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Brandon S. Butler, County Administrator William M. Rudd, Attorney April 17, 2020

The Hon. Gregory Slater, Maryland Transportation Secretary Maryland Department of Transportation 7201 Corporate Center Drive Hanover, Maryland 21076

RE: Allegany County 2020 Transportation Priorities

Dear Transportation Secretary Slater:

The Board of Commissioners of Allegany County, in cooperation with the municipalities of Allegany County are pleased to have the opportunity to present our transportation priorities to your department for the FY 2021 – 2025 Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP.) The County's transportation priorities focus on system preservation, safety, and supporting economic development. The County appreciates your responsiveness to Allegany County's requests to move projects forward efficiently to better serve the needs of our constituents.

Thank you for funding the following projects from the 2018 Transportation Priority request:

- Bowling Green Drainage Study Phase 2;
- Allegany County Transit Capital and Operating funds in FY 2020
- Preliminary Engineering for Baltimore Street Bridge

This year, you will see many of the projects that were listed in the 2019 Priority Letter; the projects requests have been updated to move these projects to completion. It is critical projects in Allegany County continue to received funding for consecutive phasing and to see these projects to completion in timely manner to reach the goals of a safe and effective transportation system.

To be consistent with the Chapter 725 process, representatives from the County and the municipalities discussed and prioritized the following projects at a coordination meeting held Monday, February 24, 2020. The Board of Commissioners, as a part of the agenda on Thursday, March 12, 2020 endorsed the 2020 priority requests. On behalf of Allegany County, the Town of Barton, the City of Cumberland, the City of Frostburg, the Town of Lonaconing, the Town of Luke, the Town of Midland, and the Town of Westernport, we would like to submit the following projects:

### 1. US 220 Corridor

Building on the Tier 1 study completed by MDOT SHA and WVDOT in 2014, Allegany County supports completion of the following individual projects along the US 220 Corridor for continued future development between I-68 in Maryland and Corridor H in West Virginia

### • US 220 Corridor Funding for Preliminary Engineering & ROW

Allegany County requests MDOT to program preliminary engineering and right-of-way acquisition funding to move this project forward. The County supports the overall plan is for the development of a multilane highway to improve safety and encourage economic vitality in Allegany County. The Maryland Department of Transportation/State Highway Administration have completed the US 220 Supplemental Corridor Evaluation Report from south of Cresaptown to the West Virginia State line. MDOT will coordinate with WVDOT during their Spring/Summer 2020 workshops for the Tier II Design Study to determine the location of the roadway through Keyser, West Virginia and crossing Potomac River.

• US 220 Cresaptown Improvements (US 220, MD 53, and MD 636) (updated)

Allegany County requests programing funding for right-of-way, final engineering and construction to relieve congestion along existing US 220, MD 53, and MD 636 (Warrior Drive). Preliminary planning is complete for the transportation system management (TSM) improvements to relieve the congestion. This project is in response to the public meeting held in Winter 2017; the public was in strong support of immediate improvements to the area.

### 2. Baltimore Street Access (updated)

The City of Cumberland requests continued funding for construction reopen the Baltimore Street pedestrian mall to allow one-way vehicular traffic through the area yet maintain space for pedestrians, bikes and outdoor dining. There has been \$4.8 million in TAP and \$1.25 million in ARC funding obligated to the project, which is estimated to cost \$8.9 million for construction. This project was recommended in a recent Economic and Transportation Study of Downtown Cumberland, to satisfy transportation needs for Downtown Cumberland an increase economic vitality. Design work for this project is underway and funded by the City.

### 3. Allegany County Transit Operating & Capital Funding (updated)

Allegany County Transit is requesting funding for operations and capital projects. Allegany County Transit operates fixed route service and ADA Demand Response in Allegany County. The Transit's mission is to provide the citizens and visitors of the Allegany County service area with safe, reliable, courteous, efficient, and clean transportation. Continued support for operation funds to achieve our mission. Capital Funding request for FY 2021 includes preventative maintenance, facility garage door replacement, three small bus replacements, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Office Equipment, and environmentally friendly parts cleaner.

### 4. Baltimore Street Bridge (A-C-06) Rehabilitation (updated)

The City and County are requesting continued funding for the Baltimore Street Bridge over Wills Creek, which is in need of a total superstructure replacement. After the November 2017 inspection, the bridge received a condition rating of 4. The project is estimated to be \$3.5 million construction dollars. The project is currently in the preliminary engineering phase of the federal bridge program awaiting environmental clearance, prior to beginning final engineering. Construction is anticipated to begin Summer of 2021. The bridge is a vital transportation link between the Downtown Cumberland business district, the West Side residential area, and suburban areas along U.S. Route 220 south in Allegany County. The bridge also handles relief traffic when sections of I-68 near Downtown Cumberland are closed or blocked.

### 5. Construction Funds for Braddock Road Pedestrian & Bicycle Improvements (updated)

The City of Frostburg requests construction funding for continuous walking and biking lanes on Braddock Street (near I-68 Exit 33) to Center Street in order to complete the project in 2021. Funding for preliminary engineering is allocated in FY2020, and there are no costs anticipated for right of way acquisition. The project lies along MD 736 adjacent to the Frostburg State University (FSU) campus, and will address the need for increased safety within a high-volume pedestrian and bicycle traffic corridor; effectively linking local residents to large employers such as Active Network, Appalachian Laboratory, Edgewood Commons, the FSU campus, and Center Street, at the gateway to downtown Frostburg.

