

**Washington Boulevard
(McKinley to Sycamore)
Bicycle, Pedestrian, Roadway Enhancements
Community Comments to Initial Design Proposal
Spring 2017**

Revised Plan Updates – April 2017

- Change to bicycle lanes – revised plan includes:
 - Westbound dedicated bicycle lane to N. Roosevelt and then sharrows for one block to N. Sycamore St.
 - Eastbound dedicated bicycle lane from N. Sycamore to N. Quintana St., then utilizes side streets to 18th Street N., then dedicated bicycle lane again from 18th Street N. to McKinley Road into Westover Village.
 - Side street connections from N. Quintana to 18th Street N. will be emphasized with installation of bicycle wayfinding signage
- Overall parking impacts
 - Significant decrease in parking impacts in updated plan. Impacts will now be on 16-19 spaces out of approximately 150 overall
 - Bicycle lanes and left turn at N. Ohio Street = 12-14 parking spaces
 - Formal striping of crosswalks and bus stop areas = 4-5 parking spaces
- Parking at Resurrection Lutheran
 - Back-in parking remains
 - Increased to 15 diagonal back-in parking spaces, 24 hours/day, 7 days/week
 - Preservation of parking on south side of Washington Blvd. across from church
- Increased marked crossing locations to include N. Nicholas Street, 18th Street N. (south leg), N. Ohio, N. Powhatan, and N. Potomac Streets
- Additional paint/markings for improved clarity based on feedback at N. Ohio and N. Sycamore intersections

KEY:

“A” = Letter refers to location on final design plan

COMMENT	STAFF RESPONSE
<p>A Include a pedestrian crossing at 18th Street N. & Washington Blvd.</p>	<p>A crossing at 18th Street N. was explored but is not recommended due the skewedness of the crossing. Instead, a new high-visibility style marked</p>

		crosswalk is proposed at N. Nicholas Street & Washington Blvd. – just east of 18 th Street N. legs.
B	Include a two-stage bike box at N. Ohio Street & Washington Blvd.	<p>A two-stage bike box is proposed at the NW quadrant of the intersection for cyclists approaching westbound on Washington Blvd. and heading southbound to N. Ohio Street.</p> <p><i>Note: Pending VDOT approval since No Turn On Red restriction will be needed for southbound approach</i></p>
C	Include additional crossing on eastside of N. Powhatan Street and Washington Blvd.	A new high-visibility style marked crosswalk is proposed at N. Powhatan Street and Washington Blvd.
D	<p>Resurrection Lutheran Church – adjacent parking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convert proposed back-in parking to front-in parking to increase number of parking stalls • Preserve parking across street along Washington Blvd. 	<p>Back-in parking will continue to be recommended in the updated plan due to its safety benefits for both drivers and passengers. This is a VDOT and Arlington County standard.</p> <p>Additionally, there are now 15 parking stalls being proposed in front of the church due to WMATA approving the removal of the nearby bus stop due to low or no average daily ridership.</p> <p>Parking is also preserved across the street on the south side of Washington Blvd. between Powhatan & Potomac Streets.</p>
E	Increase pedestrian safety crossing Washington Boulevard	<p>Enhanced crossings with crosswalk markings and bollards are now proposed along Washington Blvd. at the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N. Nicholas Street - 18th Street N. (south leg) - N. Ohio Street - N. Powhatan Street - N. Potomac Street
F	Increase presence of green paint for more awareness	Green markings have been revised since concept plan to now include green skips for increased

awareness for mixing areas between vehicles and cyclists. Green markings with no skips provide guidance to cyclists that they are about to enter an exclusive bicycle facility.

G Provide sharrows along Washington Boulevard to decrease impact to on-street parking areas

In the updated plan, sharrows are only utilized in the westbound block between N. Roosevelt and N. Sycamore Streets. The eastbound bike lane shown in the initial proposal has been revised to use side-street connections to lessen the impacts to on-street parking.

The westbound bicycle lane is dedicated/contiguous from McKinley Road to Roosevelt St. and then uses sharrows for one block to N. Sycamore Street.

The eastbound bicycle lane is dedicated from N. Sycamore to N. Quintana, where it then utilizes side street connections to 18th Street N. There is again a dedicated bicycle lane in the eastbound direction from 18th Street N. to McKinley Road.

H Request for more speed limit signs along Washington Blvd.

Locations for additional speed limit signs are still being evaluated and will be included in the final plans submitted to VDOT.

Note: Pending VDOT approval

I Increase frequency of Transit (Metrobus/ART)

The Arlington County Transit Bureau is pursuing a bus stop consolidation project along Washington Boulevard and Lee Highway that will reduce travel times for buses and general traffic, increase frequency of service, and increase ridership by as much as 15%. Additional community outreach for this project will occur in 2017.

J Consider traffic signal timing changes to increase walk times for crossings across Washington Blvd.

Signal timings will be reviewed for adequate crossing times and will be recommended to VDOT on an ongoing basis.

Note: Pending VDOT approval

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Add left turn at McKinley

After evaluating the intersection traffic and curb to curb widths, a left turn signal and lane are not being recommended in the updated plan.

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19th Road North – considering left turn lane at N. Ohio, consider no left turn at 19th Road N.

After evaluating the intersection, staff is not recommending a change in turn restrictions at this intersection. However, this will continue to be monitored with the implementation of the left turn at Ohio Street to check for impacts to 19th Road North.