From the Howard County Complete Streets Policy

✔ Designing for Complete Streets means creating streets that are safe and accessible for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities.
Project Location: Oakland Mills Road
from Old Montgomery Road to Dobbin Road
Project

• The project evaluated safety, parking needs, vehicle speed, and pedestrian and bicycle accessibility/connectivity along Oakland Mills Road.

• Project provides greater pedestrian and bike safety and accessibility while addressing speed, parking, and congestion issues for vehicles.

Draft final design plans include:

✓ Pedestrian improvements (sidewalks and crosswalks)
✓ Buffered bike lanes with flex posts, and
✓ Reduced number of travel lanes to improve safety for all users.
Typical Cross Sections

Existing

Preferred and Selected Configuration
Photos of similar configurations in other communities
Past Community Outreach

• **Meetings** were held by the Office of Transportation at Christ Episcopal Church:
  
  • A kickoff meeting entitled "Envisioning Oakland Mills Road" on January 9, 2019 presented preliminary data about Oakland Mills Road traffic and safety. The public also marked a corridor map with comments and issues.
  
  • An open-house community meeting on October 30, 2019 presented concepts developed through the Oakland Mills Road Complete Streets Study.

• **Presentation materials and feasibility study** were available on the BikeHoward.org project page

✓ **Feedback given by the public was used to guide the draft final designs**
Draft Final Design Plans
OM Road and Dobbin Road

Dobbin Road

Oakland Mills Road

RIGHT OF WAY LINE
Draft Final Design Plans
OM Road at Dasher Ct and Community Garden
Draft Final Design Plans
OM Road and Homespun Drive
Draft Final Design Plans
OM Road and Malindy Circle
Draft Final Design Plans
OM Road and Fairmead Lane
Draft Final Design Plans
OM Road and Farewell Road
Draft Final Design Plans
OM Road and Kilimanjaro Road
Draft Final Design Plans
OM Road and Old Montgomery Road
Construction Schedule
(tentative, subject to change)

- Fall 2021: Curb ramp upgrades and pedestrian signal additions.
- Spring 2022: Road milling, resurfacing, marking.
Next Steps and Thank You!

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• **Input.** Comments can be provided tonight and through **September 28, 2021.**

  **Please provide feedback by:**
  Short Survey: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H62C7KJ](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H62C7KJ)
  Email: transportation@howardcountymd.gov
  Phone: (410) 313-0567
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• **Project website.** To review tonight’s presentation, project history, and more visit: [https://www.howardcountymd.gov/transportation/oakland-mills-road](https://www.howardcountymd.gov/transportation/oakland-mills-road)

• **Sign-up.** To receive information from County Office of Transportation about projects, meetings, and events, go to: surveymonkey.com/r/3CNZ66T or visit the project website.