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## Attachment B – New Prioritization Strategy - Countywide Bikeways By Connection to Major Activity Center

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*The following text will replace the existing prioritization system section on pages  
61-62 of Chapter 4, Implementation*

### Prioritization

By inclusion in this plan, all countywide bikeways are considered high priority to enhance countywide bicycle connectivity and access to major activity centers and other countywide destinations. **In general, any bikeway providing a direct connection, or serving as part of a vital connection, to a countywide destination or activity center is considered a high priority.**

Major activity centers and countywide destinations, as defined in Chapter 2, include:

- Transit Stations (Metrorail, MARC and Corridor Cities Transitway)
- Municipalities, Central Business Districts and Town Centers
- Major employment centers located outside municipalities and CBDs
- Hard surface park trail corridors

**Also considered high priority are bikeways that:**

- Can be implemented as part, or a logical extension, of a roadway, intersection or streetscape improvement project
- Correct an existing unsafe bicycling condition (where bicycling conditions along a current or planned bikeway are obviously dangerous or where a bicycle accident record exists)
- Fill in or complete a major gap along a countywide bikeway
- Require only signage improvements (signed shared roadways only)

Following are lists of bikeways categorized by activity center in order to inform the public, decision makers and developers on which bikeways are higher priorities in the context of this plan.

Other bikeways in this plan, that provide important links between other countywide bikeways or are part of larger transportation projects (e.g., ICC bike path) are considered moderate priority, but are still higher priority than local or neighborhood bikeways identified in community master plans and sectors plans that are not included in this plan.

The County can take advantage of opportunities outside the list of priorities. For example, it may be possible to add a bikeway to the scope of another transportation project if the County has adequate right-of-way to accommodate it. Another example would involve requiring a shared use path along a local/neighborhood road as part of subdivision approval. This plan does not preclude any efforts to augment the countywide bikeway network through such opportunities.

It is also important for the County to try to implement improvements for bicycle travel outside the purview of existing bikeway funding programs. For example, the County features a number of funding programs designed to improve pedestrian or motor vehicle safety. These programs also can enhance the safety of bicyclists. Examples include the County's Annual Sidewalk Program,

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the Sidewalk and Infrastructure Revitalization Program and the CBD Streetscape Improvements Program.

Note: Some bikeways may appear in multiple categories. A bikeway connection to a Metrorail Station that is located within a CBD, for example.

#### *Transit Connectors – Metrorail*

The following bikeways provide direct or near direct connections to Metrorail stations.

##### **Bethesda**

- Woodmont Avenue (BL-6), Elm Street (BL-7), Edgemoor Lane (SR-8), Norfolk Avenue (p/o SR-11), Bethesda Avenue (SR-9)

##### **Forest Glen**

- Forest Glen Road (SP-13, SR-22, SR-23), Georgia Avenue (SR-19), Georgia Avenue alternative (SR-20), Forest Glen-Silver Spring connector (SR-X)

##### **Friendship Heights**

- Western Avenue (SP-7), Willard Avenue (BL8, SR-12), Wisconsin Avenue path (SP-8), River Road (DB-2), other bikeways in the D.C. bicycle master plan that connect or lead to the Metro station.

##### **Glenmont**

- Georgia Avenue (SP-29), Layhill Road (BL-18), Randolph Road (SP-26), Glenallen Road (SP-24)

##### **Grosvenor**

- Tuckerman Lane (BL-23, SP-42), Beach Drive (SR-16), Grosvenor Lane (SR-36), Strathmore Avenue (SR-18), Strathmore Avenue – Grosvenor Metro connector (SP-X), Garrett Park – Grosvenor Metro connector (SR-X)

##### **Medical Center – NIH**

- Wisconsin Avenue (SP-X), West Cedar Lane (SP-4), Jones Bridge Road (SR-3), Fernwood Road/Greentree Road (BL-4), Cedar Lane/Summit Avenue (SR-X), Beach Drive (SR-16)

##### **Rockville**

- Norbeck Road (SP-52, SR-38), Falls Road (DB-X/SP-1), Gude Drive (SP-51), Darnestown Road – south (SP-59), multiple bikeways in the City of Rockville Bikeway Master Plan

