# King Street-Bradlee Safety & Mobility Enhancements

February 15, 2024 Open House

City of Alexandria

Department of Transportation & Environmental Services



# AGENDA



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**Project Goals** 

**Project Timeline** 

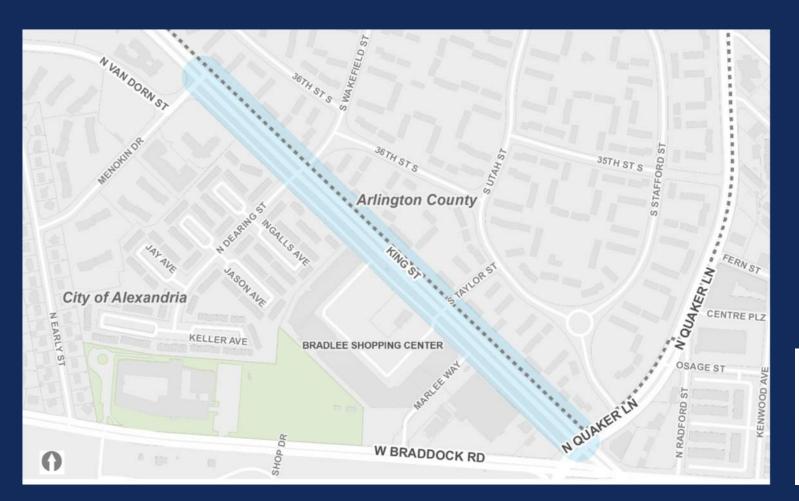
**Engagement Summary** 

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**Toolbox of Treatments** 

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# **Project Location**



# **Project Goals**

Improve mobility, safety, and access for all roadway users of all ages, abilities and modes of travel.

Install safer pedestrian access and bicycle facilities to connect to surrounding network.

Maintain or enhance existing transit facilities.

Improve existing stormwater treatment.











#### **Project Initiation**

- Data Gathering
- Staff Analysis

## **Issue Identification**

- Phase 1 community engagement
- Design Team Hired
- Data Analysis

## **Concept Development**

- Initial Concept
   Development
- Phase 2 community engagement
- Data Analysis

## **Concept Refinement**

- Continued Analysis
- Phase 3 community engagement
- Concept Selection

Summer 2023 Fall 2023 Winter 2024 Spring 2024

## Phase 1 Engagement

**Feedback Form** 

Over 800 responses.

**Online Information** 

Social Media posts, eNews updates, and website.

**Community Engagement** 

**Bradlee Center** 

Over 200 interactions at pop-up events.

**Community Event** 

Fairlington Presbyterian's

**Stakeholder Outreach** 

One-on-One phone calls with key stakeholders.

**Bus Stop Chats** 

Discussions at various bus stops.

## Who Participated?

800+

The feedback form saw over 800 responses.

How do respondents visit the study area?



Of the feedback 78% form respondents visit multiple visit multiple times a week.

**Visiting Shops.** 

Commuting from home/school/work. **Passing Through.** 

## What We Heard: Notable Topics

Differing opinions on the access road were expressed, with some residents opposing its removal while others suggesting its elimination.

Congestion at the Bradlee Shopping Center.

Panhandling, loitering, and the unhoused.

Pedestrian behavior; people not crossing at crosswalks.

Safety and behavior of students at the Bradlee Shopping Center.

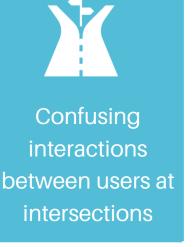
Some comments about **King Street**; that it works great to get cars through the area quickly, while other respondents felt vehicles moved too fast and the road is difficult to cross.

