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Prince George's County Receives Transportation Land-Use (TLC) Award for Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety and Access Improvement Projects

LARGO, MD – The Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T), in collaboration with Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), has been awarded \$160,000 in technical assistance by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Transportation Planning Board (TPB) as a part of its Transportation Land-Use Connections Program for Fiscal Year 2021. This award is for two projects: 1) The Cool Spring, Adelphi Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Improvement 2) Riggs Road Neighborhood Bicycle Boulevards Project.

The projects will be vital in enhancing multi-modal mobility in the Langley Park/International Corridor/Adelphi area, a community with higher concentration of Hispanic or Latino population than the regional average. The projects will enable safer pedestrian and bike access to the future Purple Line stations slated to be open for service in 2023.

“As a Vision Zero County, with a goal to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries by the year 2040, we are continuously implementing engineering projects to help make our roads safe for all users,” said Terry Bellamy, Director of DPW&T.

There are segments of University Blvd. from New Hampshire Avenue (MD 650) to Adelphi Road that witness a significant number of crashes each year. Between 2015 to 2018, there were a total of 463 crashes reported in this section of University Boulevard, including 30 pedestrian related crashes, 2 motorist fatal crashes and 9 serious injury crashes.

DPW&T expects that the improvements proposed as part of the Purple Line project around the stations along University Boulevard will help to alleviate the number of crashes and improve the quality of life of residents. The projects in this award present additional opportunities to support safe and effective multi-modal access to Adelphi Road and Riggs Road stations.

Transportation Planning Board staff will work with DPW&T and M-NCPPC in implementing this initiative. Design work for the projects is expected to begin by September 2020.

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