

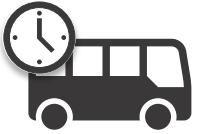
# **Georgia Ave (MD 97) Tactical Bus Lanes**

## **Project Update and Business Engagement**

Bus Priority Program  
July 26, 2023



## Goals and Objectives



Improve Metrobus service on-time performance and reliability



Accelerate implementation of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridors



Foster a stronger partnership between Metro and Maryland jurisdictions

Ongoing multi-agency collaboration with MDOT SHA, MCDOT, and DPW&T

# Project Overview

Partnership between WMATA, MDOT SHA, and MCDOT to design and build tactical bus lanes and queue jumps on Georgia Ave (MD 97) in Silver Spring. Final (construction-ready) plans will be complete in December 2023.

### Planned Improvements include:

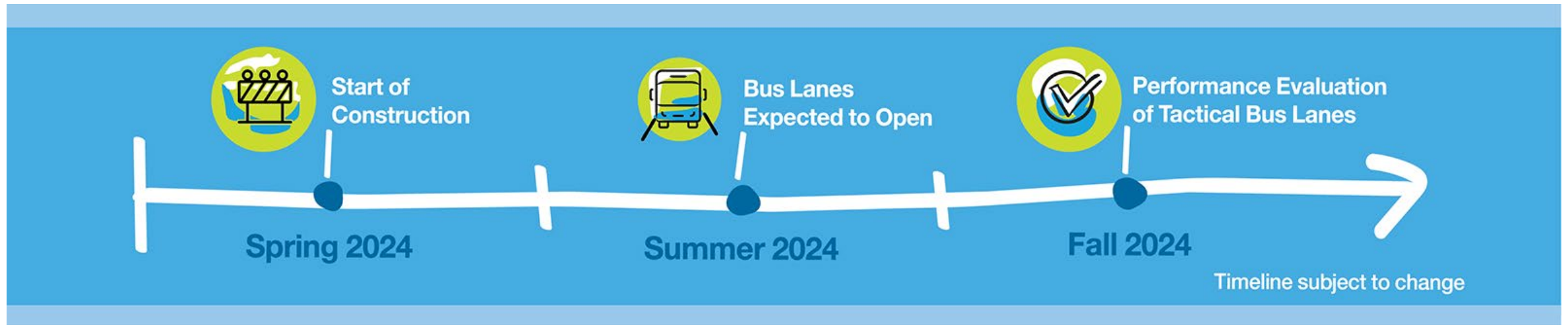
#### ***Tactical Bus Lanes***

Red-painted, bidirectional bus lanes on Georgia Ave from 16<sup>th</sup> St to Wayne Ave.  
Hours of Operation: Mon – Fri,  
6:30 – 9:30 AM & 3:30 – 7:00 PM



# Project Schedule

- December 2023: Metro completes design in coordination with MCDOT and Maryland State Highway Administration
- Future actions awaiting funding







## Business Engagement for Parking and Loading Options on Georgia Avenue

- Existing on-street parking spaces
- Short-term parking and loading alternatives on side streets
- Long-term parking alternatives

## Business Engagement

**When:** Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 12:00pm

**Where:** Ground floor retail and business on both sides of Georgia Ave between Spring St and Wayne Ave

**Total Engaged:** 20 businesses

### Purpose:

- Informed business owners and building managers about plans for the proposed bus lanes with the factsheet
- Businesses shared observations about the use of the public curb space near their businesses

### Key Takeaways:

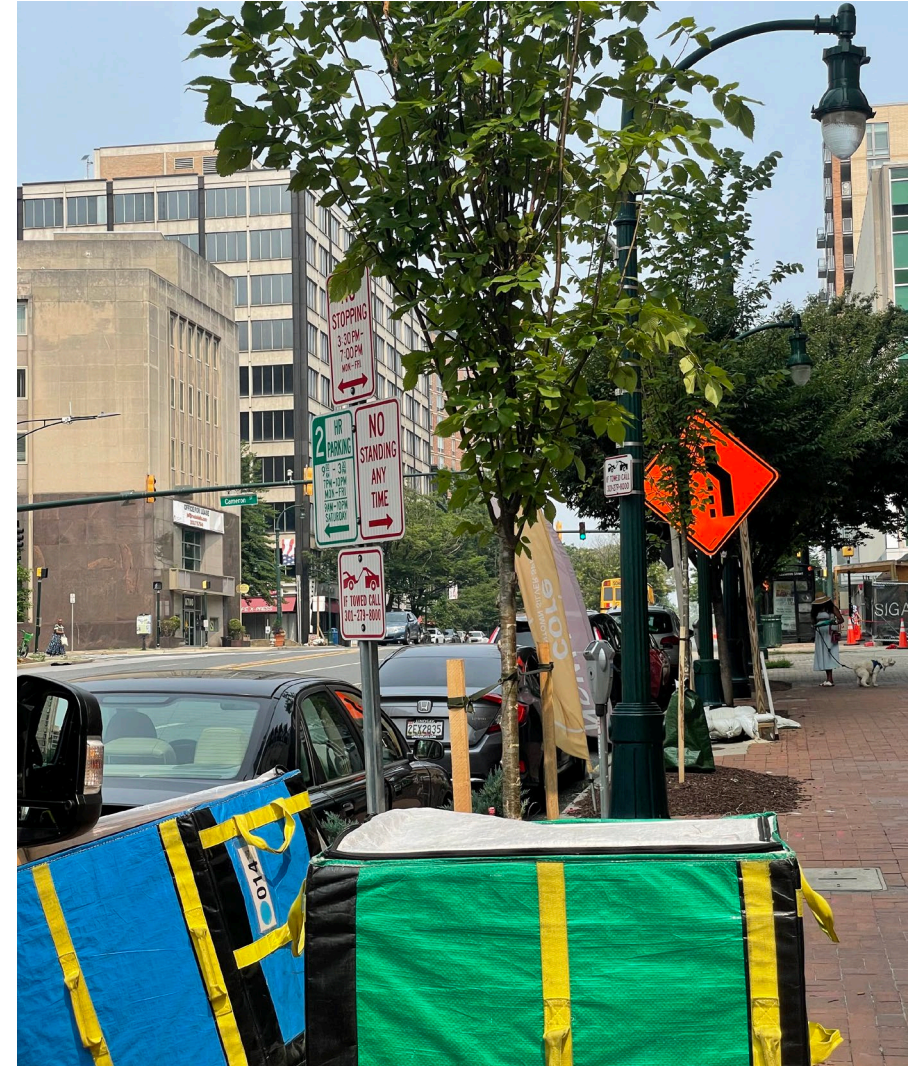
- Limited impacts to businesses due to peak period bus lanes in both directions
- Delivery trucks park along the corridor usually in the off-peak hours





## What We Heard

- Most businesses are not affected
- Residents park in parking garages
- Deliveries primarily occur in off-peak periods
- Alleys used for receiving shipments
- Some businesses curious about lack of enforcement for on-street parking
- Some bank customers park on-street (sometimes illegally) to access ATMs



# Next Steps

- Metro completes 100% design drawings by December 2023
- County and State to coordinate on construction in 2024
- Following construction, Metro will review performance



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