### 6. MD 135 Slope Protection Project & Condition Improvements (updated)

Allegany County, the Town of Luke, and the Town of Westernport request funding engineering for Phase II of the MD 135 Slope Protection Project, and improve access and road conditions in areas of MD 135. A geologically-based concept study done in fall 2017 evaluated areas along MD 135 from Bloomington to McCoole that were prone to failure, sheering rock, and overburden of saturated soils. Seven areas identified as high risk and high probability of failure are under design and construction funding for Phase 1 is funded in FY 2021. Funding for the design of Phase II, Section 10 - MD 135 between Luke & Westernport, is requested to be programed in the coming years for design and construction to address the next high-risk areas is warranted to the continued safe operation of MD 135.

Meanwhile when MDOT is addressing the MD slope protection project, Allegany County appreciate improvements to access, specifically in Westernport, peak times the traffic in the vicinity of Church Street (MD 135) is backed up in both lanes due to access to the following businesses: McDonald's, The Dollar General and Fair Price Market. While MDOT is working on MD 135, the Town of Luke would like the pavement condition through their Town to be addressed the culverts that were installed to remedy drainage issues, are now clogged and the paving has deteriorated that there are bumps in the road was at each culvert.

### 7. US 220 Bowling Green Drainage Improvements (updated)

Allegany County requests continued support funding for all phases of the Bowling Green drainage improvements from Milnor Avenue to Moss Ave. After the June 12, 2014 flood event, State Highway Administration (SHA) and Allegany County collaborated with Whitney Bailey Cox & Magnani, LLC (WBCM) in preparing the Bowling Green Flooding Hydrology/Hydraulics Study, which proposed short-, mid-, and long-term solutions in response to the flood event. Phase I is complete as of April 2019, and engineering is underway for Phase 2. It is imperative to secure funding for this project to see through to completion. The County and SHA are finalizing the MOU for Phase II in Spring 2020. Allegany County requests that SHA to continue to obligate funding for the cost of finalizing engineering/design, permitting, administering the advertisement/bid/award, and construction management services. SHA will fund the construction cost of all work within the US 220 right-of-way and split the cost with Allegany County for all work from US 220 to the CSX Railroad.

### 8. Cumberland Street Bridge (A-C-09) (updated)

The City of Cumberland requests funding for the design and construction of the Cumberland Street Bridge. This is one of three bridges on Cumberland's West Side which carry vehicular and pedestrian traffic over CSX rail lines. All three bridges were closed in 2018 due to their unsafe condition. The project is currently in the preliminary engineering stages of the Federal Bridge Reward Replacement Program. The current project estimate is \$5,500,000 and construction anticipated to begin Spring 2022.

### 9. Frostburg Gateway Enhancement Project (updated)

The City of Frostburg requests additional construction funding to complete the Frostburg Gateway Enhancement. The Gateway Project will replace a difficult to navigate five-way intersection where Braddock Road (MD 736) meets Center Street with a roundabout and associated bicycle, pedestrian, and stormwater drainage features. This intersection serves as the sole gateway to the Frostburg Central Business District from Exit 33 via Interstate 68, but has many traffic pattern, safety, and aesthetic limitations that cause frequent issues. In addition to the roundabout and related improvements, the project will make changes to traffic patterns including converting a portion of a one-way street to two-way. Improvements to pedestrian and bicycle facilities involve the construction of new crossings, sidewalks, bike lanes, and additional lighting. The project is currently in the Design phase, funded by the ARC, which has also provided partial construction funding.

### 10. Great Allegheny Passage Stabilization, Drainage & Surface Improvements

Allegany County requests construction funding for stabilization, drainage and surface improvements on the Great Allegheny Passage. Improvements are needed in various locations throughout the County to eliminate the on-going maintenance that is required to combat drainage and trail surface issues. These improvements relive on-going maintenance issues and improve safety for all trail users.

### 11. Decatur Street Improvements (updated)

The City of Cumberland requests funding to reconstruct Decatur Street, one of the City's oldest streets in need of extensive structural improvements and roadway surface rehabilitation due to utility failures. When this project is funded for reconstruction the City would like to coordinate to replace the 24" water main in Decatur Street. Street improvement project would also include pedestrian, bicycle, ADA, and streetscape upgrades. The project design is being funded by the City and contract documents are expected to be completed in February 2020. Currently, the project has received funding through the Maryland Department of the Environment's Water Supply Grant (\$703,000) and DWSRF Loan (\$1,752,884) programs, on a \$4,400,000 total project. Construction is expected to begin in March of 2021.

### 12. John J. McMullen Bridge (A-C-01) Repairs (NEW)

The City is requesting to use State Aid funding to perform various repairs to the John J. McMullen Bridge. The recent inspection reports identified concrete issues related to the bridge structure and elevated pedestrian walkways. The project is estimated at \$310,000 for design and construction. Repairs will ensure that the useful life of the 43-year-old bridge is extended. The John J. McMullen Bridge connects the north side of the City to the Downtown Business Corridor with an AADT of 11,600. This bridge is a critical asset for the City of Cumberland's road network.

### 13. Fayette Street, Washington Street Bridge Rehabilitation (updated)

The City of Cumberland is requesting that the State obligate funding to replace the Fayette Street and the Washington Street Bridges. The bridges are located along a CSX railway. The City and CSX have been in negotiations for several months to address ownership of the bridges, which is expected to result in the City assuming ownership of the Fayette Street and Washington Street Bridges. These projects are critical for allowing the City to restore traffic flows on the West Side neighborhood.

#### 14. Greene Street Rehabilitation & Streetscape Improvements

The City of Cumberland design and construction funding for Greene Street to improve road structure, surface rehabilitation, and pedestrian, bicycle, ADA, and streetscape upgrades. Greene Street is in need of significant rehabilitation to handle the traffic on this West Side arterial street. The City is looking to implement the Greene Street Complete Street Plan to improve the corridor for all modes of transportation. The Greene Street Complete Street Plan (financed by the Cumberland Area MPO) was completed in 2015. The plan provides a vision for a safer, more attractive, and economically viable street spanning from Baltimore Street to the end of City maintenance at I-68 Exit 42.