## **Common Experiences**

Across all respondents, the most common safety challenges in the study area included:











# **Existing Conditions**





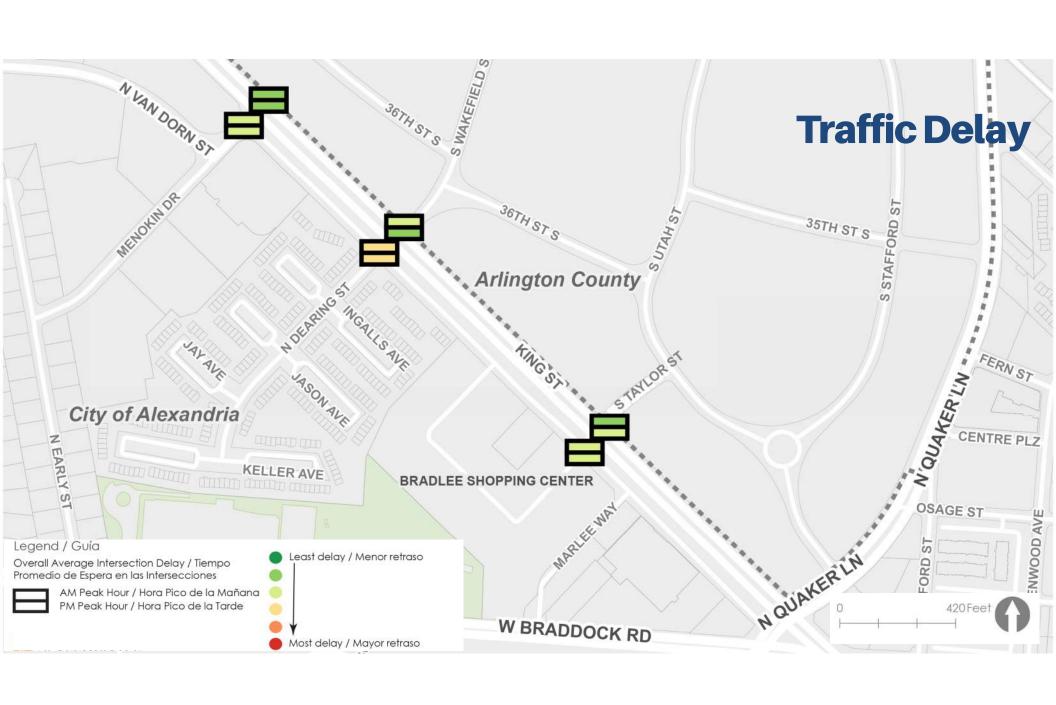


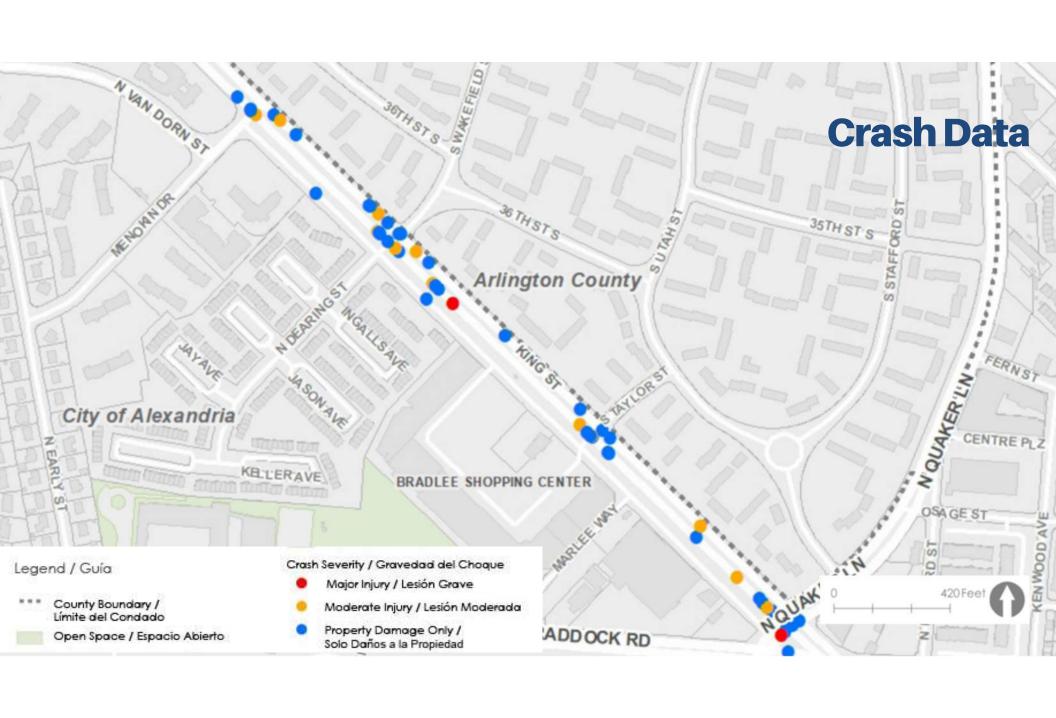