##### **Shady Grove**

- Redland Road (BL-29), Needwood Road (DB-14), Shady Grove Road-East (BL-30), Shady Grove Road – West (DB-15), Crabbs Branch Way (SP-53), Frederick Road (SP-64), Corridor Cities Transitway bike path (SP-66), Bowie Mill Road (BL-20), Muncaster Mill Road (BL-X), numerous bikeways in the City of Rockville bikeway master plan that pass through or adjacent to the King Farm community

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**Silver Spring**

- Interim Capital Crescent Trail (SR-X), Georgetown Branch Trail (SP-6), Metropolitan Branch Trail (SP-12), Wayne Avenue Green Trail (SP-10), Sligo Creek Parkway (SR-14), Sligo Creek Trail-Silver Spring Metro connector (SR-15), Colesville Road/MD 384 connector to Silver Spring Metro Station (DB-6), East-West Highway (SP-9), Columbia Pike/US 29 – south (SR-31)

**Takoma Park (D.C.)**

- Metropolitan Branch Trail (SP-12), Carroll Avenue (BL-10), Piney Branch Road (SR-49), Sligo Creek Parkway (SR-14)

**Twinbrook**

- North Bethesda Trail (SP-41), Rockville Pike (SP-49), Twinbrook Parkway (BL-28), Nicholson Lane/Parklawn Drive (BL-27), Montrose Parkway (SP-50), Randolph Road (BL-15), Nebel Street extended (SP-47)

**Wheaton**

- Veirs Mill Road alternative (SR-21), Plyers Mill Road (SR-24), Georgia Avenue (SR-19), Georgia Avenue alternative (SR-20), University Boulevard (DB-5), Grandview Avenue (SR-X)

**White Flint**

- North Bethesda Trail (SP-41), Tilden Lane (BL24), East Jefferson Street (DB-X), Executive Boulevard (BL-25), Nicholson Lane (SR-37), Marinelli Road (SP-45), Nicholson Lane/Parklawn Drive (BL-27), Nebel Street-south (DB-13), Nebel Street-north (BL-26), Old Georgetown Road (SP-46), Montrose Parkway (SP-50), Randolph Road (BL-15)

*Transit Connectors – MARC*

The following bikeways provide direct or near direct connections to MARC stations.

**Silver Spring**

- Same as Metro Station

**Kensington**

- Strathmore Avenue (SR-18), Connecticut Avenue corridor (SR-17)

**Garrett Park**

- Strathmore Avenue (SR-18), Beach Drive (SR-16)

**Rockville**

- Same as Metro Station

**Washington Grove**

- City of Gaithersburg bike plan

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**Gaithersburg**

- City of Gaithersburg bike plan

**Metropolitan Grove**

- Corridor Cities Transitway bike path (SP-66), Long Draft Road (SP-60), Clopper Road (DB-17), Quince Orchard Road (SP-58), City of Gaithersburg bike plan

**Germantown**

- Germantown Road (SP-49, DB-X), Father Hurley Boulevard (SP-68), Middlebrook Road (SP-71), Observation Drive (SP-69)

**Boyd**

- Clarksburg Road (DB-18), Barnesville Road (SR-40), Clopper Road (DB-17)

**Barnesville**

- Beallsville Road (SR-47)

**Dickerson**

- Dickerson Road (SR-42)

*Transit Connectors – Corridor Cities Transitway*

Actual stops for this new transitway have yet to be determined, therefore this list comprises those bikeways that would intersect with the currently proposed route (south to north)

- Frederick Road (SP-64), Shady Grove Road-west (DB-15), Great Seneca Highway (SP-63), Muddy Branch Road (SP-62, DB-X), Quince Orchard Road (SP-58), Clopper Road (DB-17), Middlebrook Road (SP-71), Germantown Road (Sp-49, DB-X), Observation Drive (SP-69), Father Hurley Boulevard (SP-68), Old Baltimore Road/Newcut Road (SP-73, DB-X),

*Bikeways linking to municipalities, central business districts  
and town centers*

