

# Metropolitan Branch Trail

Fort Totten to Takoma Design Project Update For ANC Meeting

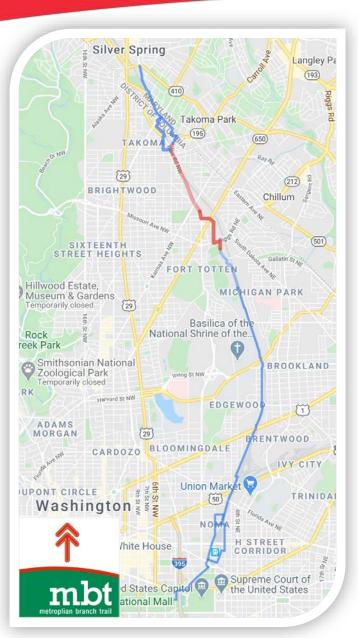
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#### **Project Background**



- The Metropolitan Branch Trail (MBT) is an important transportation route, providing connections to homes, work, and play.
- When completed, the Metropolitan Branch Trail (MBT) will be an 8-mile trail that runs from Union Station to Silver Spring, MD.
- The trail follows the Metropolitan Branch Line of the Baltimore and Ohio (B&O) Railroad
- The trail has been completed in sections.
  - This section is from Fort Totten to Takoma



#### Alignment







#### Timeline







# **Key Design Elements**

- New off-street and on-street trail segments
- Traffic calming features
- Storm water and low-impact development
- Traffic signals & signage
- Lighting & utilities
- Maintenance of traffic plans
- Landscaping plans











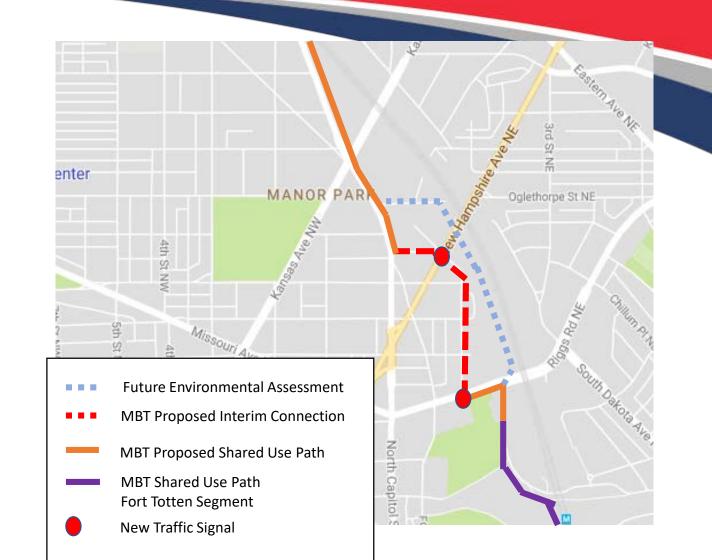
# New Traffic Signals

- 1. New Traffic Signal at Riggs Rd and First St NE
  - Phase 1: Expedited for construction in early 2021
  - Phase 2: Add bike signals and pavement markings during trail construction

2. New Traffic Signal at New Hampshire Ave/ McDonald Pl

- Shared Lane Markings and Speed Humps on First St NE
- Contraflow Bike Lane on McDonald Place
- No change in parking or number of travel lanes

3. Future study of trail alignment on NPS property

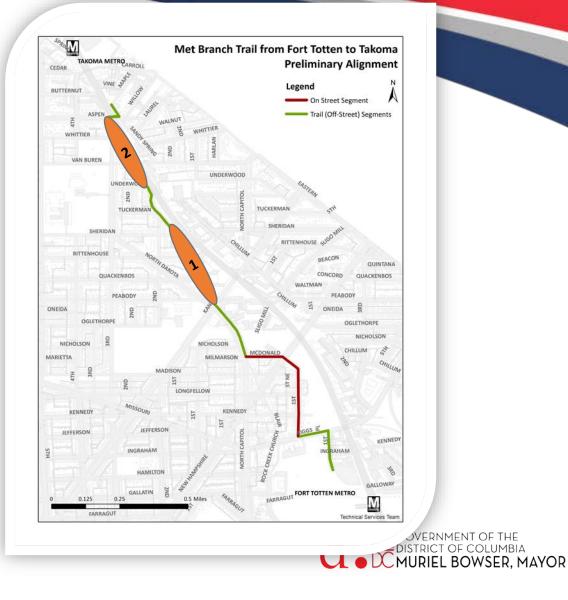




### **Context Sensitive Design – Blair Road**

#### **Focus Areas**

- **1.** Blair Road Design:
  - Community Garden
  - Extra Space Storage
  - Woodward Liquor
  - M&M Appliance, Design Space
  - New Heights Daycare
- 2. Trail from Underwood to Aspen





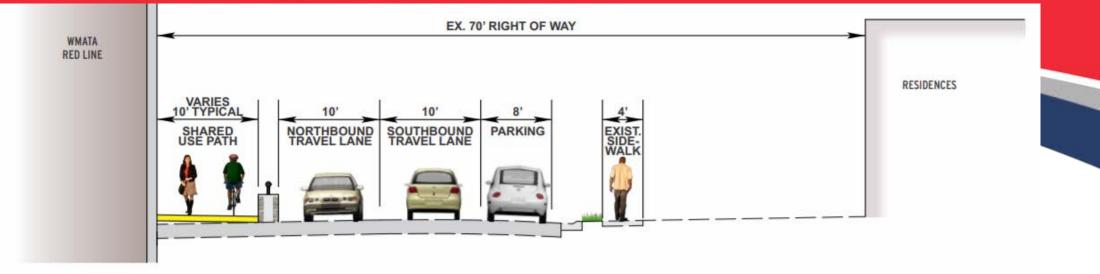
# **Blair Road and Trail Cross Section**





From Quackenboss to Sheridan St

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PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS



EXISTING CONDITIONS

From Sheridan to Aspen St

Project Materials and Updates provided on project website <a href="https://metbranchtrail.com/">https://metbranchtrail.com/</a>.

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