The Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA) and Montgomery Bicycle Advocates (MoBike) propose several improvements to streets and trails in **Bethesda, Silver Spring, Takoma Park** and **Friendship Heights** that will help BikeShare fulfill its tremendous promise in Montgomery County.   In order to attract BikeShare users and encourage people to use their bikes for transportation, it's crucial to provide facilities that make people feel comfortable and safe on a bike. Therefore we've identified a series of street improvements including bike lanes, intersection changes, road diets (space reallocation), and sharrows (shared lane markings) to create multi-modal streets. Bike lanes may be positioned next to traffic (traditional bike lanes) or separated from traffic (buffered bike lanes or cycle tracks). Sharrows are a way to make existing travel lanes more hospitable to bikes, and are often accompanied by "Bikes May Use Full Lane" signs. In addition to on-road improvements, we've identified key trails that need to be completed, such as the Metropolitan Branch Trail and Bethesda Trolley Trail. These trails have been left incomplete for too long.

Trail Priorities

- **Metropolitan Branch Trail** – Complete the Silver Spring segment of the trail.

- **Bethesda Trolley Trail** – Upgrade the substandard southern section. This requires the following:

  - Set the trail back a safe distance from Old Georgetown Road between Charles St. and Lincoln Dr.

  - Widen the trail along the NIH border and through Battery Lane Urban Park.

- **Silver Spring Green Trail** – Finish this urban trail east to Sligo Creek Parkway. Also extend it west along Second Avenue to Spring Street, reconfiguring the Second Ave/Fenwick Lane intersection to connect to a trail segment being built by a developer.

Bethesda

- Make **Woodmont Avenue** a two way street for bicyclists south of Old Georgetown Road by providing a "contraflow" northbound bike lane from Hampden Lane to Old Georgetown (optionally with a northbound car lane) or a cycle track on the east side Reconfigure the Woodmont/Elm Street intersection and the bike lanes south of Elm Street.

- Add bike lanes on **Woodmont Avenue** from Old Georgetown Road to Battery Lane. This may require removing on-street parking on one side of the street.

- Implement a "road diet" on **Arlington Road** north of Bradley Boulevard, reducing the number of travel lanes from four to three (including a two-way left turn lane) to provide space for bike lanes.

- Make the short one-way section of **Glenbrook Road/Little Falls Parkway** (just south of Bradley Blvd.) a two-way street for bikes.

- Provide sharrows in the right-hand lane on **Old Georgetown Road** from Wisconsin Avenue to at least Battery Lane.

- Provide bike lanes and a shared use path on **Bradley Boulevard** west of Goldsboro Road. This is currently in facility planning.

- Provide sharrows on **Bradley Boulevard** from Goldsboro Road to Wisconsin Ave.

- Consider **other sharrows** – Norfolk Avenue, Cordell Avenue, portions of Bethesda Avenue and Elm Street

Friendship Heights

- Place bike lanes on **Friendship Boulevard** between North Park Avenue and Western Avenue.

- Place bike lanes on **Western Avenue** between Connecticut Avenue and River Road.

- Place bike lanes on **Willard Avenue** between Wisconsin Avenue and River Road where they fit.

- Improve connectivity from **Dorset Avenue** to Friendship Boulevard/North Park Avenue (upgrade dirt path for example)

Silver Spring/Takoma Park

- Place bike lanes or sharrows on **Second Avenue** from Seminary Road to Colesville Road.

- Place bike lanes on **Cameron Street** from Second Avenue to Spring Street

- Place bike lanes on **Spring Street/Cedar Street** from 16th Street to Wayne Avenue.

- Place a "contraflow" bike lane on the one-way section of Ellsworth Drive (just south of Springvale Road)

- Place bike lanes on **Georgia Avenue** from Spring Street to 13th Street.

- Place bike lanes on the east (northbound) side of **Colesville Road** from East-West Highway north to Georgia Ave.

- Place bike lanes on **East-West Highway** from Georgia Avenue to 16th Street.

- Place bike lanes on **Fenton Street** from Cameron Street to Takoma Avenue.

- Place bike lanes on **Takoma Avenue** and **Eastern Avenue** from Fenton Street to Cedar Avenue.

- Place bike lanes on **Maple Avenue** from Carroll Ave. (D.C. line) to Sligo Creek Parkway.

- Place bike lanes on **Holly Avenue** from Eastern Avenue to Grant Avenue.

- Place bike lanes on **Grant Avenue** from Piney Branch Road to Ethan Allen Avenue.

- Place bike lanes on **Greenwood Avenue** from Carroll Avenue to Piney Branch Road.

- Improve the **Capital Crescent Trail connection** into Silver Spring:

  - Provide two-way cycle track on the south side of **Stewart Avenue** from Brookville Road to the path connector to Kansas Ave.

  - Provide sharrows on **Kansas, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Talbot avenues** to provide improve wayfinding. Continue sharrows on **Grace Church Road** to Second Avenue.