

BRTB Technical Committee May 2, 2023

Project Overview and Purpose



US 40 from the Aberdeen Train Station to Erie Street in Havre de Grace (just west of the Thomas Hatem Bridge)

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Swan Creek



Post Road

Havre de Grace



CSX Rail Line

Aberdeen

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Concept level design of a comfortable, convenient and safe shared-use path along US 40 that connects to transit and neighborhoods



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Existing Conditions





West of Robin Hood Road, looking east



East of Aberdeen Train Station, looking east



MD 22 overpass, looking east



East of Lewis Lane, looking west

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Concept Design Overview

- Concept Plan for **Bicycle Pedestrian** Improvements along US 40 (Aberdeen to Havre de Grace)
- Planning-level; no detailed topographic survey information was obtained
- Recommended 10 foot width, paved and separated from the roadway
- All curb ramps would meet ADA standards
- All pedestrian signals would be upgraded with audible signals and countdown displays
- Eastern terminus at Erie Street (just west of the Hatem Bridge) instead of at the Hatem Bridge









Typical Section Example

Bicycle Bicycle Improvements along US 40 (Aberdeen to Havre de Grace)



Preferred Concepts

Concept Plan for **Bicycle Pedestrian** Improvements along US 40 (Aberdeen to Havre de Grace)





Preferred Concepts (cont.)





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Improvements

Preliminary Impacts and Costs



Preliminary Property Impacts

- No anticipated County, MDOT SHA, or Amtrak property impacts
- Potential impacts to City of Aberdeen, City of Havre de Grace, residential, commercial, and industrial properties may be minimized or avoided in future stages of design once topographic surveys are available

Preliminary Costs

- Does not include right-of-way
- Westbound option: \$8.90 million (cost per mile = \$1.78 million)
- Combined option: \$9.75 million (cost per mile = \$1.95 million)



Public Outreach



Steering Committee

- October 13, 2022
- January 10, 2023
- April 20, 2023
- Advisory Committee
 - October 18, 2022
 - 🚦 January 12, 2023
- Public Meetings
 - November 2, 2022
 - February 9, 2023

Public Feedback

- Would you use a shared-use path along US 40?
 73% Likely
- Which shared-use path option do you prefer?
 - 69% Combined Option (partially Westbound Option/Eastbound Option)
- Users should be safely separated from US 40 traffic
- Important to provide safe pedestrian and bicycle crossings of US 40 at major intersections

Next Steps



Recommendations for Future Study

- The two preferred options are recommended to be carried forward into the next phase of design; additional information will be needed to fully consider the options
- Future phases of design will consider topographic survey, additional engineering details, and public comments regarding specific shared-use path alignments, impacts avoidance, maximizing the distance/offset from US 40, and connections to other facilities
 - To help phase the design and construction, Harford County, Aberdeen, and Havre de Grace could identify "priority" segments for the shared-use path
- Recommendation for future studies to explore bicycle and pedestrian crossing opportunities across the Susquehanna River to improve regional connectivity and for connectivity of the East Coast Greenway



Implementation Plan



- Potential Grant Funding Opportunities
 - Federal and State Grant Opportunities
 - State Funding Programs
 - Public and Private Grant Opportunities
- Potential Wayfinding and Facility Branding Strategies
 - Potential East Coast Greenway Route
 - Enhance public support
 - Opportunities to Guide the Development of the Facility
 - Harford County, Aberdeen, and Havre de Grace "priority" segments
- Long-Term Maintenance Strategy
 - Local jurisdiction is typically responsible for maintenance of a shared-use path along a state roadway
 - Avoid deferred maintenance issues











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