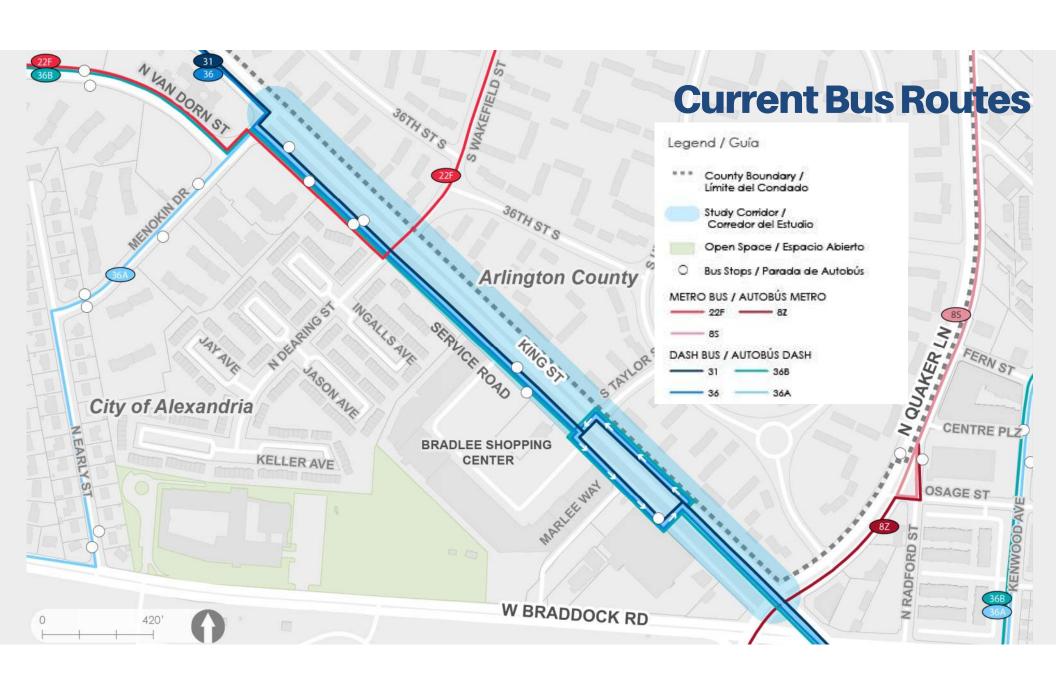






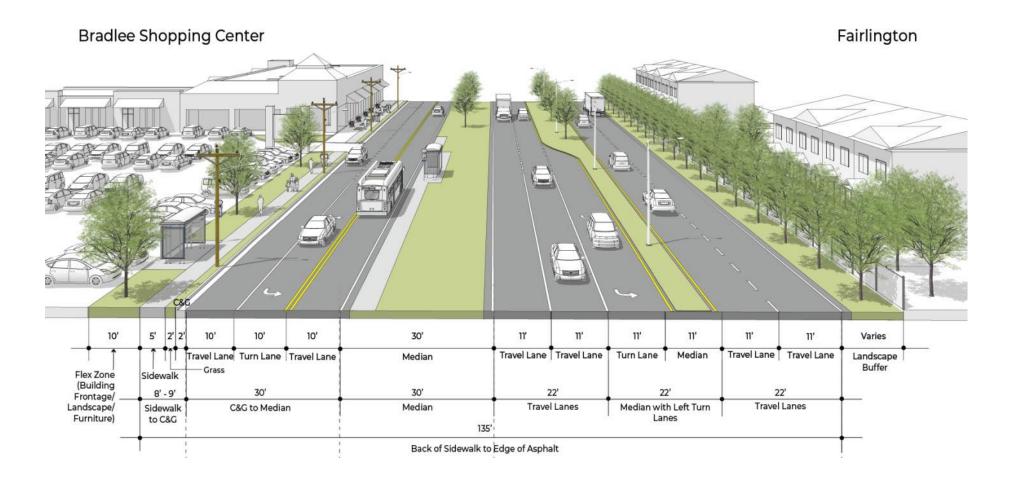








## **Existing Typical Cross-Section**

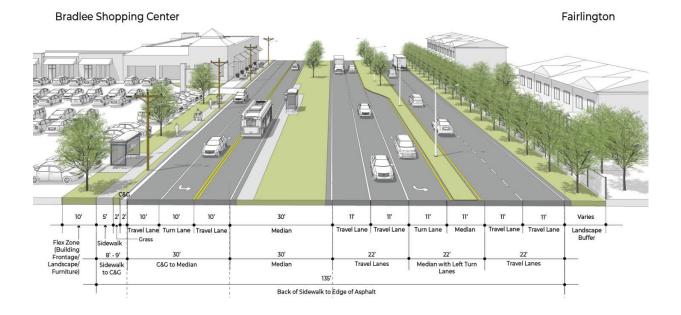


## **Existing Typical Plan View**



## **Alternative