### 15. Mount Savage Road (MD 36) Pedestrian and Surface Improvements (Retrofit Fund 78)

Allegany County requests retrofit funding (Fund 78) for increasing pedestrian and nonmotorized connectivity in Mount Savage Road (MD 36) from New School Road to the intersection of Iron Rail Street at the east end of town. There is a lack of connectivity in the sidewalks and there are challenges relating the narrow roadway. These improvements will further revitalize the community of Mount Savage. We are aware of the challenges associated with the project, but are hopeful for any improvements that can be made along MD 36.

Thank you for your consideration of these transportation priorities in Allegany County. We look forward to a productive partnership with the Maryland Department of Transportation and to actively participate in the development of the CTP to plan and implement these projects.

If you need any clarifications about our recommendations, please contact us.

Sincerely, C. Shadel of Commissioners of Sunty President, Jacob C. Shade Commissioner Creade V. Brodie, Jr. Commissioner David J. Caporale

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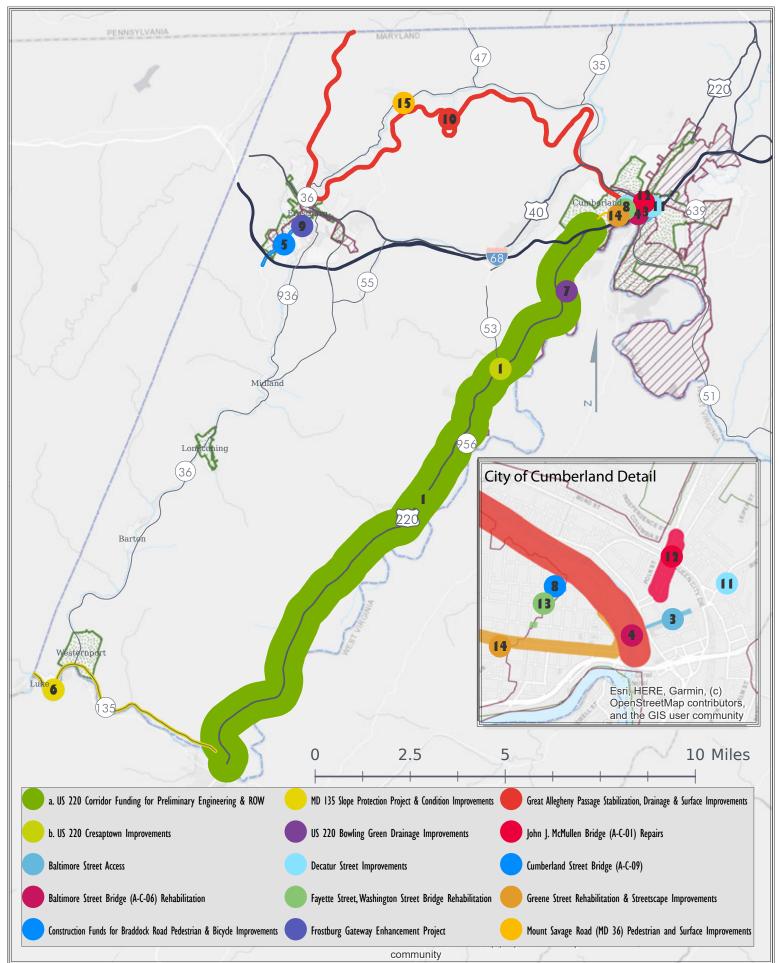
Enclosures: Maps & table

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# **Allegany County 2020 Priority Letter Projects**



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Т	a US 220 Corridor Funding for Preliminary Engineering & ROW	Allegany County		TBD	No Portion		Yes	No			х		х	x			Siera Wigfield	swigfield@alleganygov.org
ı.	b US 220 Cresaptown Improvements (US 220, MD 53, and MD 636)	Allegany County		TBD	No Portion		Yes	No	x	х	х		х				Siera Wigfield	swigfield@alleganygov.org
2	Baltimore Street Access	City of Cumberland	\$	8,900	Local	<20%	Yes	No					х	x	x	x	Robert Smith	robert.smith@cumberlandmd.gov
3	Allegany County Transit Operating & Capital Funding	Allegany County	\$	1,800	Local	10-50%	Yes	No	x	х	х	х	х	x	х	х	Roy Cool	rcool@alleganygov.org
4	Baltimore Street Bridge (A-C-06) Rehabilitation	City of Cumberland	\$	3,500	Local	20%	Yes	No					x	x	x	х	Robert Smith	robert.smith@cumberlandmd.gov
5	Construction Funds for Braddock Road Pedestrian & Bicycle Improvements	City of Frostburg		TBD	No Portion		Yes	No	x		х	х	х	x			Laura Michael	lmichael@frostburgcity.org
6	MD 135 Slope Protection Project & Condition Improvements	Town of Luke & Allegany County		TBD	No Portion		Yes	No	x								Siera Wigfield	swigfield@alleganygov.org
7	US 220 Bowling Green Drainage Improvements	Allegany County	\$	600	No Portion		Yes	No		х		x					Adam Patterson	adam.patterson@alleganygov.org
8	Cumberland Street Bridge (A-C-09)	City of Cumberland	\$	5,200	No Portion	20%	Yes	No	x	х					x	x	Robert Smith	robert.smith@cumberlandmd.gov
9	Frostburg Gateway Enhancement Project	City of Frostburg	\$	4,300	No Portion		Yes	No			х	x	х	x			Laura Michael	lmichael@frostburgcity.org
10	Great Allegheny Passage Stabilization, Drainage & Surface Improvements	Allegany County	\$	300	No Portion		Yes	No	x	х		x		x			Adam Patterson	adam.patterson@alleganygov.org
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12	John J. McMullen Bridge (A-C-01) Repairs	City of Cumberland	\$	310	Local	20%	Yes	No	x	х					x	x	Robert Smith	robert.smith@cumberlandmd.gov
13	Fayette Street, Washington Street Bridge Rehabilitation	City of Cumberland		TBD	Local	<50%	Yes	No	x	x			x		x	x	Robert Smith	robert.smith@cumberlandmd.gov
14	Greene Street Rehabilitation & Streetscape Improvements	City of Cumberland	\$	6,806	No Portion	20%	Yes	No					x	x		x	Robert Smith	robert.smith@cumberlandmd.gov
15	Mount Savage Road (MD 36) Pedestrian and Surface Improvements (Retrofit Fund 78)	Allegany County	\$	1,750	No Portion		Yes	No			х		х	x			Siera Wigfield	swigfield@alleganygov.org

