

# Long Branch and Piney Branch Purple Line Stations Community-Led Walk: Virtual Work Session

National Center for Smart Growth, UMD College Park  
Purple Line Corridor Coalition  
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# Thank you for your assistance and feedback!



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## Sources:

### State:

MDOT/SHA: FY 23/24 CTP (Joe Moges)

MDOT/MTA/PLTP: Engineering drawings (John Farley)

### County:

MNCPPC Purple Line Pedestrian Connectivity (Dave Anspacher)

MCDOT 2021 BiPPA Report & Online Map (Maricela Cordova)

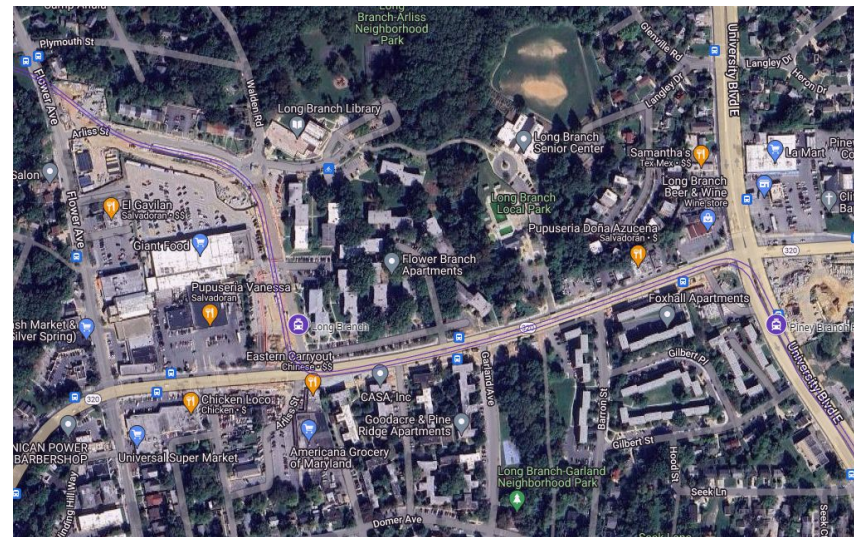
MCDOT FY24 CIP & Vision Zero (Dan Sheridan)

Various County Plans (Montgomery Planning)



# Agenda

1. Purpose of PLCC Community Led-Walk in the Long Branch Stations
2. Current conditions and proposed improvements
3. Potential issues and gaps
4. Discussion
5. Wrap-up and next steps





# Purpose of this Technical Session

**Help us frame the community-led walk** to achieve its stated purpose:

1. **for policy makers and technical staff** of public agencies **to be informed** by the affected constituencies
2. for area residents, visitors, workers, shoppers and businesses to **benefit from the technical expertise and political dynamics so they can better affect change.**

The community-led walk will also provide a unique opportunity to **affirm the progress being made, explain the work under construction, and share what is already committed to be built.**