Concepts**



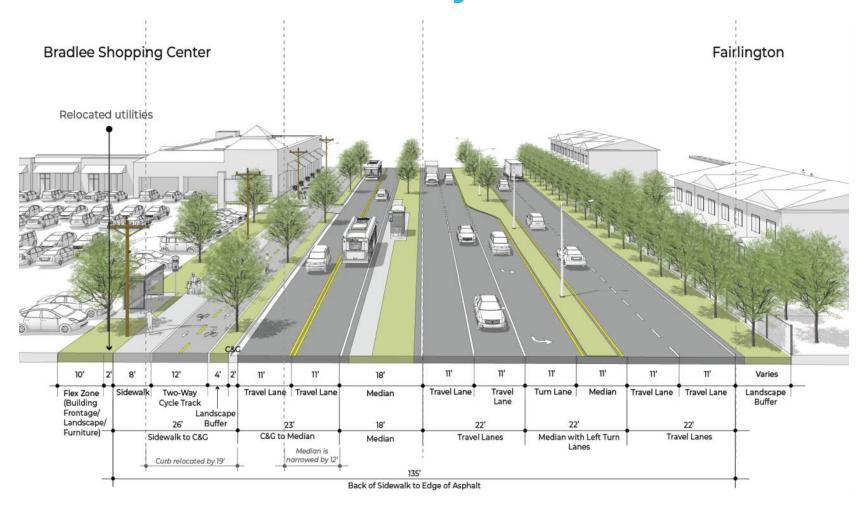








### **Alternative 1: Two-Way Traffic with Transit**



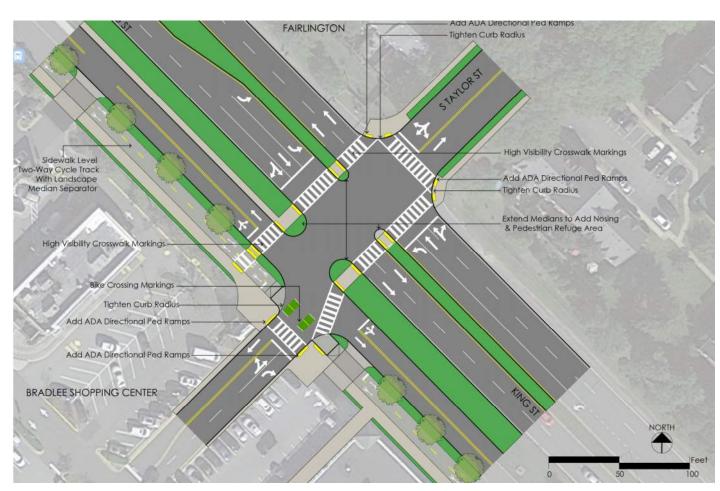
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#### **Benefits**