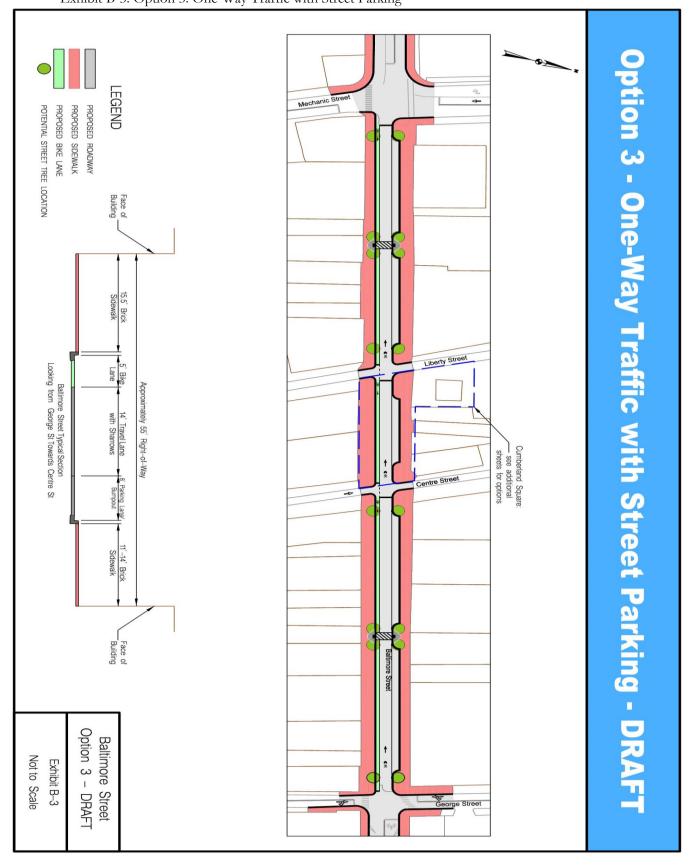
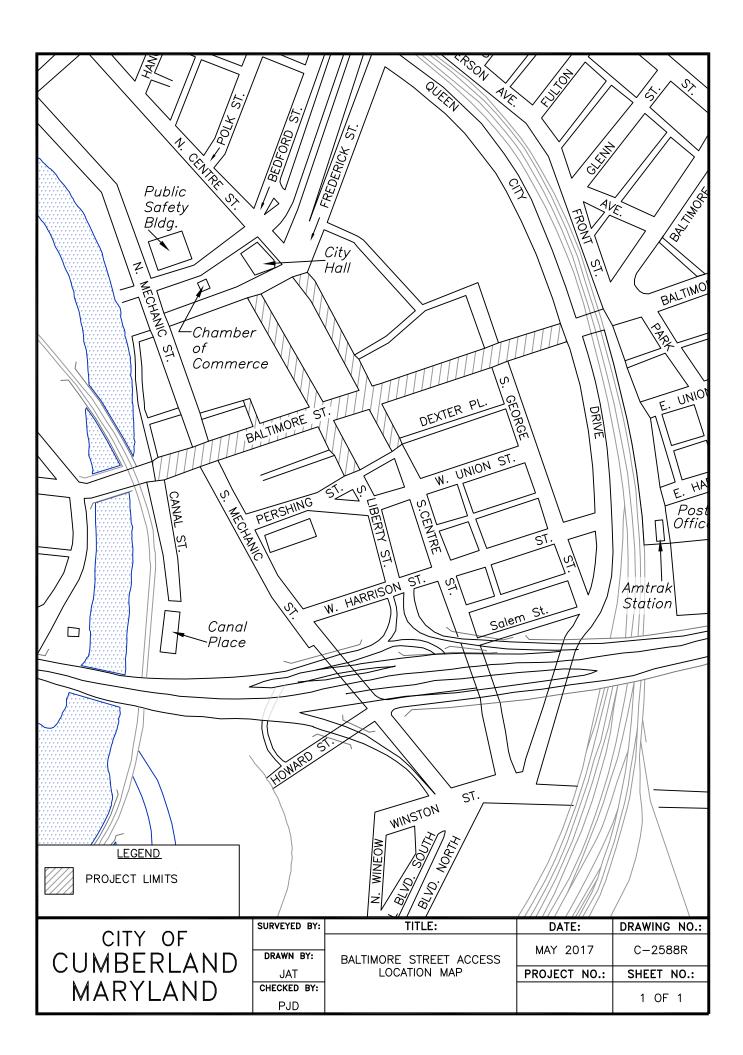
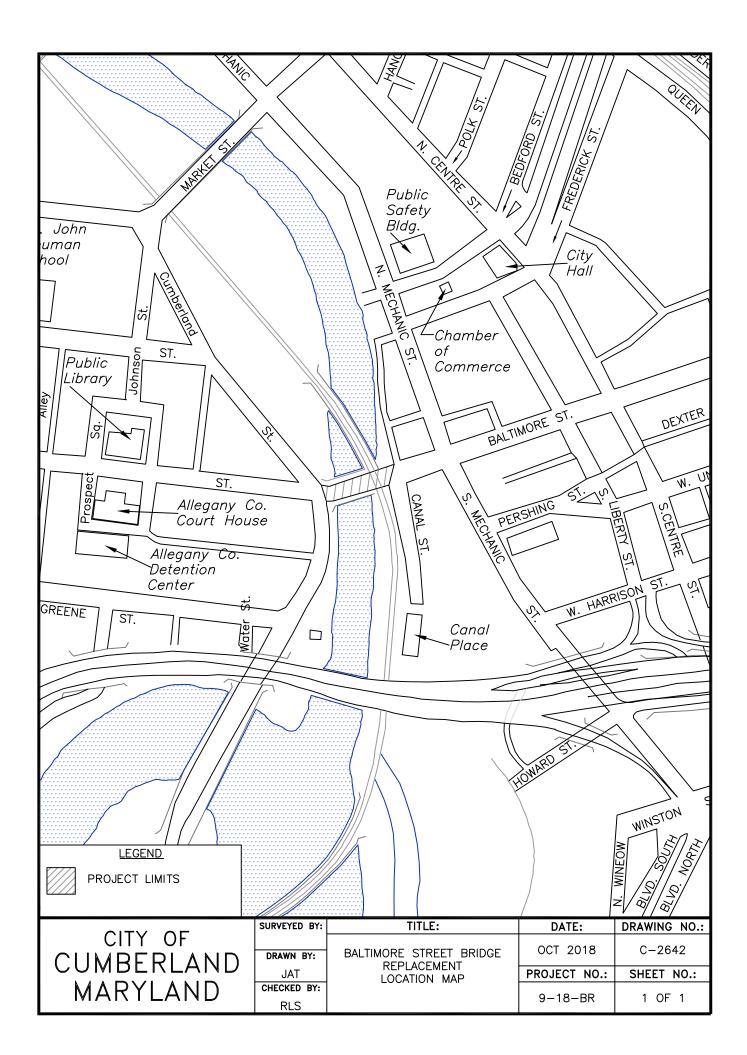


