# Little River Turnpike Bicycle Corridor Study

Public Meeting #1 May 17, 2016



- Presentation 25 min.
  - Project Overview
  - Project Details
  - Short- and Long-term
    Recommendations
  - Schedule
- Open Discussion
  - Existing Conditions 25 min.
  - Potential Recommendations
    - Long-term 25 min.
    - Short-term 25 min.
- Summary 20 min.





- Develop near- and long-term recommendations and design concepts to improve bicycling
  - End-to-end corridor bicycle enhancements
  - Intersection and crossing enhancements
  - Access to transit
  - Support of funded projects along corridor
  - Support Countywide vision for improved multimodal conditions
    - Coordination with future widening and Annandale Loop project
  - Cost estimates
- Public outreach
  - Two public meetings and pop-up meeting
- \$7.35M in funding available for short-term implementation
- Strategic integration of short- and long-term improvements



#### Corridor Details

- Study Area: Pickett Rd. (City of Fairfax) to Beauregard St. (Alexandria)
- Length: ≈ 7-mile study corridor
- Speed Limit: 45 mph
- **− Daily Traffic Volumes:** 31,000 − 42,000
- "Policy Road" in Bicycle Master Plan
- Opportunities
  - Mix of paved shoulders, frontage roads, and sidewalks/trails
  - Tie into new bicycle infrastructure
- Constraints
  - Lack of shoulders due to right-turn lanes
  - Abrupt end to sidewalks/trails
  - Poor connections to frontage roads
  - Limited space/right-of-way

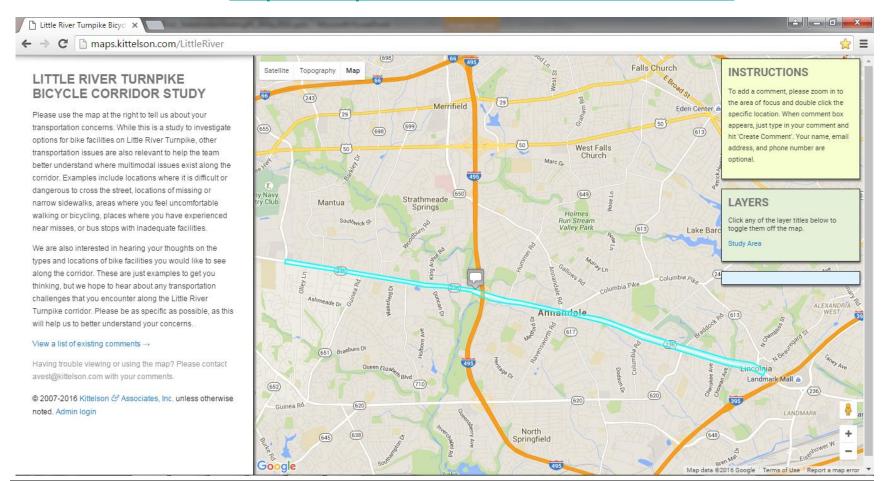


- Data Collection: February/March
- Concept Development: March July
- Concept Design: July November
- Final Design (by FCDOT): 2017
- Stakeholder Outreach: May 4, 2016
- Public Meeting: May 17, 2015
- Pop-up Meeting: June 2015
- Stakeholder Outreach: August 2015
- Public Meeting: September 2015



#### Google-based comment map:

http://maps.kittelson.com/LittleRiver





#### 1. Review corridor conditions and provide insight

- Opportunities and constraints
- Consistencies, discrepancies
- Potential issues and improvements

#### 2. Long-term recommendations

— What is your vision for the corridor?

#### 3. Near-term recommendations

- What can be built soon?
- Take advantage of existing infrastructure
- Tie into long-term recommendations



#### Things to think about

- If you use the corridor, what parts of Little River Turnpike do you use?
  - What modes do you use?
  - What are your trip purposes?
  - If you bike, what areas require the most attention?
- Where do you see people biking or walking along the corridor?
- Are there locations where you would be more likely to bike if it were more comfortable to do so?
- Where is it difficult to cross the street on foot or on bike?



