Kick-Off Meeting North Avenue Rising

Impact	Bluford/KASA	Rita Church	Parkview
Hub	at Walbrook	Comm Ctr.	Rec. Ctr.
Nov. 14	Nov. 14	Nov. 15	Nov. 16







Kick-Off Meeting Overview

- Project Presentation
 - Project background, project team, and project description
- Visit Workstations
 - Existing Conditions
 - Project Elements
 - Schedule

Comment Forms/ Opinion Survey

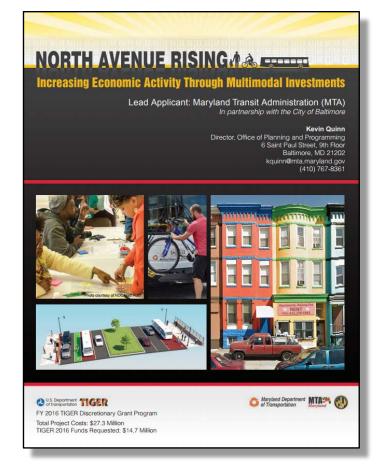






TIGER Application

- Initial concept to focus BaltimoreLinkstyle infrastructure investments along the North Avenue corridor
- Worked to create a mix of investments that fit within the budget ranges of successful TIGER applications
- Builds upon previous planning efforts, prior City and MTA investments in the corridor, community vision plans, and development along North Avenue









Letters of Support

Government Agencies

- Baltimore Regional Transportation Board
- MD Dept. of Housing & Comm. Development
- MD Dept. of Planning
- Baltimore City Health Dept.

Elected Officials

- US Senator Barbara A. Mikulski
- US Senator Benjamin L. Cardin
- Rep. Elijah E. Cummings, 7th Dist.
- Rep. C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger, 2nd Dist.
- Rep. John P. Sarbanes, 3rd Dist.
- MD Sen. Shirley Nathan-Pulliam, Dist. 44
- MD Del. Dana Stein, Dist. 11
- MD Del. Mary L. Washington, Dist. 43
- MD Del. Maggie McIntosh, Dist. 43
- MD Del. Cory McCray, Dist. 45

Community Organizations

- The Barclay, Midway, Old Goucher Coalition
- Central Baltimore Partnership
- Charles Street Development Corp.
- Coldstream Homestead Montebello C. C.
- Coppin Heights CDC
- Darley Park Community Association
- Druid Heights CDC
- East North Avenue CDC
- Greater Greenmount Comm. Assoc.
- Greater Mondawmin Coordinating Council
- The Historic Marble Hill Comm. Assoc.
- Innovation Village Baltimore
- Madison Park Improvement Assoc.
- Mount Royal CDC
- The New Broadway East Comm. Assoc.
- The New South Clifton Park Comm. Assoc.
- Penn-North Community Association
- Station North Arts and Entertainment Dist.
- Upton Planning Committee, Inc

Private Developers

- Jubilee Baltimore, Inc
- Schwaber Holdings
- Seawall Development Company
- Telesis Corporation

Anchor Institutions

- Coppin State University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Maryland Institute College of Art

Advocacy Groups

- Central MD Transportation Alliance
- Transit Choices

Other

- Abell Foundation
- Baltimore Neigh. Indicators Alliance
- CivicWorks
- Greater Baltimore Committee
- MD Film Festival
- The National Center for Smart Growth
- The National Great Blacks in Wax Museum
- The Neighborhood Design Center







Project Background

- Learned about TIGER NOFA in February 2016
- Application submitted in April 2016
- Notification of award & event at Coppin State in August 2016
- Spent one year working with FTA to get the Grant Agreement executed
- Brought on consultant team in September 2017 to restart process and prepare for public meetings
- Announcement in October 2017 and Kick-Off Meetings in November 2017 and Public Workshops in February 2018







Project Team

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- Project Partners
 - State & Local Gov't Agencies
 - Community Groups/ Neighborhood Associations
 - Elected Officials
 - Non-Profits
 - Anchor Institutions
 - Private Developers
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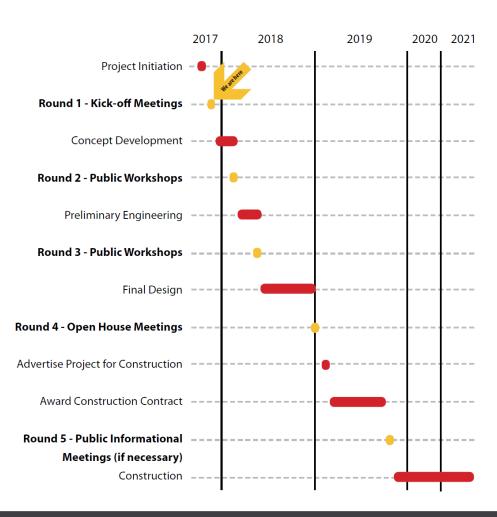






Project Schedule

- Completion of concept design by Spring 2018, 65% plans by Fall 2018, and final design by the end of calendar year 2018.
- Construction to begin in Fall 2019.
- Construction completion is anticipated by the end of the 2021 calendar year.







