

## TECHNICAL STAFF REPORT

To: City of Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board  
From: Molly Porter, Community Planner I  
Subject: Bicycle Facilities Alternatives on Hanover Parkway  
Date: August 13, 2019

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### **I. Background Information**

In May 2017, City Council directed Staff to proceed with an application for the Bikeways Grant Program in order to undertake a comprehensive feasibility study and produce concept design plans for bicycle facilities on Hanover Parkway. In November 2017, the City was awarded \$50,000 through the Bikeways program administered by the Maryland Department of Transportation to complete this project. The match for this grant is \$15,000 in matching funds and \$5,000 of in-kind contribution.

The feasibility study portion of the project addresses the entire 1.9 mile Hanover Parkway corridor. The feasibility study is needed to evaluate whether on-road and/or off-road bicycle facilities will best serve the project goals.

The concept design plans address the .8 mile priority area between the Spellman Overpass and just south of Greenbrook Drive. This priority area is a missing trail link, as identified in the Maryland Department of Transportation's statewide trail network vision document, "Maryland Trails: A Greener Way to Go". Gaining access to the Spellman Overpass is crucial for Greenbelt East residents to access Historic Greenbelt and a cross-city bicycle route which ultimately connects to the wider Anacostia regional trail network.

In February 2019, the City contracted with Sabra & Associates of Columbia, Maryland to complete a feasibility study and create 30% concept design plans. Since that time Sabra & Associates, in coordination with the City, has been working to complete the feasibility study and has drafted two (2) alternatives for bicycle facilities on Hanover Parkway. These alternatives, one on-road and one off-road, will be presented to the Advisory Planning Board on August 21, 2019.