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With PC changes noted in light blue

From the Comprehensive Plan, page 37:

3.3 Walkway/Bikeway Connection

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- The Comprehensive Montgomery County Bicycle Comprehensive Plan was completed and approved by the County in late 2018. This plan calls for an off-road trail from Crabbs Branch Way to Amity Drive and Brown Street to be built in the next few years. Approval of the Bicycle Comprehensive Plan does not automatically result in project funding, which is set by the Department of Transportation (DOT) based on the availability of funds and the importance of the project. The first step is inclusion in the Facilities Planning Budget. One of the few projects that has received such near-term guaranteed funding by DOT is a study of a shared use path from Washington Grove to the Shady Grove Metro.

Comment A: This section needs to be updated with newer information. Suggestion to be added:

The Montgomery County Planning Board, the Town Council, and Town residents are in strong agreement that the “Washington Grove Connector” should be located at the end of lower Brown Street. The connector will link Washington Grove with a path to Crabbs Branch Way, the Shady Grove Metro, and other nearby points. [Added to page 37-38.](#)

Comment B: Suggested edits to Comprehensive Plan, page 38 (in blue italics and with strikethroughs):

Recommendations: [both changes made on p 38](#)

(a) Support the development of a safe and convenient bike and pedestrian access *shared use path* between *the lower end of Brown Street in* Washington Grove and surrounding bikeway networks.

i. To the Shady Grove Metro Station, the Grove Shopping Center, and the Montgomery County bikeway system. The greatest priority is a connection to the Shady Grove Metro Station and points in between. The Town should continue to coordinate with the County for a shared-use path between *the lower end of Brown Street in* Washington Grove and the Metro Station that minimizes travel time and is in keeping with the history and character of the Town as defined in the National Register of Historic Places.

ii. To Old Town Gaithersburg and the City of Gaithersburg bikeway system. The Town should work with the City of Gaithersburg to establish a safe and convenient bike and pedestrian route across Washington Grove Lane and Railroad Street and on into Gaithersburg.

(b) Consideration of safely connecting the Town to the County and the Gaithersburg bikeway systems could include creating a Washington Grove shared use route on town streets with due consideration for any impacts, including from an increase in bike and pedestrian traffic, and any accompanying safety concerns.

Comment C: Suggested edits to Comprehensive Plan, page 113 (in blue italics and with strikethrough): *added p 114*

A multi-use trail is being planned as part of the County Bikeways Comprehensive plan to connect the Town with the Crabbs Branch Way bike *shared use* path, *the Shady Grove Metro Station, the Grove Shopping Center, and the Montgomery County bikeway system*. The planned roadway will need to bridge intervening wetlands.

Comment D: Suggested edits to Comprehensive Plan, page 115 (in blue italics and with strikethrough):

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The creation of a safe and direct bikeway/multiuser pathway connection to the Shady Grove Metro will realize a significant goal of the Town. The County has funded planning and construction for the “Washington Grove Connector.” – Crabbs Branch Extension” project study currently in progress and is evaluating a number of roughly parallel alternative routes connecting to Crabbs Branch. A specific route for construction will not be chosen until this study is completed and the Town of Washington Grove and County agree on how to proceed.

Both the County and the Town have agreed that the Washington Grove Connector should be located at the end of lower Brown Street. Added p 116

Comment E: Suggested edit to Comprehensive plan, page 123 in blue italics):

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The Town supports increased housing opportunities, including infill development subdivision, consistent with retaining the historic character- defining elements (as delineated in Section 9), and expansion of dwelling options such as Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). *A number of Town ordinances will have to be revised in order to bring this to fruition. Added p 124.*

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Comment F: Suggested edits to Comprehensive plan page 149 (in blue italics):

3.3 Walkway/Bikeway Connection Recommendations:

1. (a) Support the development of safe and convenient bike and pedestrian access between *the lower end of Brown Street* Washington Grove and surrounding bikeway networks. *Both added p 150.*

i. To the Shady Grove Metro Station, the Grove Shopping Center, and the Montgomery County bikeway system. The greatest priority is a connection to the Shady Grove Metro Station and points in between. The Town should continue to coordinate with the County for a shared-use path between *the lower end of Brown Street in* Washington Grove and the Metro Station that minimizes travel time and is in keeping with the history and character of the Town as defined in the National Register of Historic Places.

ii. To Old Town Gaithersburg and the City of Gaithersburg bikeway system. The Town should work with the City of Gaithersburg to establish a safe and convenient bike and pedestrian route across Washington Grove Lane and Railroad Street and on into Gaithersburg.

2. (b) Consideration of safely connecting the Town to the County and the Gaithersburg

bikeway systems could include creating a Washington Grove shared use route on town streets with due consideration for any impacts, including from an increase in bike and pedestrian traffic, and any accompanying safety concerns.