



# Takoma Park Bikeways Open House

Monday, March 24 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center, Hydrangea Room - 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912

**Better bicycling** in Takoma Park is raised at public meetings for upcoming projects, in community comments to City Council, and in communications with City staff.

Residents and business owners say they value bicycle friendly streets, trails, and buildings, and want **improved bicycle routes** and bicycle parking. Concerns include **safety for all bicyclists** on City streets and state highways, a **connected network** of bike routes, clear identification of **shared roadways**, and improvements that are contextually sensitive to public spaces.

Inside this handout is information on bikeways in Takoma Park, and projects both planned and underway to address identified concerns. On the back there is information about **free upcoming bike events** in the City, and additional bike resources available on the City website and at the City library.

Please take a look around the room and **share your comments** on future bike parking at City buildings, the City's bike map, and other ideas you have that could promote and encourage friends, family, and neighbors to bike more in Takoma Park.

**Thank you for your time and suggestions!**

## Measuring Biking in Takoma Park

**Parking**

**40**

Bike racks on City streets and at City buildings.

**32**

Bike racks installed at Takoma Park schools in 2008.

**Bike Map**

**1000**

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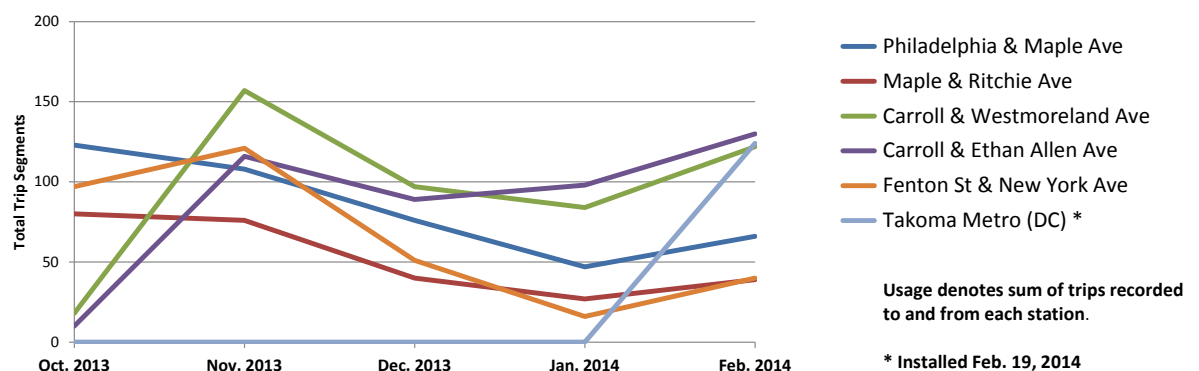
**900+**

downloads since May 2013.

**1600+**

Total trips to and from the four bikeshare stations in Takoma Park (Oct. 1 - Mar. 1).

Capital Bikeshare Usage in/around Takoma Park: Oct. 1, 2013 - March 1, 2014





# Takoma Park Bikeway Projects

City of Takoma Park Planning Division - 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912  
[planning@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:planning@takomaparkmd.gov) 301.891.7119 [www.takomaparkmd.gov/hcd](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/hcd)

The City makes small interventions in the Takoma Park bikeways network as projects occur, such as adding sharrows, signing routes, supporting the County's bikeshare program, and adding bike parking. Bikeway projects and bike programs in Takoma Park are interdepartmental efforts including Housing and Community Development (Safe Routes to School Program, Planning Division), Public Works, Police, and Recreation.

## City Bikeways

- 3.0 miles** Signed, on-street bike routes, with 0.5 miles marked with shared lane (a.k.a. "sharrow") pavement markings on Maple Avenue.
- 0.5 miles** 'Climbing lanes' on Carroll and Ethan Allen avenues.
- 2.5 miles** Sligo Creek Hiker/Biker trail runs through the City boundaries, maintained by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC).
- 0.3 miles** Metropolitan Branch Trail runs through City boundaries, maintained by the City.



New pavement markings are appearing on City streets to better communicate shared spaces for bikes to all road users, and to help direct cyclists at traffic circles along neighborhood routes.



**Bike Share**

Four Capital Bikeshare stations launched in Takoma Park in 2013, with a fifth expected to be installed in 2014. There are more stations in Silver Spring and a new station at the Takoma Metro in DC.



Community input contributed to the design of a new neighborhood bikeway sign design. New signs will be installed in 2014 along Poplar, Elm, and Grant avenues, linking trails with commercial districts in Takoma Park.