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#### Frontage/Service Roads

- Low speeds and traffic volumes
- Parallel to Little River Turnpike
- May only require signing, wayfinding, pavement markings









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  - Available space for widening









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#### Shoulders

 Not ideal but is available space if frontage roads and sidewalks not available





## Existing Connections

Improving substandard connections







- Funded and Planned Projects
  - Building on pipeline projects and studies
  - Potentially modifying designs to address walking AND biking
  - Pedestrian improvements on Little River Turnpike
    - Old Columbia Pike: signalized crosswalks
    - Roberts Avenue: walkway on north side
    - Hilbrook Drive to Little River Run Drive: walkway on south side
    - Columbia Road to Mayhunt Ct: walkway on south side



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  - Bike lanes in study area
    - Evergreen Lane: Little River Tpke to Columbia Pike
    - Patriot Drive: Americana to Heritage
    - Heritage Drive: Ravensworth to Little River Tpke
    - McWhorter Place: Markham to Ravensworth
    - John Marr Drive: Ravensworth to Backlick
    - Markham Street: Little River Tpke to McWhorter
    - Ravensworth Road: Little River Tpke to Braddock Rd



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  - Widening and Streetscaping (partial funding for Env. & PE)
    - Little River Tpke: I-495 to John Marr Drive
    - Annandale Loop Road section from Ravensworth to Little River Tpke





# **Funded Projects**





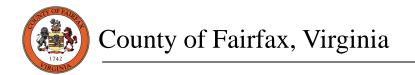


- Lack of Facilities and Space
  - No shoulders or sidewalks
  - Poor condition
  - Limited right-of-way









- Right-turn lanes and acceleration lanes
  - Takes valuable shoulder space from bicyclists
  - Encourages higher speed turns







## Facilities that Abruptly End





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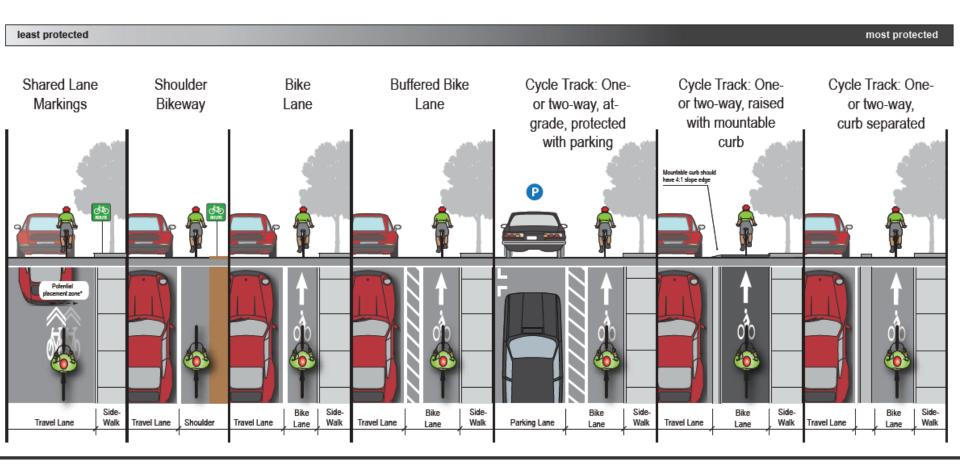


## Long-term Recommendations

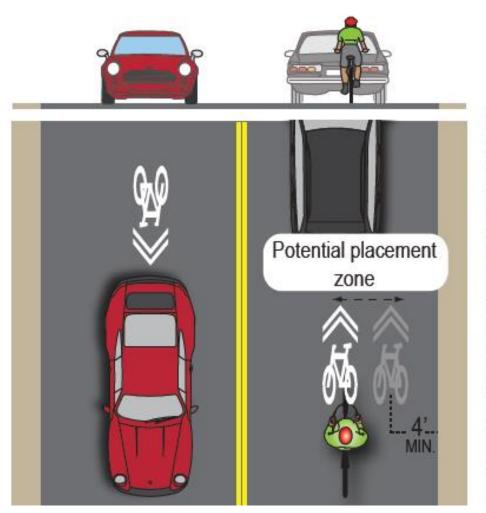
- What is your vision for the corridor?
- No constraints on right-of-way, utilities, or costs
- Toolbox of potential improvements
  - Wayfinding
  - Shared roadways
  - Bike lanes
    - Shoulders and standard bike lanes
    - Buffered bike lanes
  - Paths and routes
    - Protected bike lanes
    - Trails or shared use paths



