MDOT MTA Patapsco Ave Ped/Bike Bridge Phase 1

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A Safety and Trail Connectivity Issue

- Longstanding challenge of no safe pedestrian connection between Cherry Hill neighborhood and Patapsco Light Rail
- Over 300 pedestrians have been observed walking across the Light Rail Bridge to get to the Station daily



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- MDOT MTA Light Rail Operators wait to make sure no one is crossing and go over the bridge slowly
- Audible warnings when train is approaching



A Safety and Trail Connectivity Issue

- Patapsco Ave Ped/Bike Bridge is key connection for the expanding trail network in this area
 - Middle Branch Trail
 - W. Patapsco Avenue Rehabilitation
 - Patapsco Ave Phase 1 Ped Bridge
 - Patapsco Greenway Elkridge to Guinness
 - Patapsco Greenway Guinness to City
 - AA Co. BWI Extension Maple to Nursery
 - BWI Trail -



Crossing Patapsco Ave: Phase 1 Concept



Connecting to Baltimore City Investments

- City's 4 Lane, 2 Path option would allow for MDOT MTA's Phase 1 bridge concept to connect the Patapsco Light Rail Station to an on-street bicycle and pedestrian facility on the north side of Patapsco Avenue
- City is also considering a 3 Lane, 1 Path, & Median Option that isn't compatible with the Phase 1 Bridge

Concept Alternative 4 Lane – 2 Path



Designing from Concept to 100%

- MDOT MTA received a Transportation Alternatives grant to advance the project design to 100%
- Currently anticipating design starting Summer 2021 and completing in Fall 2022
- Have been coordinating with various property owners that would be affected
- Ginger Dadds in MDOT MTA's Office of Engineering & Construction is the Project Manager for that effort



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