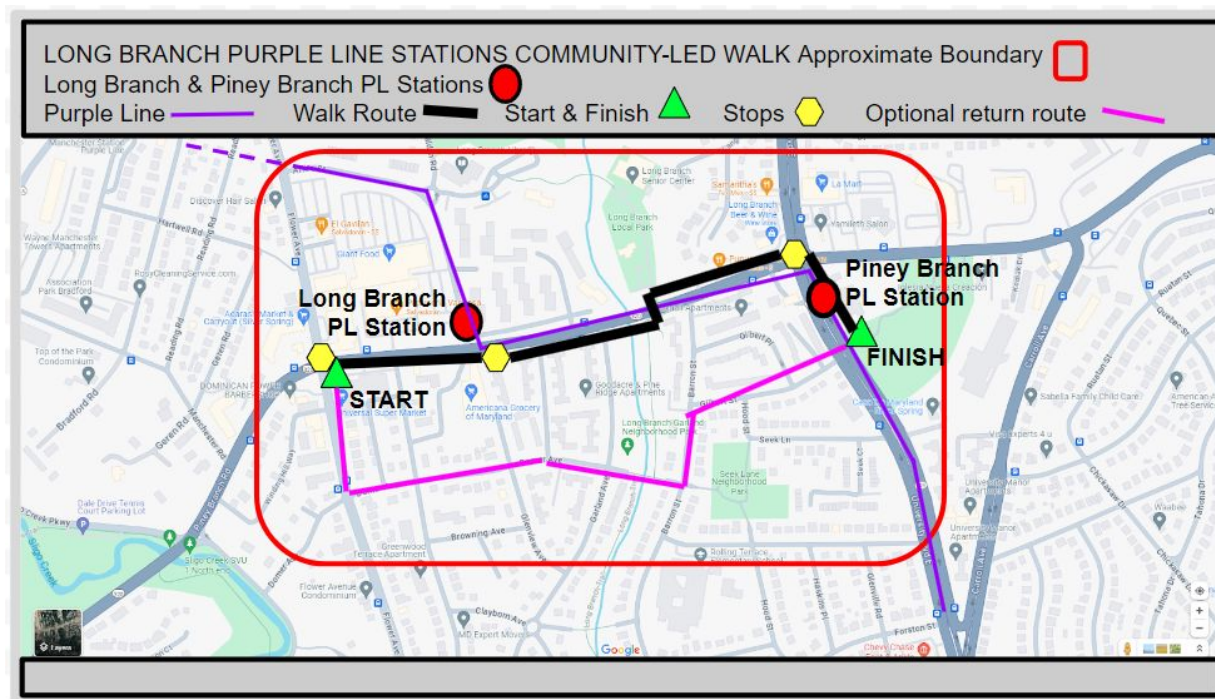
We are confident that participants of the walks will come away with increased understanding of **how the Purple Line will be the vibrant, efficient, and welcoming community building infrastructure project it is designed to be.**



