



**Project Planning Study**  
Location/Design  
Public Hearing



**Maryland Department of Transportation**

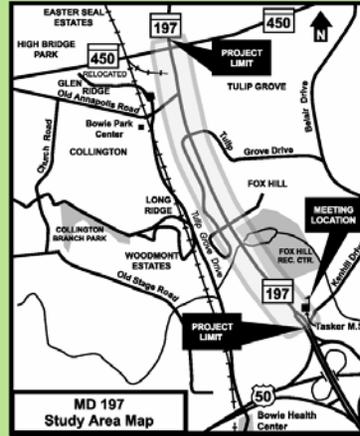




# Purpose of the Hearing

## MD 197 Project Planning Study

### LOCATION/DESIGN Public Hearing



Wednesday  
February 13, 2008  
6:00 P.M. - Maps/Displays Available  
7:00 P.M. - Presentation/Testimony  
Snow Date: Thursday, February 21, 2008

Benjamin Tasker  
Middle School  
4901 Collington Road  
Bowie, MD 20715

Project No. PG691A11



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Project Manager

**Ms. Karen Arnold**  
Environmental Manager

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Real Estate Specialist

**Mr. Troy Parham**  
Equal Opportunity Officer

# MD 197 Project Planning Study Location/Design Public Hearing



## PUBLIC NOTICE

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION WILL CONDUCT  
A LOCATION/DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING  
FOR THE MD 197 PROJECT PLANNING STUDY  
FROM KENHILL DRIVE TO MD 450 RELOCATED IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY



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The Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration (SHA), in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is conducting a Project Planning Study on MD 197 from Kenhill Drive to MD 450 Relocated in Prince George's County.

The purpose of this Location/Design Public Hearing is to afford all interested persons the opportunity to present their views regarding the proposed location and general design of the project alternatives, including the associated social, economic, cultural, and natural environmental effects.

Beginning at 6:00 p.m., mapping depicting the project alternatives will be available for public viewing. Representatives of SHA and FHWA will be available to record your comments and discuss points of interest with you.

A formal presentation beginning at 7:00 p.m. and lasting approximately 30 minutes will include a description of the project alternatives, an environmental impact summary, information on right-of-way acquisition and relocation assistance procedures, and information about Title VI of SHA's Equal Opportunity Program. This presentation will be followed by the receipt of public testimony.

SHA, in consultation with the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) and other consulting parties, has conducted a survey of the study area for cultural resources. MHT has concurred with SHA's determination that no historic standing structures located within the project area are on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Detailed archeological studies have been completed and SHA has determined that, due to previous disturbance within the project area, no significant archeological sites exist. Coordination with MHT is ongoing to confirm this determination. In accordance with the Section 106 procedures of the National Historic Preservation Act, this public hearing provides the opportunity for public input regarding cultural resources.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to testify at the public hearing and/or add their contact information to the project planning mailing list may submit written requests to Ms. Felicia Alexander, Project Manager, Project Management Division, State Highway Administration, Mail Stop C-301, P.O. Box 717, Baltimore, Maryland 21203-0717. They may also make these requests by calling 410-545-8511 or 1-800-548-5026 (toll-free), or by sending an email to [faalexander@sha.state.md.us](mailto:faalexander@sha.state.md.us).

Persons who receive a copy of this notice in the mail are already on the project mailing list. They will be kept informed of project developments and opportunities for public involvement as the study progresses.

In order to be included in the Public Hearing Transcript, written statements and other exhibits in lieu of or in addition to an oral presentation at the public hearing must be submitted to Ms. Alexander no later than March 26, 2008.

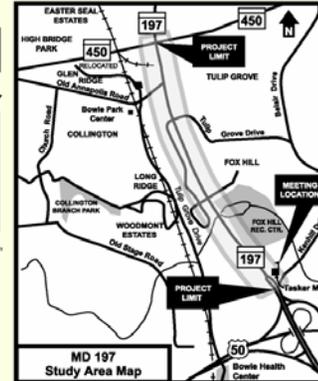
Requests to be placed on the speakers' list for this public hearing must be received no later than February 6, 2008. Elected officials will be given the opportunity to speak first. Other speakers will be called in the order in which their requests are received. Attendees not on the speakers' list may provide testimony after those on the list have been heard. Should a large number of speakers wish to be heard, time allotted to each speaker may be limited. A court reporter will be present to record comments of persons who prefer to provide private testimony. Brochures and forms for written comments will be available at the public hearing.