# Bicycle Facility Toolkit





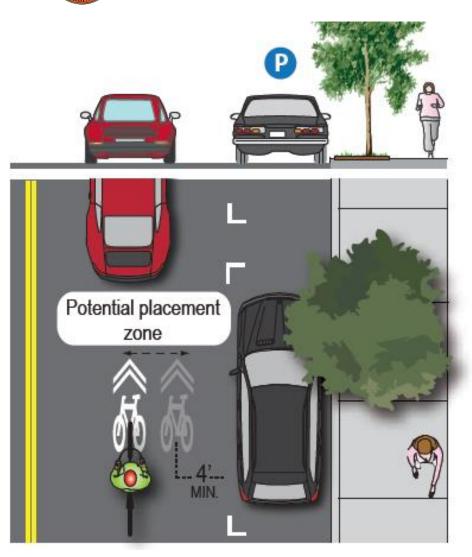








# **Shared Roadways**

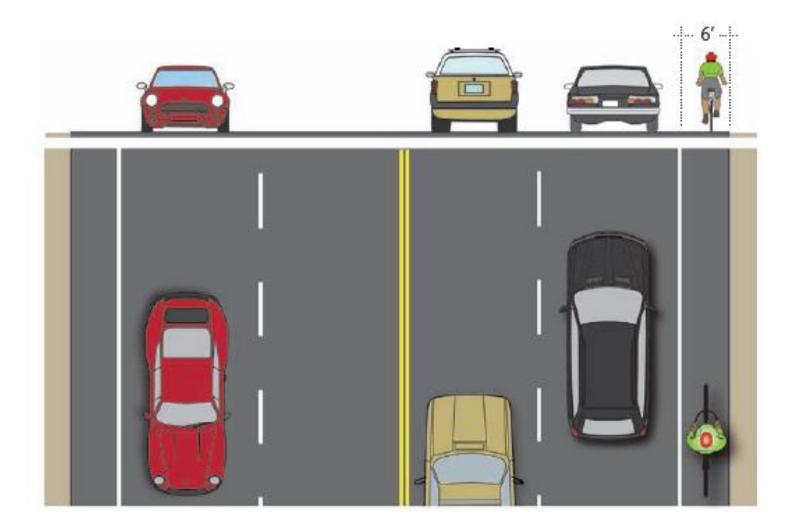






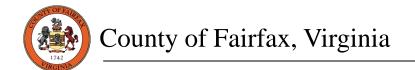


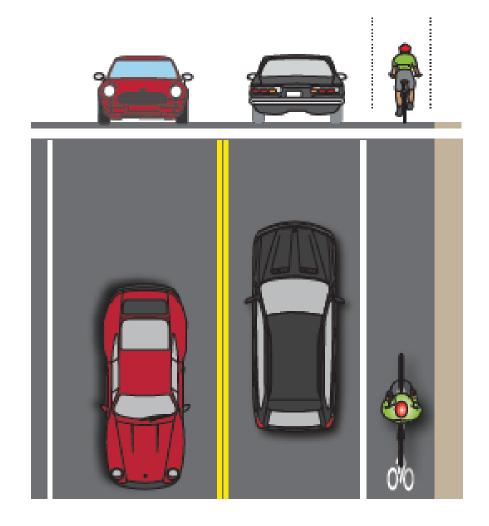
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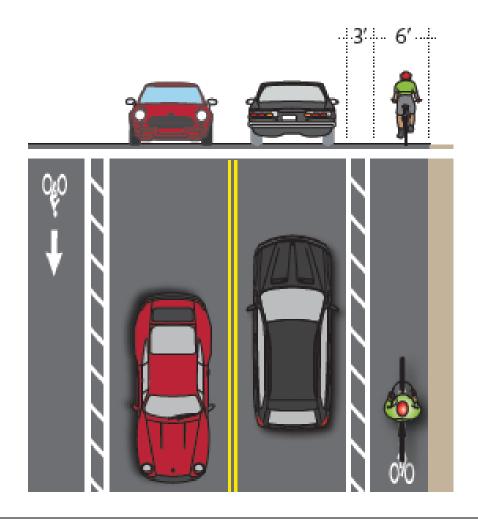