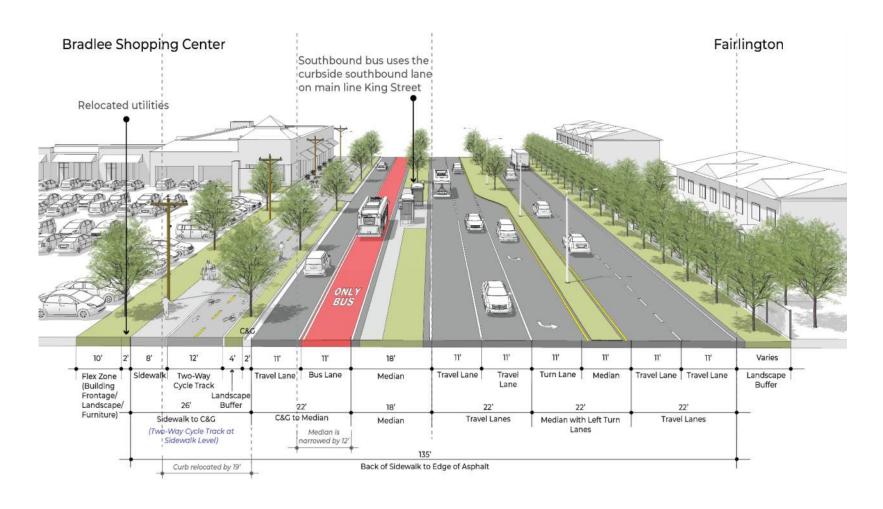
- Wider sidewalks
- Separated & protected space for people biking/scooting
- Less conflict for cyclists at driveways
- Little to no impact on King Street
- Additional trees

#### **Limitations**

- Fewer opportunities for improvements to transit operations
- Potential additional stormwater treatment



### Alternative 2: One-Way Traffic & Bus Lane



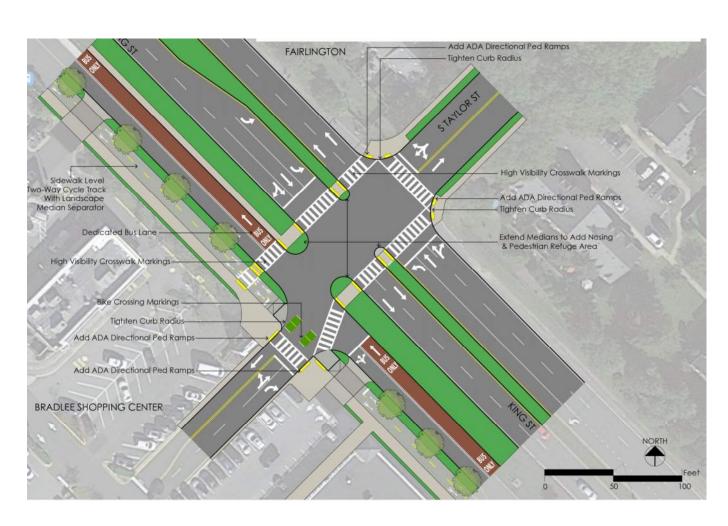
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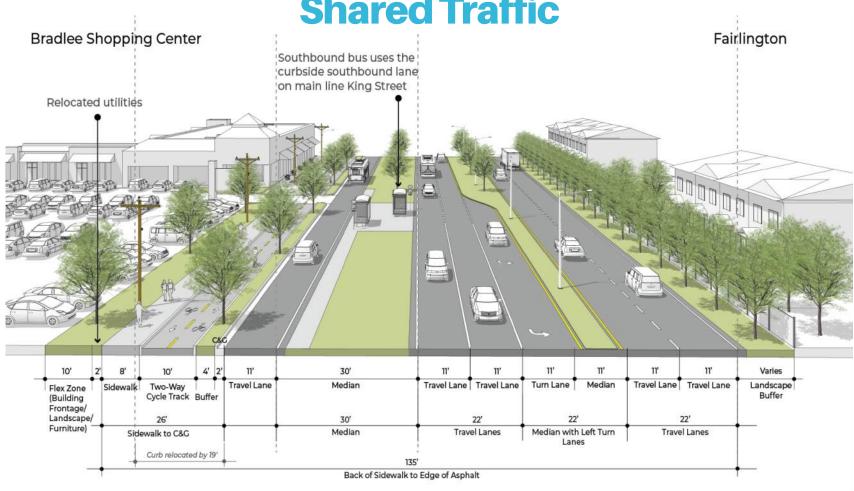
- One way traffic will reduce potential conflicts for all users
- Dedicated transit lane
- Consolidated transit stops
- Wider sidewalks
- Separated & protected space for people walking/biking/scooting
- Minor impact to King Street