A new bike path connection was part of the Grant Avenue 'Berm', primarily a stormwater management project that also included pedestrian improvements.

A striped contra-flow lane will be installed on the two one-way legs of Grant Avenue, formalizing the bikeway between Carroll Avenue and Piney Branch Road.

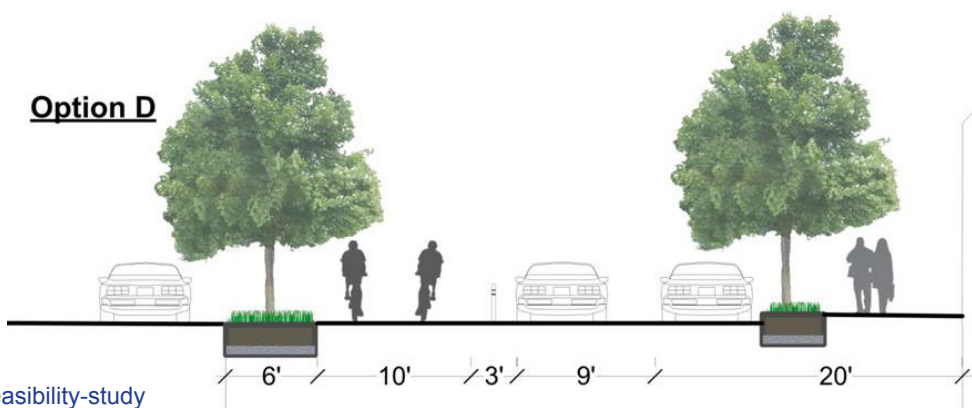
## Grant Ave Connection



## Biking the New Ave?

In 2013, a feasibility study explored four possible bikeway designs that could be incorporated into the future reconstruction of New Hampshire Avenue as a multiway boulevard. The study recommends 'Option D', a bi-directional separated bikeway on both sides of the boulevard.