# Community-Led Walk - Route Map

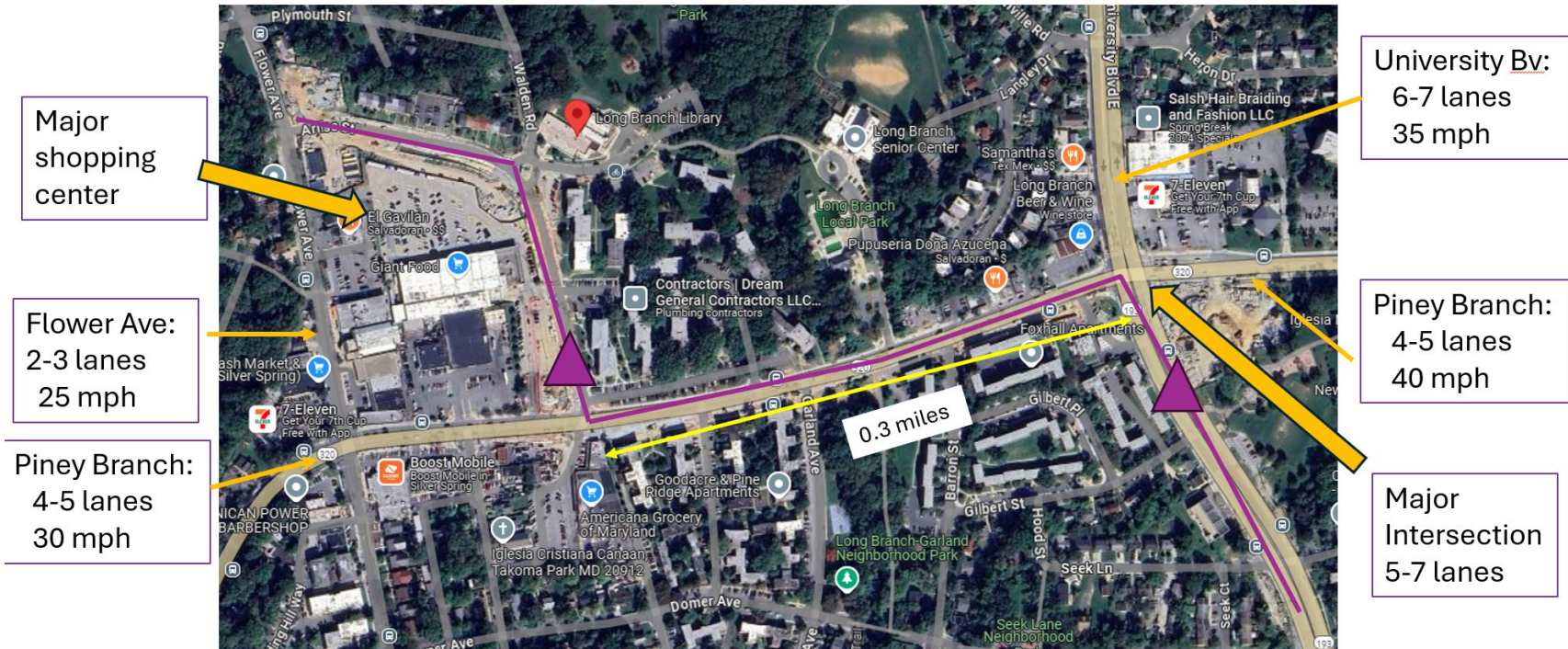
## AGENDA FOR WALK

- [1] Introductions at northeast intersection of Flower Ave & Piney Branch Road (Casa Furniture)
- [2] Walk to Long Branch Station
- [3] Conversation at Long Branch Station (exact location TBD)
- [4] Walk to Piney Branch Station down Piney Branch Road, with 'informal' conversations in small 'mixed' groups (\*community participants in each group)
- [5] Conversation at intersection of University / Piney Branch Rd (exact location TBD)
- [6] Debrief at Park by Piney Branch Station
- [7] Walk back to starting point via neighborhood (or go back Piney Branch 'in reverse?')





# Current Conditions for the area covered by the Community-Led Walk



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- Signalized intersections ●
- Crosswalks L
  - Incomplete (not 4 way)
  - Missing or poor condition on many minor street intersections
  - Crossing lengthened by large radius corners
  - No accompanying traffic control on major street
- Curb Cuts ==
  - Busy vehicle traffic
  - Driveway slopes
- Blocked Access - - -
- Sidewalks: (subjective)
  - Acceptable —
  - Possibly deficient —
    - Narrow, poor condition
    - No buffer
    - Driveways, obstructions





# Proposed Improvements for the area covered by the Community-Led Walk



## Long Branch/Piney Branch: Proposed Improvements

### State (MDOT/SHA/PLTP):

- New sidewalks along Flower (east side, Arliss to Plymouth), Arliss (both sides), Piney Branch from Flower to Carroll (both sides), University from Piney Branch south (both sides) —————

### Montgomery County DOT (BiPPA)

- New signals at Seek Ln & University, Garland & Piney Branch (+ consolidation with Flower Branch apartments); potential HAWK signal at Flower & Plymouth ●
- Sidewalk construction ———
- Shared Use paths on Piney Branch and East Wayne - - - - -
- Separated bike lane on Flower from Piney Branch to Arliss - - - - -
- New crosswalks at University and Seek Ln, across Gilbert St