#### **Limitations**

- Access changes for eastbound cars
- Eastbound bus traffic will interact with King Street traffic
- Additional stormwater treatment may be required



**Alternative 3: One-Way Shared Traffic** 



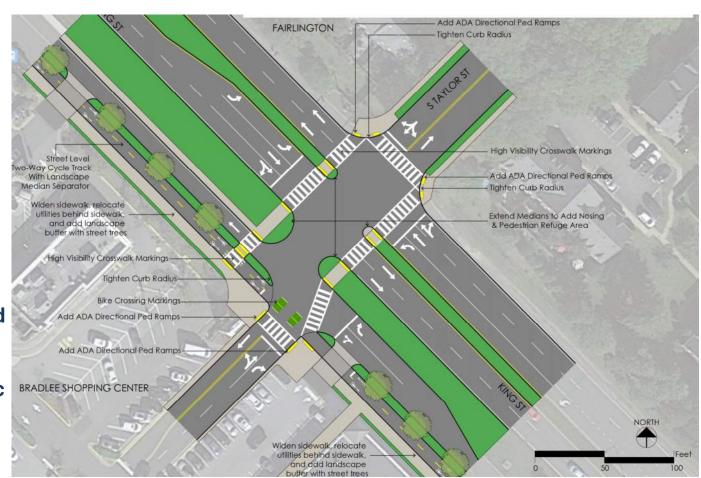
### **Alternative 3: One-Way Shared Traffic**

#### **Benefits**

- Shorter crossing distances
- One way traffic will reduce potential conflicts
- Wider sidewalks and protected bicycle lanes
- Consolidated transit stops
- More opportunities for stormwater and landscaping

#### **Limitations**

- Access changes for eastbound cars
- Eastbound bus traffic will interact with King Street traffic
- Reduced opportunities for improved bus operations