Exhibit B-3. Option 3: One-Way Traffic with Street Parking

Sage Policy

Group, Inc.





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PROPOSED SIDEWALK (TYP) 5,250 L.F. +/- one side

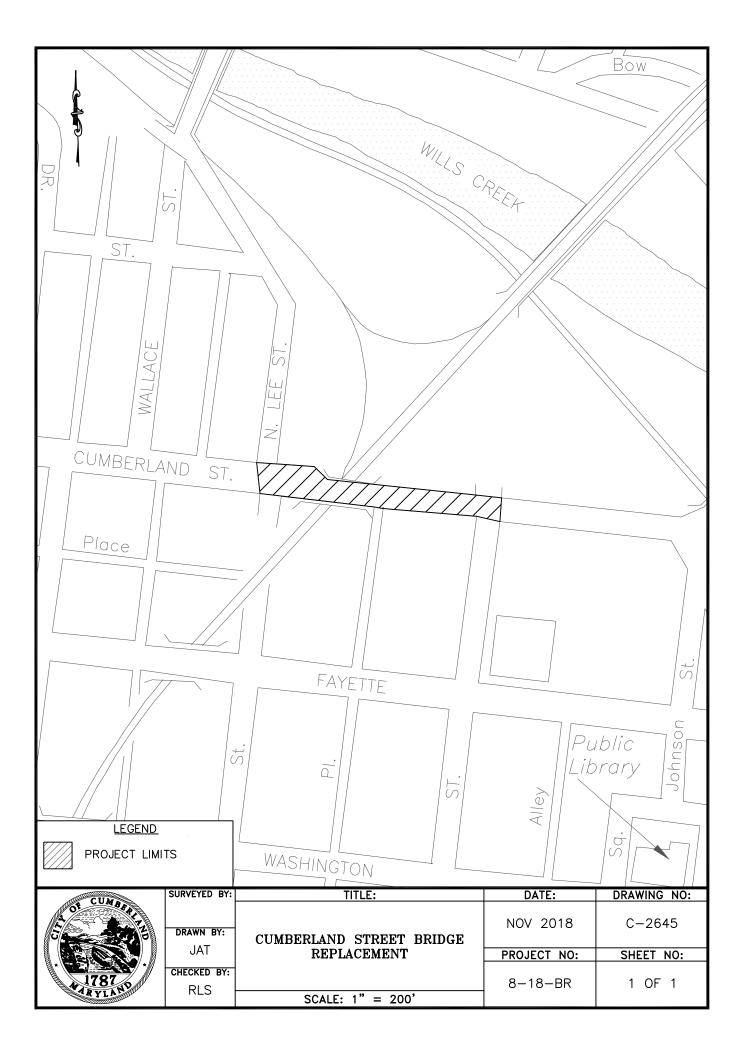