### HEARING-IMPAIRED/NON-ENGLISH-SPEAKING PERSONS:

Persons with a hearing impairment who plan to attend the public hearing should notify Ms. Alexander in writing at the address above or by teletype at 1-800-735-2258 (Statewide toll-free). Non-English-speaking persons who plan to attend should notify Ms. Alexander in writing at the same address or by telephone at 410-545-8553 or toll-free at 1-800-548-5026. All requests for oral, sign-language, or non-English-language interpreters must be received by February 6, 2008. To the extent feasible and possible, interpreters will be provided.

A-0505  
January 10, 2008

Neil J. Pedersen  
State Highway Administrator





# Project Mailing List

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**Written comments due:**  
**March 26, 2008**

# Transcript Available Within Eight Weeks

- SHA District 3 Office – **Greenbelt, MD**
- SHA Headquarters – **Baltimore, MD**
- Bowie City Hall – **Bowie, MD**

# Project Development Process

- Project Planning
- Final Design
- Right-of-Way
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# Project Planning

## \* Detailed Study Stage

- Location
- General Design Features
- Environmental Impacts

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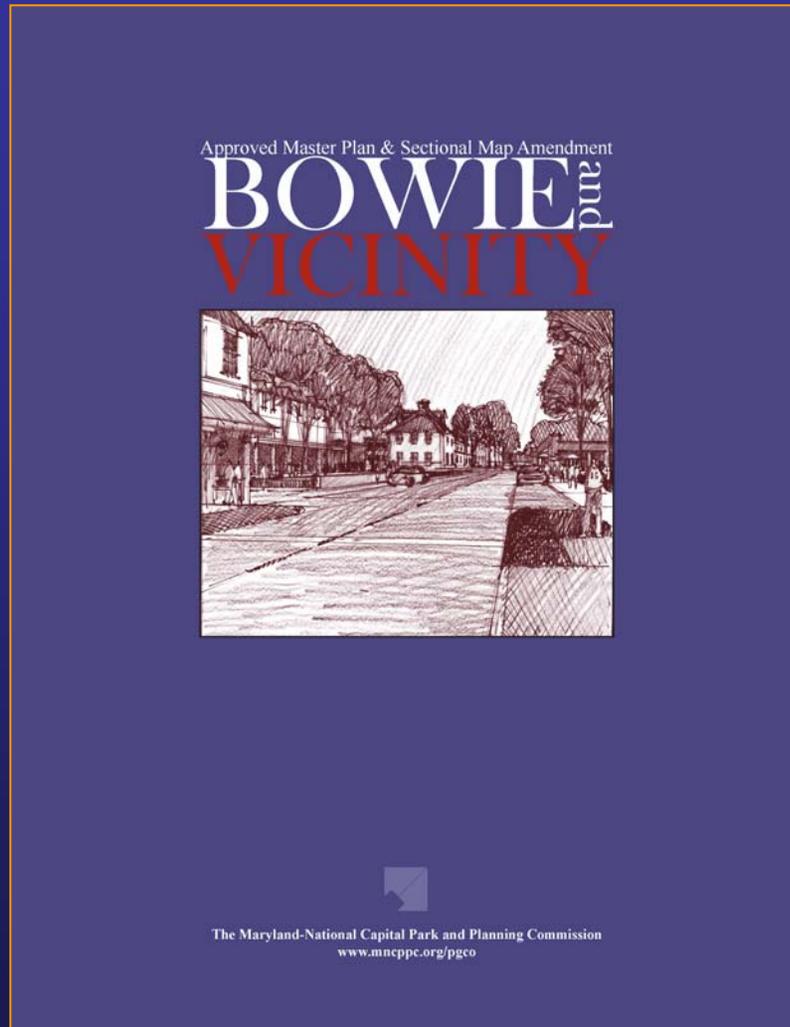
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**2006 Bowie and Vicinity Master Plan**