#### **Buffered Bike Lanes**





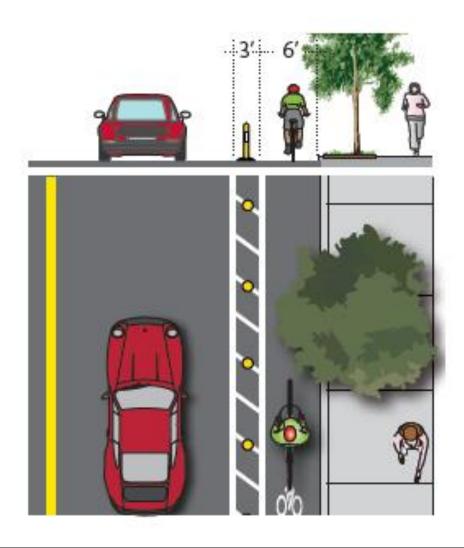








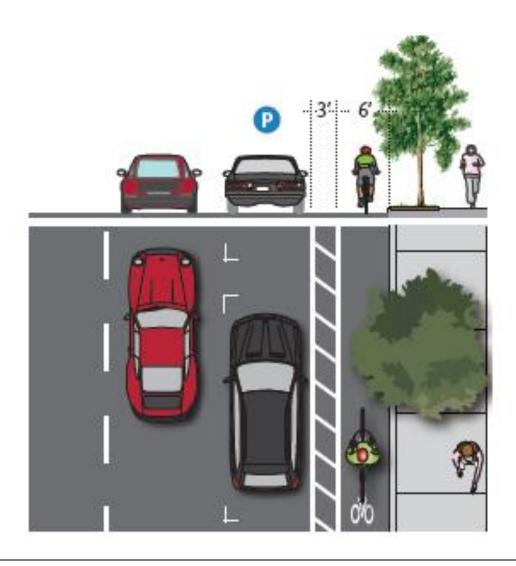
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# Two-way Protected Bike Lanes





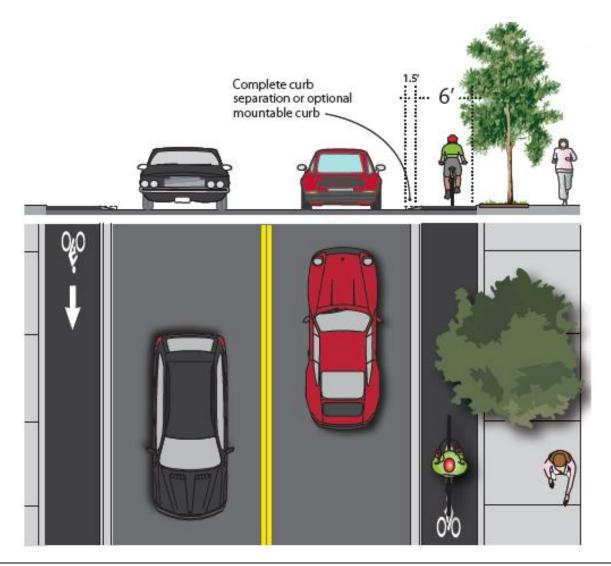






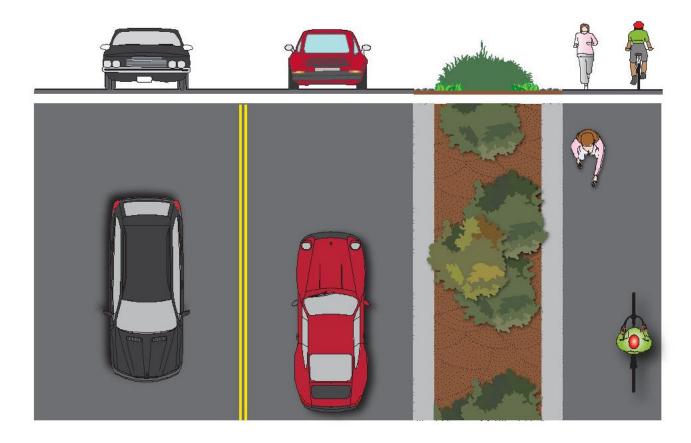


### Raised Protected Bike Lanes



















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#### **Short-term Recommendations**

- Improvements that...
  - fit within budget
  - Tie into longer-term recommendations
  - Make use of existing/proposed infrastructure
    - Frontage/service roads
    - Sidewalks/trails
    - Parallel/adjacent streets and bike facilities
    - Shoulders
    - Planned projects in area



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