**District of Columbia**

- MacArthur Boulevard (DB-1), Massachusetts Avenue (BL-X), River Road (DB-2), Brookville Road (SR-4), Beach Drive (SR-16), Jones Mill Road (SR-28), Colesville Road (DB-6), Metropolitan Branch Trail (SP-12) Piney Branch Road (SR-49), Carroll Avenue (BL-10), New Hampshire Avenue (DB-X)

**City of Rockville**

- Darnestown Road (DB-16), Travilah Road (SP-57), Piney Meetinghouse Road (SP-56), Shady Grove Road-west (DB-15), Shady Grove Road-east (BL-30), Falls Road (SP-1), Gude Drive (SP-51), Darnestown Road – south (SP-59), Seven Locks Road (DB-3), multiple bikeways in the City of Rockville Bikeway Master Plan

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**City of Gaithersburg**

- Great Seneca Highway (SP-63), Longdraft Road (SP-60), Clopper Road (DB-17), Corridor Cities Transitway Bike Path (SP-66), Darnestown Road (DB-16), Quince Orchard Road (SP-58), Dufief Mill Road (BL-32), Riffleford Road (BL-34), Muddy Branch Road (SP-62, DB-X), Frederick Avenue (SP-72), MidCounty Highway (SP-70), Watkins Mill Road (SP-74), Goshen Road (DB-X), Shady Grove Road –east (BL-30), Shady Grove Road –west (DB-15)

**City of Takoma Park**

- Metropolitan Branch Trail (SP-12), Carroll Avenue (BL-10), Piney Branch Road (SR-49), New Hampshire Avenue (SP-11, DB-X), University Boulevard (DB-5)

**Town of Poolesville**

- Whites Ferry –Poolesville connector (SR-46), Whites Ferry Road (SR-45), Beallsville Road (SR-47)

**Town of Laytonsville**

- Olney-Laytonsville Road (SP-36), Laytonsville Road (SR-43), Sundown/Brink Road (SR-X)

**Town of Barnesville**

- Beallsville Road (SR-47), Barnesville Road (SR-40)

**Town of Kensington**

- Connecticut Avenue alternative (SR-17), Plyers Mill Road (SR-24), Strathmore Avenue (SR-18), Cedar Lane/Summit Avenue (SR-X)

**Bethesda CBD**

- Georgetown Branch Trail (SP-6), Bradley Boulevard (DB-4), Bradley Lane (SR-1), Wisconsin Avenue, Wilson Lane (BL-2, SR-2), Goldboro Road (BL-1), Jones Bridge Road (SR-3),

**Silver Spring CBD**

- Capital Crescent Trail - interim (SR-X), Georgetown Branch Trail (SP-6), Metropolitan Branch Trail (SP-12), MD 384 connector to Silver Spring Metro Station (DB-6), Sligo Creek Trail – Silver Spring Metro connector (SR-15), US 29/Columbia Pike – south (SR-31), East West Highway (SP-9), Forest Glen-Georgia Avenue alternate (SR-X), Wayne Avenue Green Trail (SP-10)

**Wheaton CBD**

- Plyers Mill Road (SR-24), Westfield Shopping Town connector (SR-25), Westfield Shopping Town Mall Ring Road (SR-26), Veirs Mill Road alternative (SR-21), Reddie Drive (SR-27), Amherst Avenue/Sligo Creek Trail connector (SP-77), University Boulevard (DB-5), Georgia Avenue (SR-19), Georgia Road alternative (SR-20)

**Germantown Town Center**

- Great Seneca Highway (SP-63), Corridor Cities Transitway Bike Path (SP-66), Germantown Road (SP-67), Father Hurley Boulevard/Ridge Road (SP-68), Middlebrook Road (SP-71)

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## Olney Town Center

- Olney-Laytonsville Road-Olney West (SP-34), Olney-Sandy Spring Road-Olney East (SP-35), Olney-Sandy Spring Road-Ashton (SP-37), Georgia Avenue – North (SP-39), Georgia Avenue-Upcounty (BL-22), Bowie Mill Road (BL-20), Hines Road – North Branch connector (SP-33), Hines Road (BL-19), Norwood Road (SP-38)