# Other BiPPA System Improvements: Long Branch

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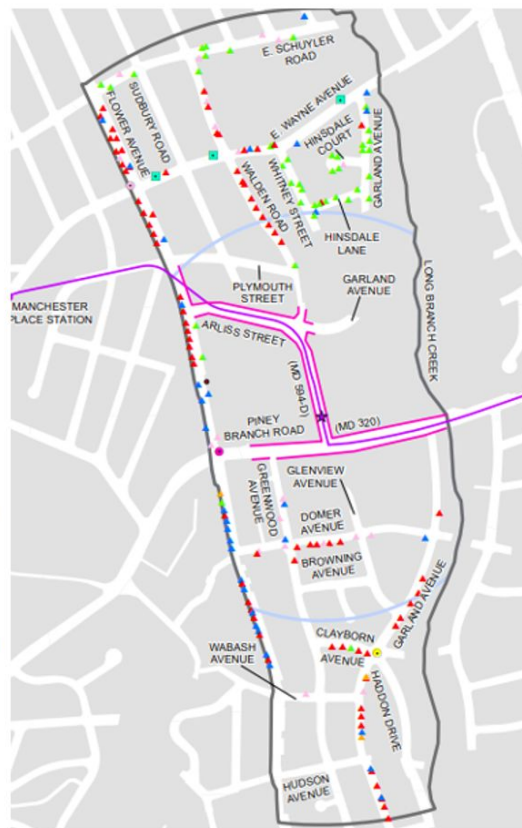
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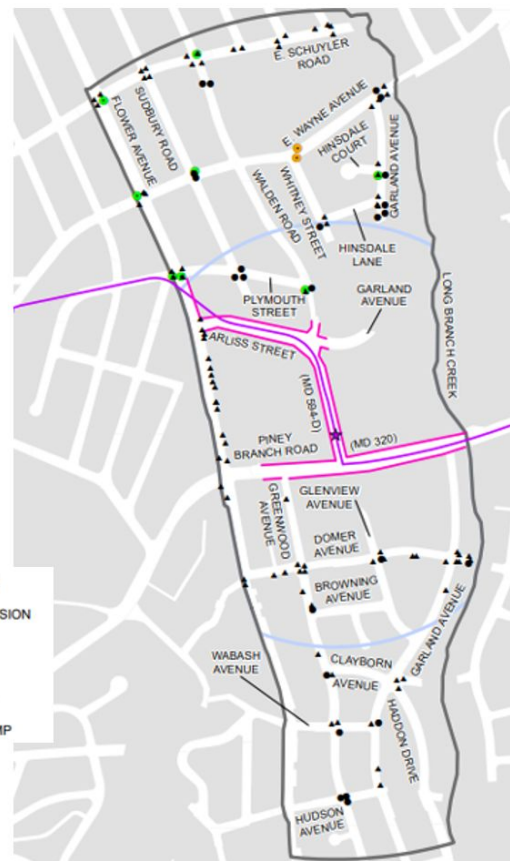


