

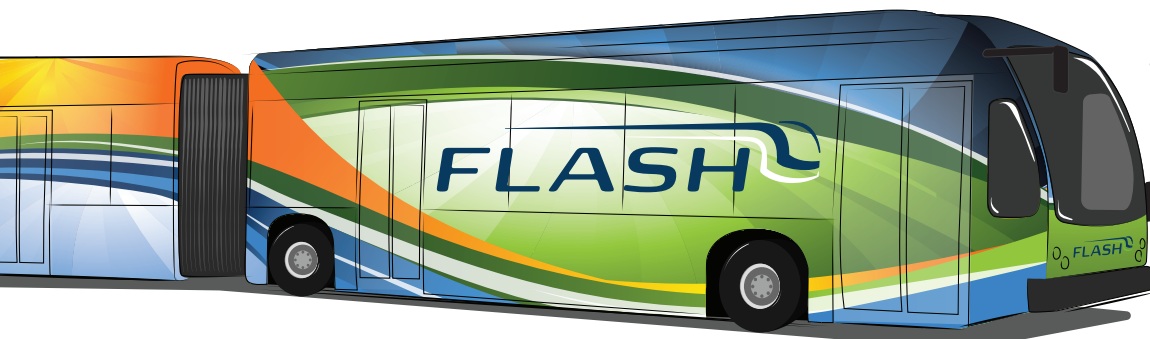
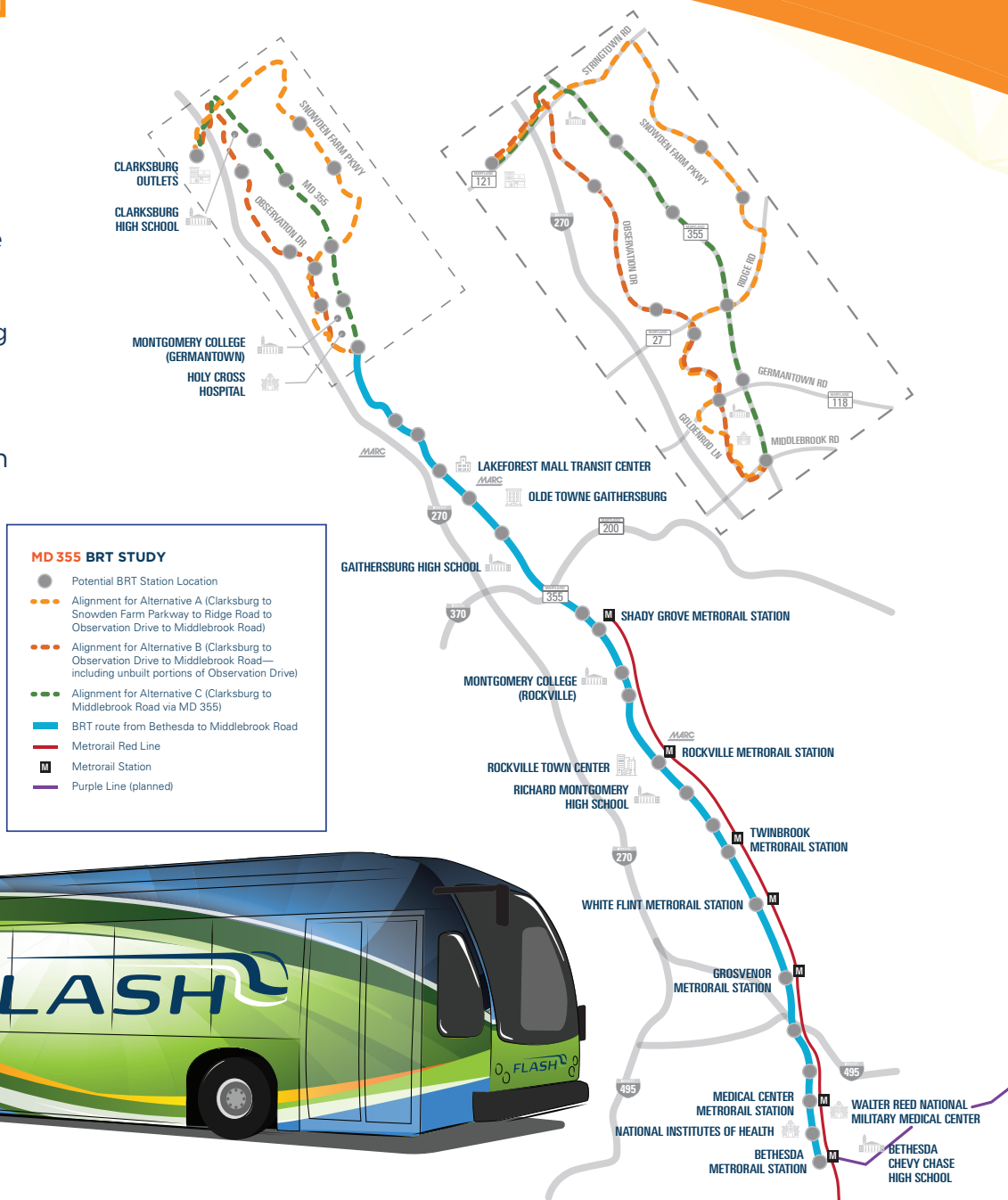
FLASH

BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT) IS COMING TO MD 355

PROJECT INFORMATION

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) is studying options for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service, called FLASH, along MD 355 (Wisconsin Avenue/Rockville Pike/Frederick Road) to meet the needs of residents, businesses, and visitors along this busy corridor. FLASH is a bus-based rapid transit system with features that improve reliability, so you can get where you need to go quickly.

FLASH service on MD 355 will run between Bethesda and Clarksburg.



MCDOT is currently evaluating four Build Alternatives, which are options for where and how the MD 355 FLASH will operate. These alternatives are being evaluated using criteria related to travel time savings, reliability, ridership, connections to jobs and other destinations, economic development, costs, and property and environmental impacts. The evaluation, will identify a single Recommended Alternative, which will include a route, station locations, a service plan, and proposed improvements to MD 355. Once a Recommended Alternative has been identified, it can be advanced toward phased design and implementation.

FLASH features that will improve your ride by making it faster and more convenient include:



Frequent, reliable service



Dedicated (FLASH-only) lanes, where feasible



New, enhanced vehicles that accommodate bicycles onboard and are equipped with Wi-Fi and USB ports



New, comfortable stations that provide weather protection, pre-payment stations, and real-time transit arrival information on electronic message boards



Pedestrian and bicycle-friendly design, with improved access to stations



Level boarding through all doors (no stairs or steps), making it easier and quicker for all riders to get on and off the vehicles, including riders in wheelchairs or with strollers



Transit Signal Priority (TSP), allowing vehicles to communicate with traffic signals and, in some cases, pass through intersections more quickly

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

To get involved and stay informed about the project, visit the FLASHBRT.com website, where you can:

- Sign up to receive project updates
- Find out how to attend an open house
- Submit comments to tell us what you think about the project
- Request a project update presentation for your community organization
- Follow us on Facebook or Twitter
- Catch us at local events (see the events page on our website for details)



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