## **Examples of Treatments**



**Bioswales** 



**Curb Radii Tightening** 



**Signal Modifications** 



**Bike Crosswalks** 



High Visibility Crosswalk



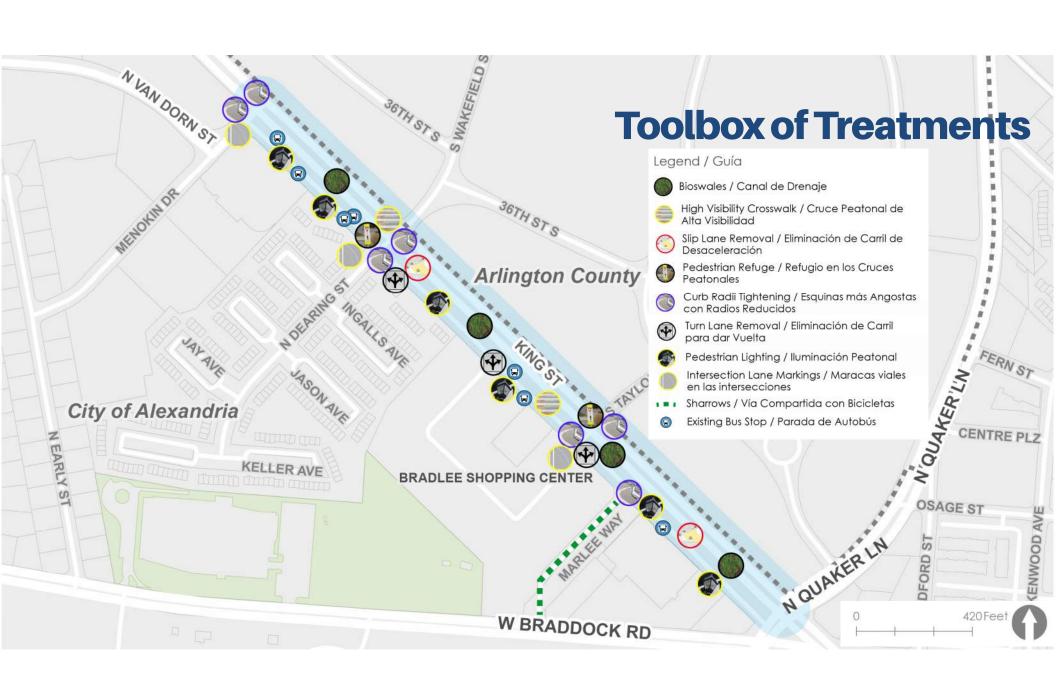
Slip Lane Reconfiguration

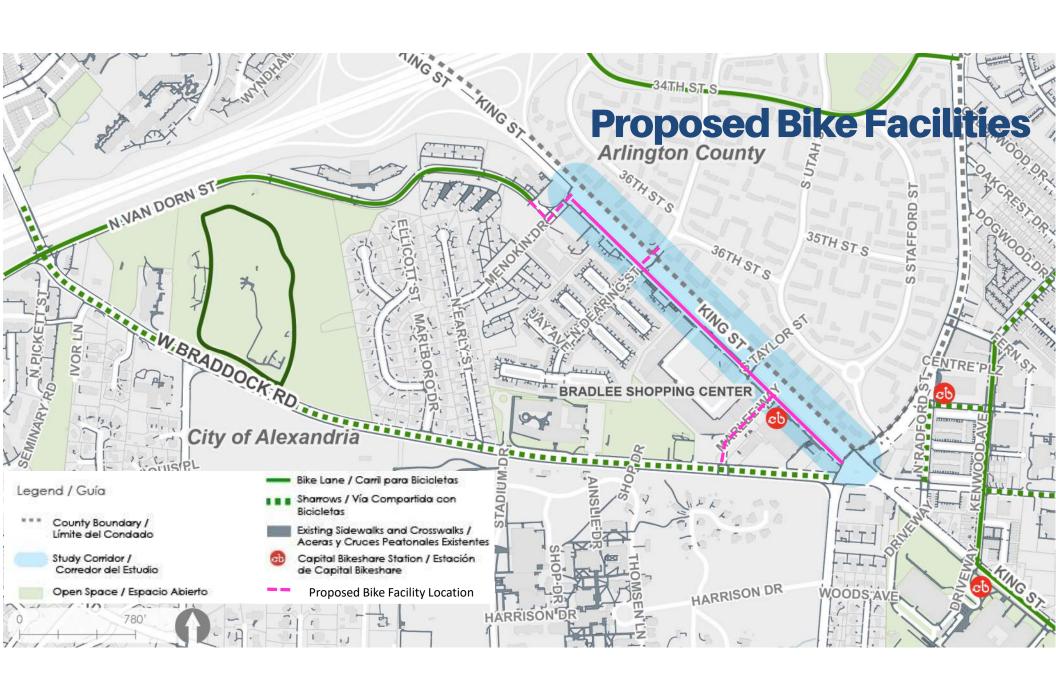


Pedestrian Refuge Islands



**Pedestrian Lighting** 





## **Next Steps**

**Provide Input:** 



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# **Next Steps**

# Community Engagement

- Seek feedback on concept ideas
- Refine options

## Refine Concepts

- Identify preferred alternative
- Determine short vs.
   Long term design elements
- Seek additional project funding

## Design

 Begin design of short- and longer-term improvements for the area

#### Construction

TBD based on final design and funding available

Spring 2024

Summer - Fall 2024

Winter 2024 - Summer 2025

**TBD** 

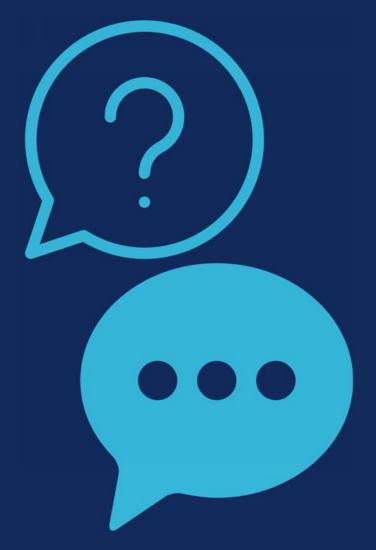
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# **Questions & Comments**

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