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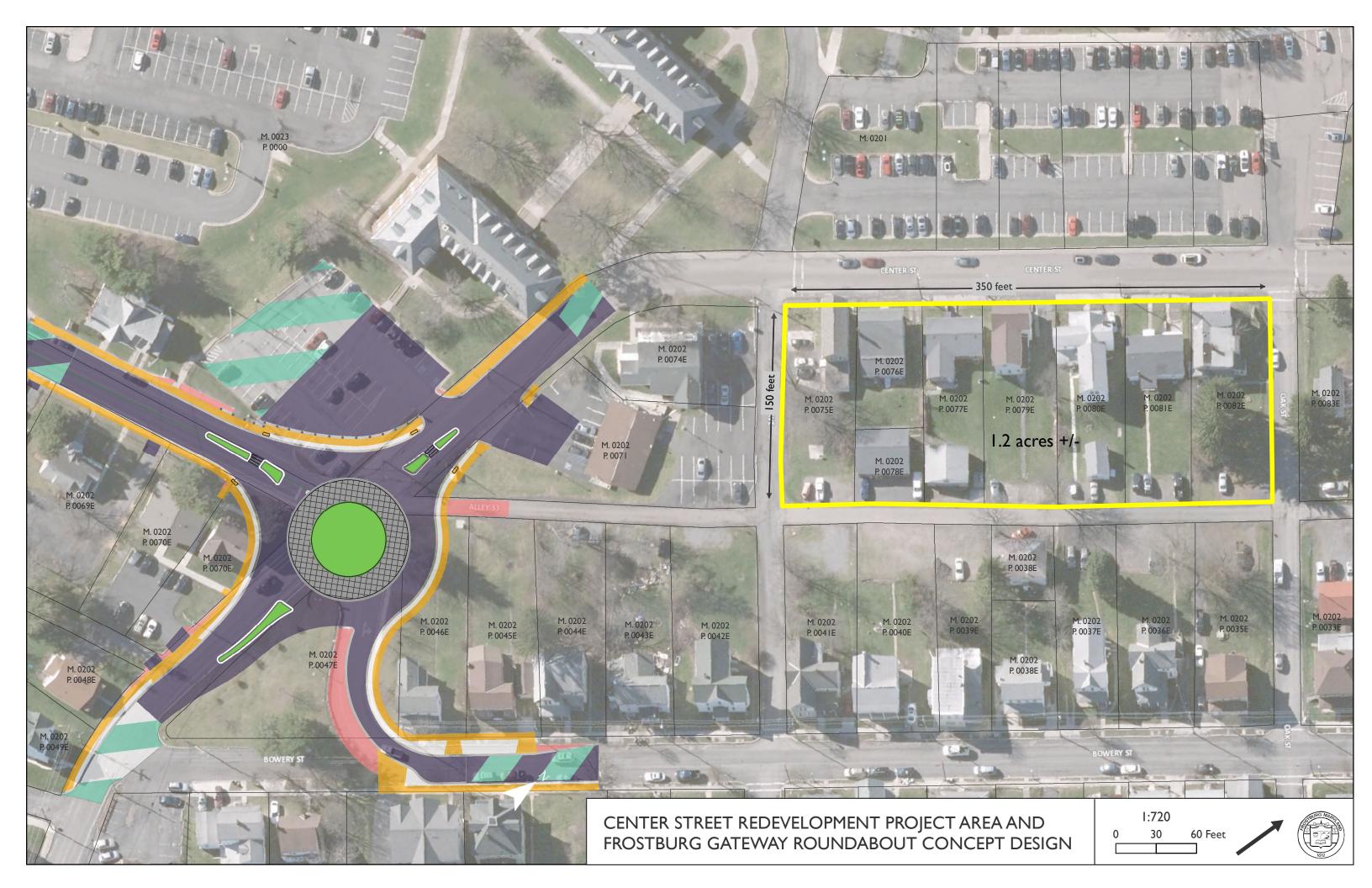
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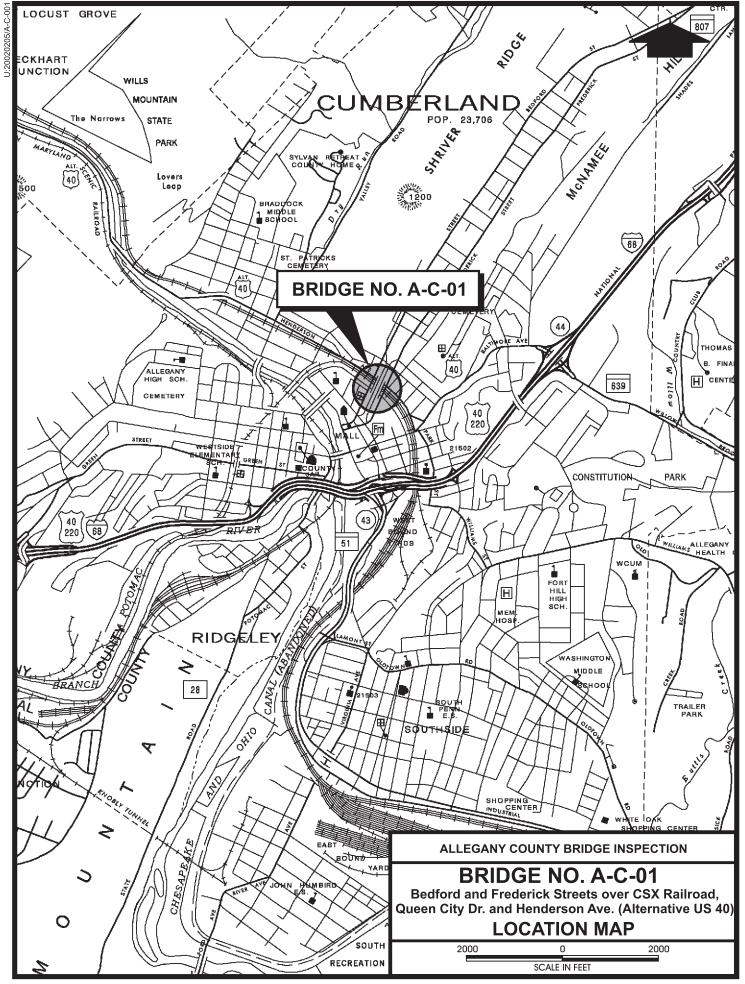
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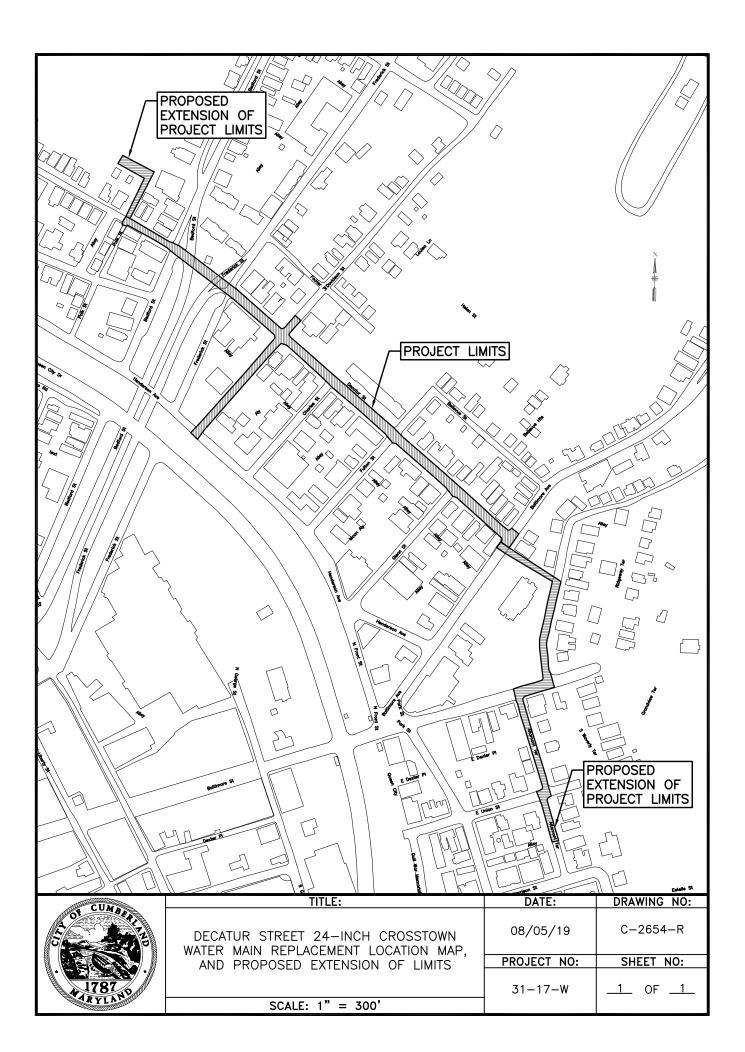
I inch = 600 feet











