



REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act- *de minimis* Finding; Capper-Cramton Property Disposal

MD 201: MD 410 to Kenilworth Towers Entrance

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) is considering community and safety enhancements along MD 201 from MD 410 (Riverdale Road) to the entrance of Kenilworth Towers in Prince George's County. This project is located adjacent to the Fletcher's Field Park.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE PROJECT

Why is this work necessary and what improvements are proposed?

The purpose of this project is to improve pedestrian safety and access by providing sidewalk for pedestrians in the Edmonston area where none currently exists and to upgrade current sidewalks to meet Americans with Disability Act (ADA) guidelines.

The proposed work will include constructing new sidewalk, reconstructing existing sidewalk and pedestrian ramps to meet current ADA guidelines, narrowing existing vehicular travel lanes and adding a shared use path along northbound MD 201.

Why are comments being requested?

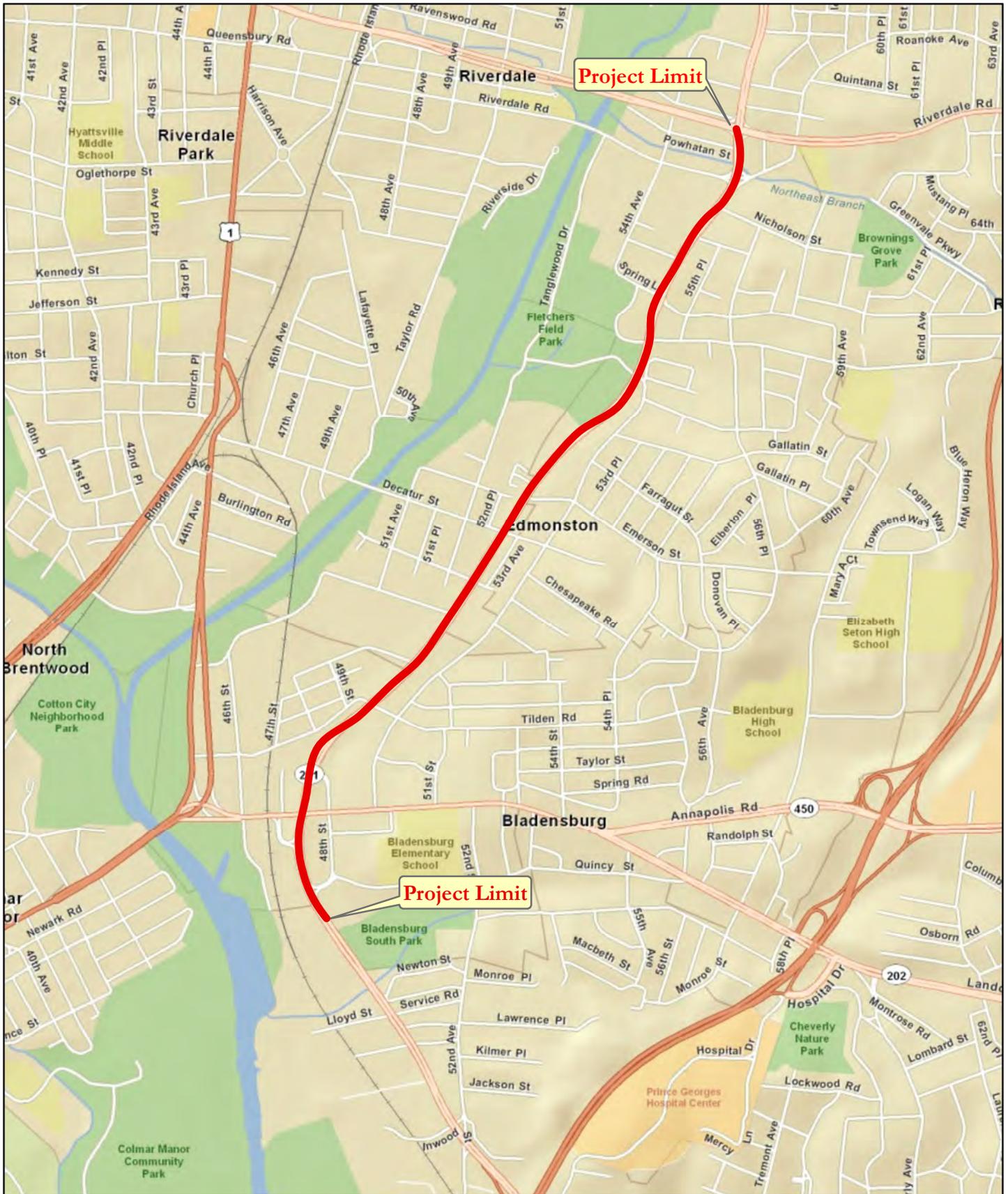
Section 6009(a) of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) allows the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to determine that certain transportation uses of Section 4(f) land will have no adverse effect on protected resources. With respect to publicly owned parks and recreation areas, a finding of *de minimis* impact may occur if a transportation project does not "adversely affect the activities, features and attributes" of the Section 4(f) resource. When this is the case, the finding of FHWA requires written concurrence from the official(s) with jurisdiction over the resource. Public notice and opportunity for public review and comment on the finding is required. In addition, the parcel of land in question was purchased as park property through the use of Capper Cramton funding. Public notice and opportunity for comment is also requested on the disposal of this property (Capper Cramton Parcel 33, Anacostia Unit 2).

What are the impacts to protected Section 4(f) resources?

Relocation of a traffic signal at MD 201 and the park entrance will require fee simple right-of-way from the Fletcher's Field Park, owned by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). Although the right-of-way required from the recreation area is considered a "use" as defined by Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act (1966), there will be no negative impact on activities, features, and attributes that qualify the recreation area for protection under Section 4(f). SHA, through this notice, is notifying the public that it will request the Federal Highway Administration make a *de minimis* (or minor) impact finding, in accordance with Section 4(f). M-NCPPC, as officials with jurisdiction, concurred with the *de minimis* finding on April 11, 2013. The public is requested to provide comments on this finding.

Do You Have Additional Questions or Comments?

Please contact Mr. Jason Harris, SHA Project Manager, (410) 545-8844 or toll-free (866) 462-0020 or Ms. Caryn G. Brookman, SHA Environmental Manager, (410) 545-8698 or toll-free (866) 527-0502, www.roads.maryland.gov.



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 MD 201: Kenilworth Tower
 Entrance to MD 410
 Prince George's County
 Community Enhancement

Project Location Map
 Washington East Quad

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 September 14, 2011