## Clarksburg Town Center

- Corridor Cities Transitway Bike Path (SP-66), Frederick Road – upcounty (SP-71), Clarksburg Road (DB-18), Old Baltimore Road-New Cut Road (SP-73, DB-X), MidCounty Highway (SP-70)

## Damascus Town Center

- Ridge Road (SR-39), Woodfield Road (DB-19), Damascus Road (SR-44), Kemptown Road (SR-48)

## *Bikeways connecting to other employment centers*

### US 29 Corridor

- ICC bike path (SP-40), Old Columbia Pike (BL-12), Columbia Pike (DB-9), MD 198 (SP-20, SP-21), Greencastle Road (SP-23), Robey Road (SP-22), Briggs Chaney Road (BL-14), Fairland Road (BL-13), East Randolph Road/Cherry Hill Road (SP-16), New Hampshire Avenue (DB-7), Lockwood Drive (DB-10), Columbia Pike-south (SR-31)

### North Bethesda/White Flint

- North Bethesda Trail (SP-41), Tilden Lane (BL-24), Executive Boulevard (BL-25), East Jefferson Street (DB-X), Marinelli Road (SP-45), Old Georgetown Road (SP-46), Nebel Street-south (DB-13), Nebel Street-north (BL-26), Nebel Street extended (SP-47), Nicholson Lane (SR-37), Nicholson Lane/Parklawn Drive (BL-27)

### Rock Spring Office Park

- Rock Springs connector (SP-48), Fernwood Road/Greentree Road (BL-4), Tuckerman Lane (SP-42, BL-23), Democracy Boulevard (SP-2), Grosvenor Lane (SR-36), Old Georgetown Road –Rock Spring connector (SP-X)

### Medical Center/NIH

- Same as Medical Center/NIH Metro Station

## *Bikeways connecting to major County park trails*

### Rock Creek Trail/Beach Drive

- Woodbine Street (SR-5), East West Highway (SP-9), Georgetown Branch Trail (SP-6), Jones Mill Road SR-28), Jones Bridge Road (SR-3), Kensington Parkway (SR-29), Rock Creek Trail – Forest Glen Metro Station connector (SP-14), Cedar Lane (DB –X), Cedar Lane/Summit Avenue (SR-X), Grosvenor Lane (SR-36), Tuckerman Lane (SP-42), Strathmore Avenue (SR-18), Randolph Road (BL-15), Montrose Parkway (SP-50), Veirs Mill Road (BL-16), Aspen Hill Road (SR-32) Baltimore Road (Rockville plan), Norbeck Road

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(SR-38), Southlawn Drive (Rockville plan), Needwood Road (DB-14), ICC bike path (SP-40), Muncaster Mill Road (SP-28), Hines Road-Rock Creek connector (SP-33), Bowie Mill Road (BL-20), Olney-Laytonsville Road (SP-36)

**Sligo Creek Trail**

- New Hampshire Avenue (SP-11, DB-X), Carroll Avenue (BL-10), Piney Branch Road (SR-49), Wayne Avenue Green Trail (SP-10), Franklin Avenue (SR-13), Sligo Creek Trail – Silver Spring Metro Station connector (SR-15), Columbia Pike-south (SR-31), Forest Glen Road (SP-13, SR-23), Plyers Mill Road – Sligo Creek Trail connector (SR-X), University Boulevard (DB-5), Amherst Avenue-Sligo Creek Trail connector (SP-77)

**Capital Crescent Trail/Georgetown Branch Trail**

- MacArthur Boulevard (DB-1), Massachusetts Avenue (BL-X) River Road (DB-2), Bradley Boulevard (DB-4), Jones Bridge Road (SR-3), Jones Mill Road (SR-28), NIH-Georgetown Branch Connector (SR-11), NIH-CCT connector alternative (SR-10), East-West Highway (SP-9), Metropolitan Branch Trail (SP-12)

**Matthew Henson Trail**

- Montrose Parkway (SP-50), Veirs Mill Road alternative (SR-21), Connecticut Avenue corridor (SR-17), Connecticut Avenue –Aspen Hill (SP-27), Georgia Avenue – North (SP-29), Layhill Road (BL-18), ICC bike path (SP-40)