# West Side Cumberland Bridges

Google Earth

Bridges requiring rehabilitation or replacement due to structural deficiencies.

8.0 Street Bridae Washington Street Bridge 68

Legend

1000 ft

# RECOMMENDATIONS KEY INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

**Crosswalks** A marked crosswalk designates a pedestrian right-of-way across a street.

### Audible Countdown Signals

Countdown signals provide time information in seconds.

### Curb Ramps

Curb ramps provide better access for wheelchair users, people pushing strollers, and pedestrians with mobility or other physical impairment.

# **Bulb-Outs**

Curb bulb outs help slow traffic, increase visibility of pedestrians, and reduce crossing distances.



# Shared Lane Markings & Bike May Use Full Lane Signs

Shared lane markings, sometimes referred to as sharrows, are road markings used to indicate a shared lane environment for bicycles and automobiles.

# Park Improvements

Improvements to existing parks will create more inviting, accessible spaces that enhance the overall corridor.



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### **Pocket Parks**

Pocket parks are recommended for parcels that are vacant. These small spaces can create gateways into downtown and enhance a sense of place.

### Entry Monuments

Gateway monuments would provide a clear, grand message of entrance into Cumberland for visitors.

# Directional Wayfinding

Wayfinding signage can encourage visitation, reflect the character of Cumberland, and guide residents and visitors to key attractions.



### Street Trees & Planters

Large street trees provide shade for pedestrians and can act as buffers to vehicular traffic.

### **Street Furnishings**

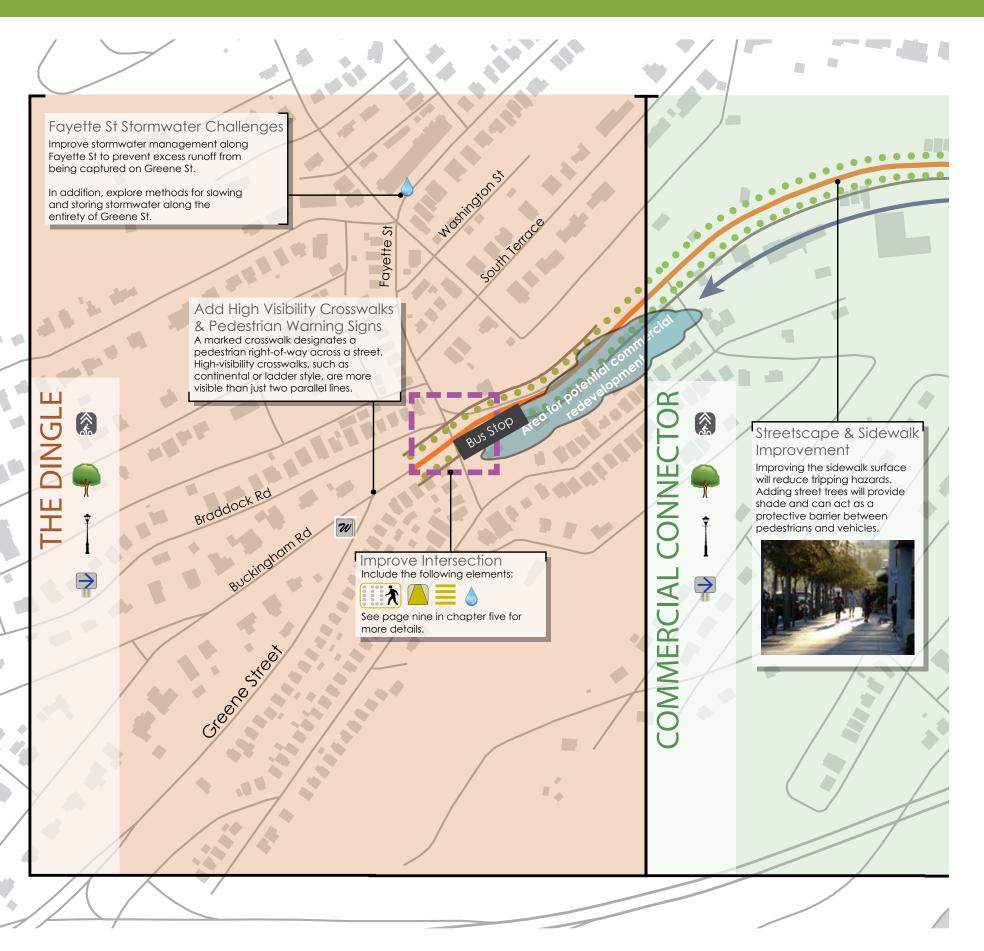
Benches, planters, and bicycle parking can reflect the character of Cumberland and will create a more comfortable pedestrian experience.