Project Goal

- The goal of North Avenue Rising is to support economic revitalization along North Avenue through increased mobility and to broaden access for residents to economic opportunity throughout Baltimore.
- Targeted investments knitting together the corridor
- Builds upon existing community plans and projects
- Coordinating with community and economic development efforts







Project Location



From Hilton Street to Milton Avenue









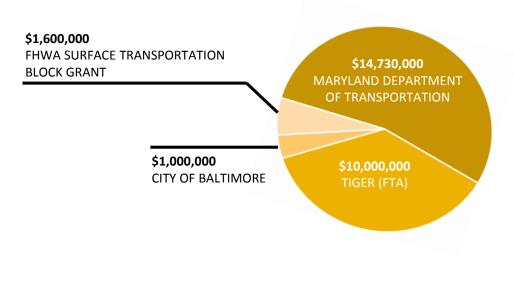






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Project Budget by Funding Source



Project Budget by Element

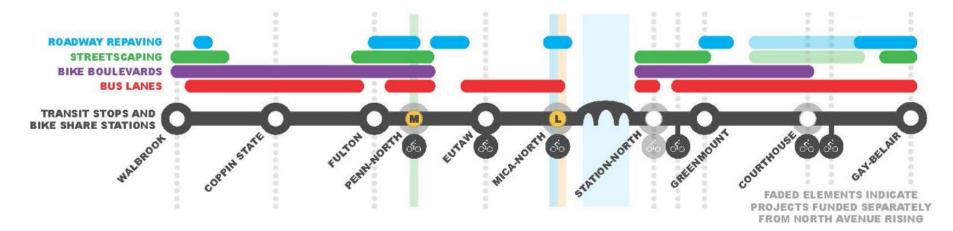
Project Element	Cost (\$)
Streetscaping	\$8,473,000
Penn-North Station Improvements	\$4,915,000
Dedicated Lanes	\$3,739,000
Roadway Repaving	\$3,470,000
Enhanced Bus Stops	\$2,500,000
Penn-North Intersection Reconstruction	\$2,000,000
Transit Signal Priority	\$1,555,000
Bike Share Docks	\$252,000
Bike Boulevards and Lanes	\$426,000
TOTAL	\$27,330,000







Scope of North Avenue Rising



- ✓ Dedicated Bus Lanes
- Roadway Repaving
- ✓ Transit Signal Priority
- ✓ Enhanced Bus Stops
- ✓ Streetscaping
- Bike Share Docks
- Metro Station Improvements
- ✓ Intersection Reconstruction
- ✓ Bike Boulevards

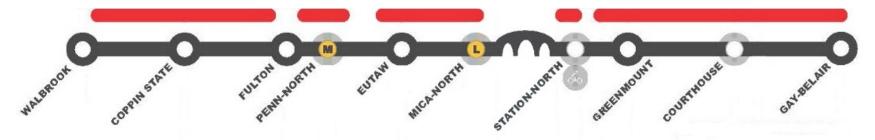




Dedicated Lanes

- 7+ total lane miles of dedicated bus/bike lanes on North Avenue
- New bus/bike lanes will have red-tinted asphalt









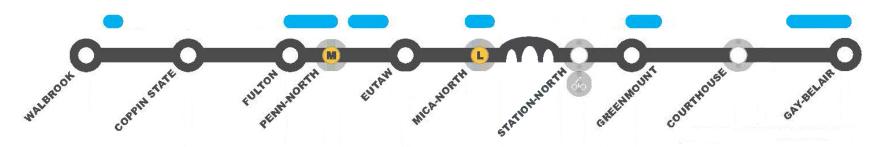
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Roadway Repaving

- Resurfacing ¾ mile of roadway in mediocre condition
- Reconstruction of ½ mile of roadway in poor condition







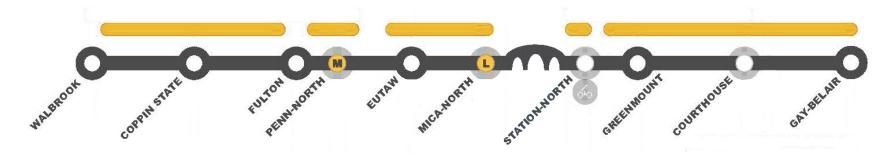




Transit Signal Priority (TSP)

- Upgrade to new traffic controllers at all signalized intersections
- Install signal priority hardware equipment at key signalized intersections
- Can extend green lights for buses







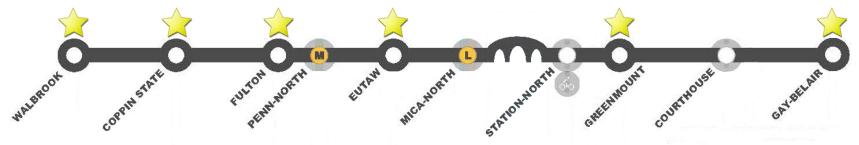




Enhanced Bus Stops

- 6 enhanced stops in addition to 4 BaltimoreLink facilities at key transfer points
- Shelters, signage, benches, and trash cans
- Potential for landscaping and real-time information