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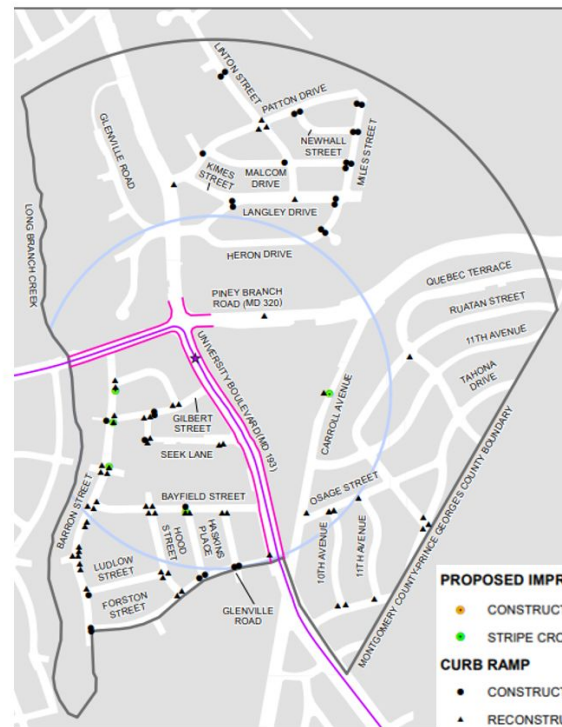
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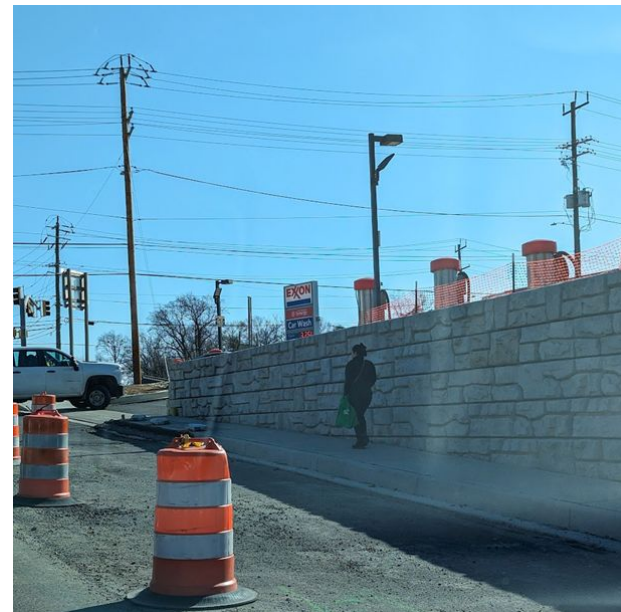
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# Potential Issues and Needs

1. Whether the sidewalks being installed by the state will be buffered from curbside traffic
2. Speed limits and enforcement on the main roadways
3. How commercial curb cuts and traffic will be handled
4. Signalization policies along Piney Branch and University
  - (sequencing, pedestrian crossing cycles, right turn on red, 4-way crosswalks)
5. Manageability of the University/Piney Branch intersection
6. Sidewalk treatments along Piney Branch and University not linked to the Purple Line
  - (width, buffering)
7. Question of signalized crossings at/near:
  - Flower and Arliss, Piney Branch and Manchester Place, University and Langley
8. Large radius corners on secondary street entrances on University and Piney Branch
9. What will the shared use and bike lane facilities look like when integrated
10. Any plans to change the auto-oriented nature of the Long Branch shopping center



Looking east along Piney Branch Road toward 193, and future Piney Branch Station, March 2024. Finished sidewalk conditions for Purple Line Opening Day (?).



# Where, how, and when can the community provide input to affect change in remaining decision points?



Potential issues/needs	Agency/agencies involved	Potential for input
Sidewalk buffers (PL ROW)	JM: bike lanes on 193 will buffer sidewalks; CC: lack of ROW	
Speed limits/enforcement on major roads	JM: work zone speed limit will be permanent (30mph)	
Driveways and curb cuts	JM: private property issue, case by case	MC Planning/Lily: community input possible during site plan review process
Signalization policies along Piney Branch and University	JM: new signals barron, garland	
Manageability of the University/Piney Branch intersection		
Sidewalk treatments along 320 and 193 outside PL ROW	MCDOT: Piney Branch BIPPA; JM: MD650 SHA Project; BRT on 650	
Lack of signalized crossings at/near Flower and Arliss, Piney Branch and Manchester Place, University and Langley	JM: SHA aware and monitoring; CC: bike lanes will improve Flower near Arliss	
Large radius corners around Piney Branch station		
Large radius corners on secondary street entrances on University and Piney Branch		
What will the shared use and bike lane facilities look like when integrated	comment from JN: ? from community on integration of PL/MCDOT bike facilities.	
Future of auto-oriented nature of the Long Branch shopping center		MC Planning/Lily: community input possible during site plan review process
Other?	hatched stripe 2' wide painted bike lanes 193	

## Wrap-up

- Thank you again!
- Any final comments or questions?
- Can you (or your designee) join us on the walk?
  - Saturday, May 18th, 10AM-12PM