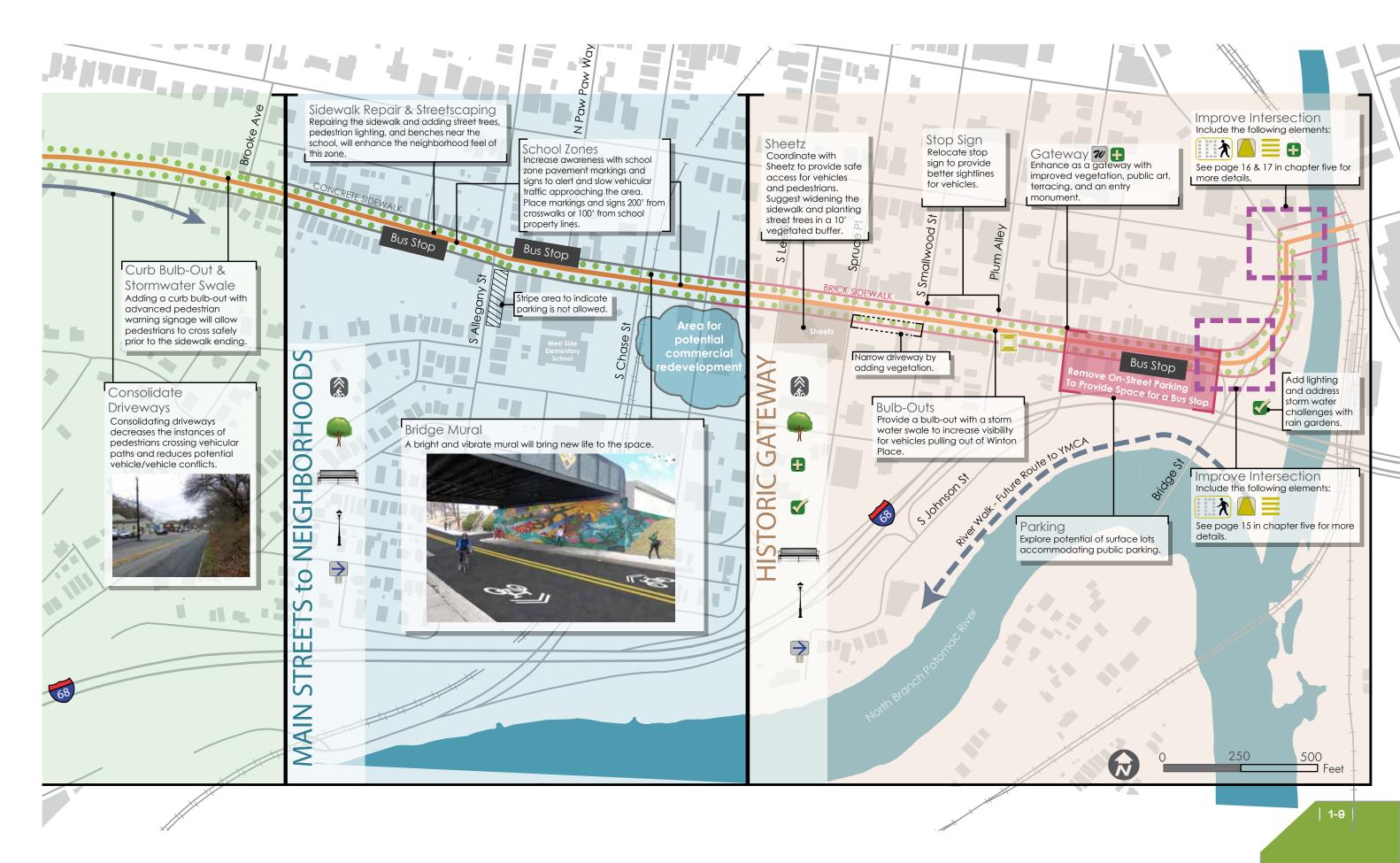
# Lighting

Lighting added along streets and sidewalks increases user safety and visibility to vehicular traffic.

### Stormwater Treatment

The use of best practices for stormwater management will help alleviate flooding and will add texture, color, and habitat to the street environment.





# Mount Savage Road (MD 36) Retrofit