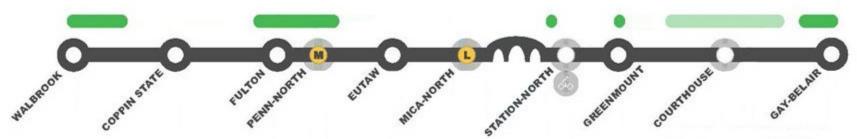
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Streetscaping

- ADA-compliant curb ramps, sidewalk repairs, pedestrian lighting, accessible pedestrian signals, landscaping
- Segments identified via community planning efforts









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Bike Facilities

- Shared Bus/Bike Lanes on North Ave
- Parallel bike boulevards along lowerspeed 20th and Baker Streets that include traffic calming features
- Baltimore Bike Share docks at six locations on North Ave







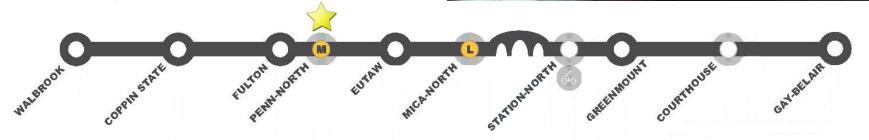




Penn-North Station Improvements

- Elevator and escalator rehabilitation
- Station LED lighting conversion
- Removal of metal bars around station windows









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Penn-North Intersection

- Enhanced sidewalks, pedestrian bump-outs, ADA-compliant curb ramps, traffic signal reconstruction, LED pedestrian lighting, signage
- Design integrated with corridor investments







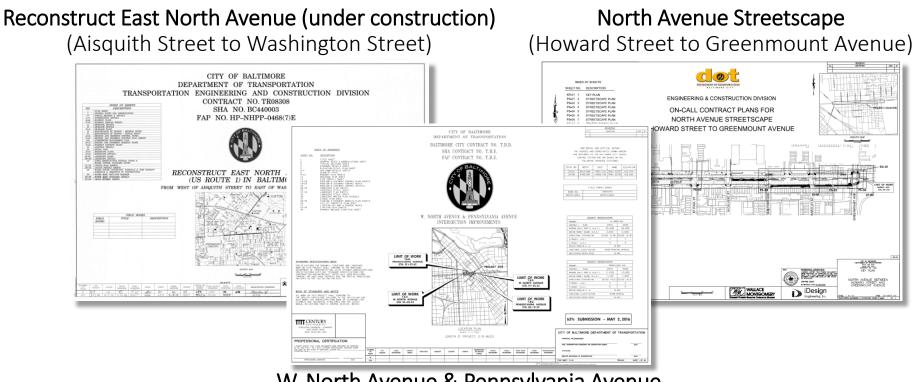


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City Projects In the Corridor



W. North Avenue & Pennsylvania Avenue Intersection Improvements







Economic Development in the Corridor









Website – NorthAvenueRising.com

- Information about upcoming events
- Materials from the Kick-Off meetings
- Grant application funded by USDOT
- Link to the survey









Survey

Designed to get input about:

- How do people travel and experience the corridor?
- What are issues that can inform beginning of the design?
- Who we are reaching through the public involvement?
- Will be follow-up surveys in the next round asking for more details

NORTH AVENUE RISING

Over the years community members from across North Avenue have been getting together to imagine what a better street could look like. Thanks to their efforts, Baltimore City and the State of Maryland recently won funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation to make a few key improvements along North Avenue.

Please complete this 5 minute survey so we can better understand how you use North Avenue as well as your ideas for how to make it better! Surveys will remain confidential, but a summary of results will be public. If you want to be notified of our next public meetings, please provide us with your preferred form of contact.

For more information about the project, visit northavenuerising.com or contact info@northavenuerising.com.

1. What's your connection to North Avenue? (Check all that apply)

- □ I live within 2-3 blocks of North Avenue
- $\hfill\square$ I am on North Avenue regularly (for school, work, family, etc.)
- □ I come to North Avenue less often but cross it regularly

2. Which of these places on North Avenue are closest to where you spend time? (Check all that apply)

- U Walbrook Library / Hilton Avenue & Bloomingdale Road
- Coppin State / Warwick Avenue
- Penn-North Metro / Pennsylvania Avenue
 North Avenue Light Pail / Mt. Paval Avenue
- North Ave. Light Rail / Mt. Royal Avenue
 McDonald's / Station North / Charles Street
- McDonald's / Station North / Charles Str
 Rite Aid / Greenmount Avenue
- Courthouse / Harford Road
- Great Blacks in Wax / Broadway
- BP Gas Station / Gay Street & Belair Road

3. Please tell us which way(s) you usually travel along North Avenue? (Check all that apply)

- □ Walking
- □ In a car or truck
- On bus
 On bicycle



Next Steps

- Engagement and feedback
- Stakeholder Coordination
- Concept Development Dec. 2017 / Jan. 2018
- Public Workshops in early February 2018 to present design concepts
- Preliminary engineering beginning March 2018







Thank you

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