

St. Paul and Calvert



Two-Way Conversion Study

October, 2014 Newsletter

City of Baltimore Department of Transportation, Transportation Planning Division

Calendar

Public Meeting Scheduled

October 28, 2014

Saints Philip and James
Catholic Church,

2801 N. Charles Street.
Baltimore, MD 21218

6PM to 7PM

October 29, 2014

417 E. Fayette Street, 3rd
Floor Conference Room

5:30 PM to 7PM

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Study Overview

In response to community requests, the Baltimore City Department of Transportation (DOT) is conducting a study of the St. Paul Street and Calvert Street Corridor from University Parkway to Fayette Street. The study will investigate the impact of converting both streets from one-way traffic flow to two-way traffic flow. Specific impacts to all modes of travel as well as public health and livability within the corridors will be investigated.

This newsletter has been created to better inform you (citizens; stakeholders; business owners; residents; commuters) about the study scope, study area, project team, project schedule and opportunities for public input.

Your input is greatly appreciated to help develop recommendations that support mobility, livability and safety throughout the corridor.

Evaluating the corridor will include:

- 1) Defining a vision for the public right-of-way
- 2) Developing optimal street cross-sections
- 3) Creating context-sensitive physical and operational strategies

Study Work Plan

Planning and designing for multi-modal transportation is no small task. It involves extensive data collection, analysis, and creativity. We are just beginning to gather information about:

- ❖ Pedestrians
- ❖ Bicycles
- ❖ Transit Service
- ❖ Bus Stops
- ❖ Parking Regulations
- ❖ Vehicle Traffic
 - Volumes
 - Speeds
 - Signal Timing
- ❖ Traffic Safety
- ❖ Trucks
 - Deliveries/Loading

- ❖ Signage
- ❖ Public Space
- ❖ Property Access

The study will incorporate the following major tasks:

1) Existing Conditions

The documentation of existing conditions will include multi-modal traffic volumes, an analysis of traffic operations and transit service and gaps and barriers in the pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure.

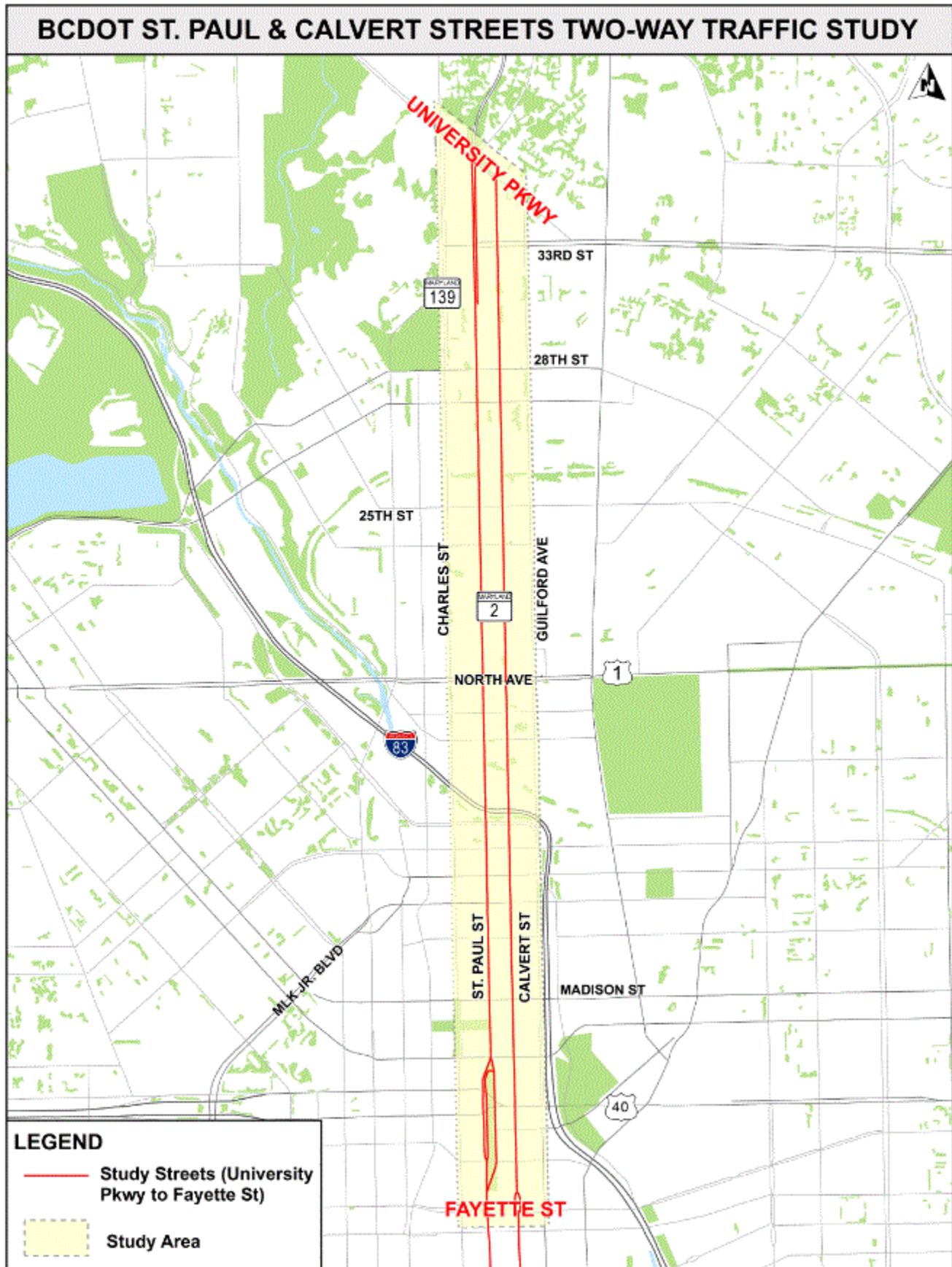
The existing conditions will also review historical traffic crash reports, identify vehicle traffic origins and destinations (e.g. local versus commuter) review