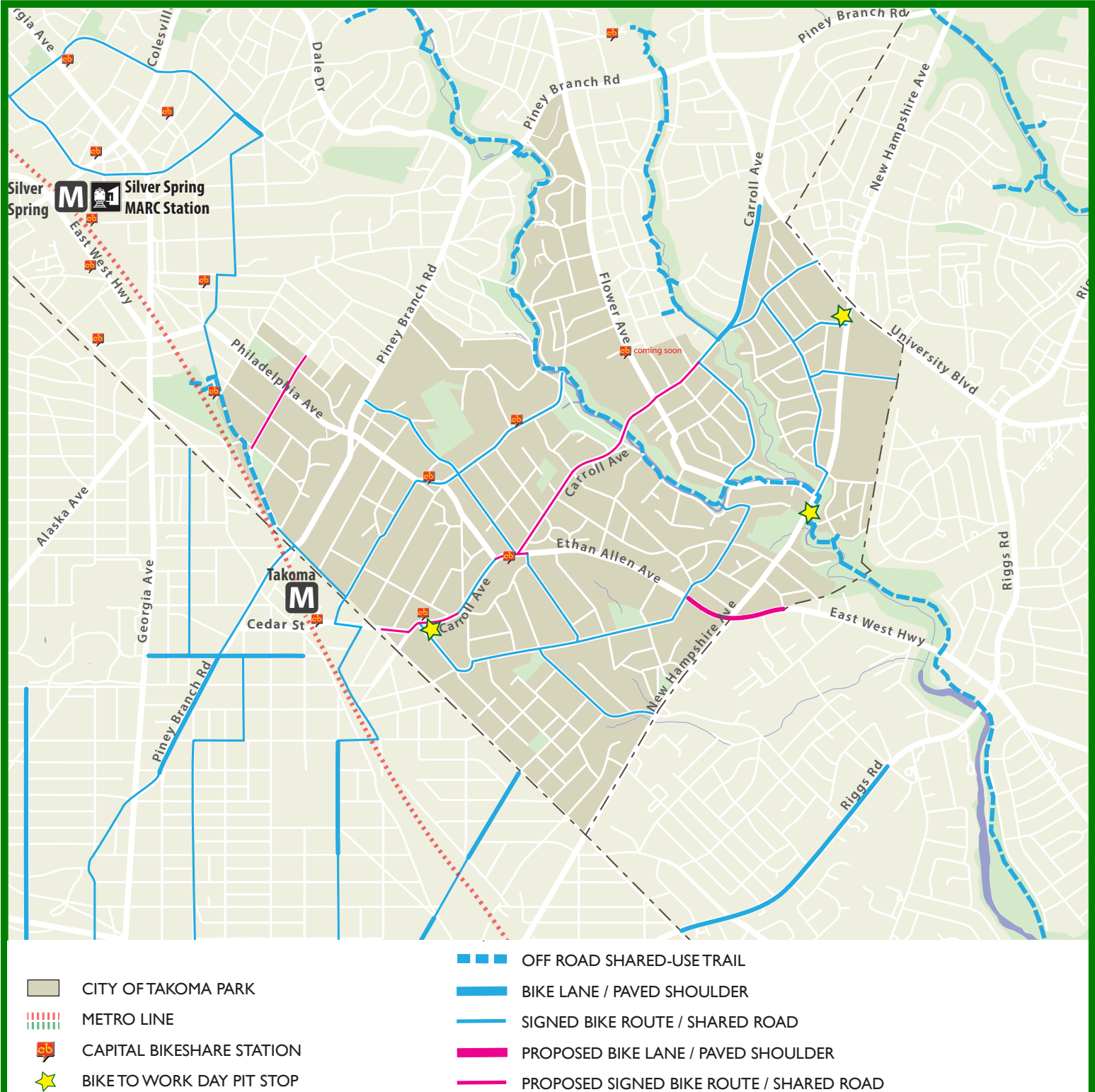
### Option D



View the options and study at:  
[www.theNewAve.com/development/projects/feasibility-study](http://www.theNewAve.com/development/projects/feasibility-study)



Project Name	Type	Status	Expected Completion	Funding Source / Agency
Capital Bikeshare	Bike share stations	4/5 stations installed in Takoma Park	2014	City, Montgomery County DOT
Takoma Park Bike Map Update	Bike map	Updating content and design	2014	City
Grant Avenue Berm	Trail connection	Completed 2013	2014	City, Safe Routes to School
	On-street contraflow bike lane	Follows resurfacing schedule	2014	City
Bike Routes Expansion (Phase I)	Maple Avenue sharrows	Replacing pavement markings	2014	MDOT
	Carroll Avenue climbing lane	Installing pavement markings	2014	MDOT
	Wayfinding signs	Sign design and plans complete	2014	MDOT
Bike Routes Expansion (Phase II)	Carroll Avenue sharrows	Planning and design	2014	MDOT
	Takoma Avenue sharrows	Planning and design	2014	MDOT
	Bike racks at public buildings	Planning and design	2014	MDOT, Safe Routes to School
Ethan Allen Gateway Streetscape	On-street bike lanes	50% plans complete	2016	City, FHWA, MDOT



# Get Involved!

## Bike to School Day – Wednesday May 7, 2014

This annual event held in early May attracted nearly 200 local students in 2013. Parent volunteers are needed to help greet students at Takoma Park Middle School. To get involved, contact Lucy Neher, Takoma Park Safe Routes to School Coordinator: [LucyN@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:LucyN@takomaparkmd.gov).

## “Ride for Your Life” Bike Workshop – Tuesday, May 13, 2014

Takoma Bicycle is partnering with the Recreation Department to host a biking workshop for bike riders and commuters, called “Ride for Your Life”. Learn about basic bike safety and bicycle maintenance (like how to fix a flat!), and supplies needed on rides. This free workshop is open to cyclists of all skill levels, ages 8 and up, at the Takoma Park Community Center, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Bringing your bicycle along is not required. Registration is required:

<https://apm.activecommunities.com/takomaparkrecreation>

## Bike to Work Day – Friday, May 16, 2014

Join over 15,000 commuters in the greater DC region for a celebration of bicycling as a clean, fun, and healthy way to get to work. Attend one of three pit stops in Takoma Park at the Gazebo in Old Takoma, on Sligo Creek Trail at New Hampshire Ave, and at the Takoma Langley Crossroads. All three locations were a big hit with local riders and the event grows every year. Registration is free and participants receive a free T-shirt, refreshments, and are entered into a raffle for a free bicycle! Register today at: <http://biketoworkmetrodc.com>



## Learn More:

The City provided comments on the Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan 2013 update, which addresses state roadway standards and funding opportunities. Takoma Park submitted a Bicycle Friendly Community application in 2013 to the League of American Bicyclists. The City was designated an ‘honorable mention’, and provided a Feedback Report from the League, recommending steps to become more bike friendly. See: [www.takomaparkmd.gov/hcd/transportation-planning](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/hcd/transportation-planning)

The Takoma Park Maryland Library has several popular bicycling titles, and *Bicycling* magazine is available online, with three years of back issues in print. See: [www.takomapark.info/library](http://www.takomapark.info/library)