Neighborhood Master Plans for previous recommendations and perform national research to identify best practices in urban corridor public realm design and traffic operations.

2) Two-way Operations

This phase of the study will develop and evaluate alternative cross-sections to provide two-way traffic flow, carefully documenting impacts to traffic diversions, congestion, parking, traffic safety, parking, pedestrian and bicycle travel, transit travel, and public health.

Study Area Map



PROJECT SCHEDULE

2014

MAY-AUGUST

Existing Conditions Documentation & Project Mapping

AUGUST Steering Committee Meeting

SEPTEMBER Literature and Plan Review
 Traffic Model Development
 Traffic Safety Analysis

OCTOBER Community Meetings

NOVEMBER Steering Committee Meeting

Public Opinion Survey

2015

JANUARY Alternative Cross Sections

FEBRUARY Steering Committee Meeting

MARCH Traffic Data Collection

APRIL Alternatives Analysis

MAY Steering Committee Meeting

JUNE Impacts and Mitigation

JULY Presentation & Technical Report

Study Work Plan (Continued)

3) Stakeholder Engagement

The study will include periodic meeting with a core stakeholder group as well as public open houses to provide direct input and open communication. The project will also include a public opinion survey and a technical report and presentation with conceptual renderings and final recommendations.

Extensive project mapping including peak hour and daily traffic data, transit routes and ridership, and neighborhood demographics will be produced and shared.



Project Team

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- Nikia Mack, Community Liaison

Baltimore City Department of Planning

- Alex Hoffman, Area Planner
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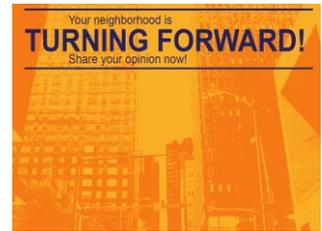
Residents, Business and Property Owners - Take the Survey!

The City is asking all

RESIDENTS, BUSINESS
OWNERS, & PROPERTY
OWNERS to complete a
brief public opinion
survey. The City would
like to understand your
opinions about driving,
walking, biking, and using
public transportation

along these streets, as
well as your thoughts
about safety, public
health, noise, and
other related issues.

Postcards with a website
link to the survey will be
mailed



Project Schedule

Stay tuned for a project website. Please refer to page 1 for upcoming public meeting
schedule.

THANK YOU!

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