# Alternatives Under Consideration

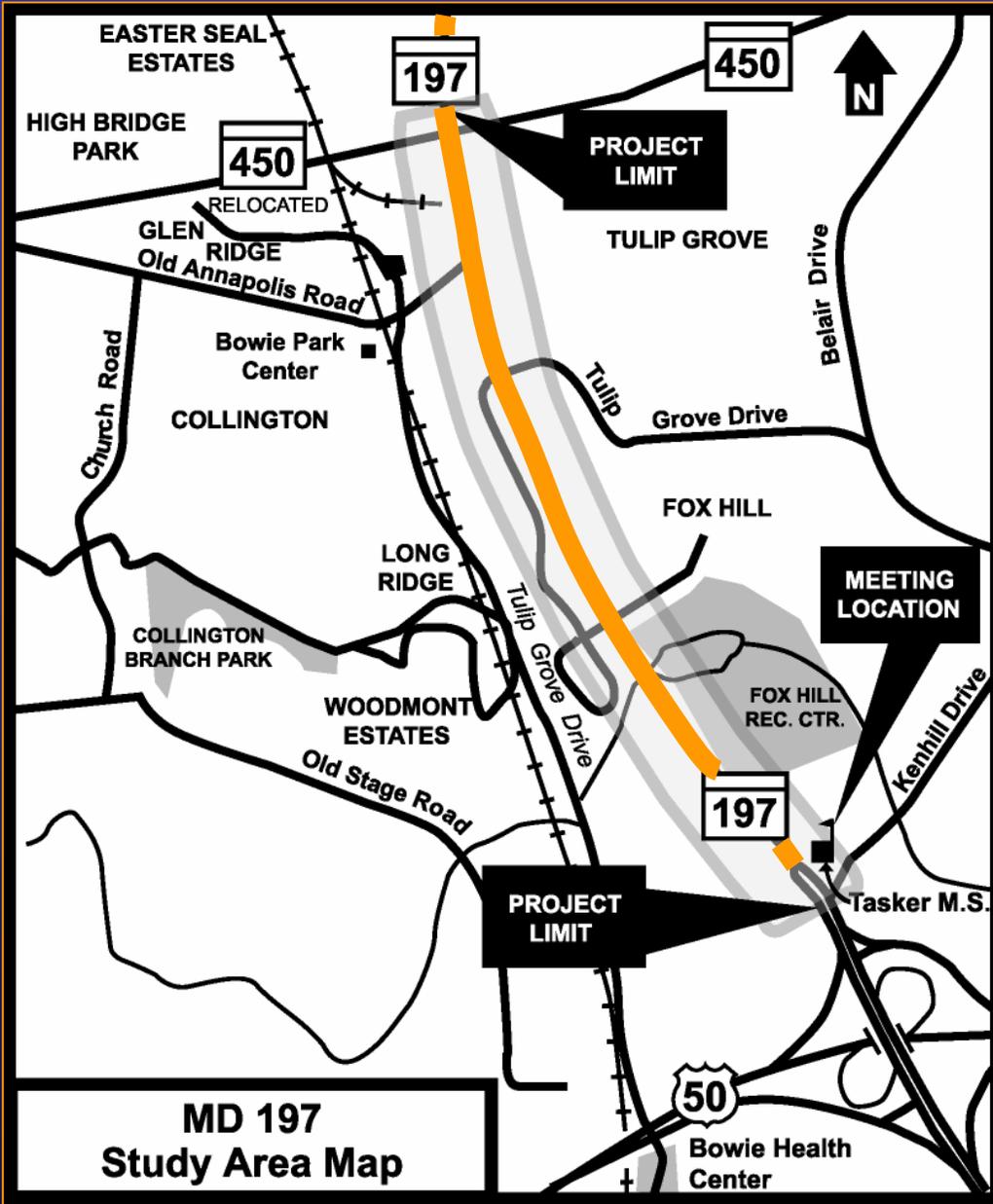
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- Need for additional capacity to accommodate existing and future traffic volumes
- Address safety issues

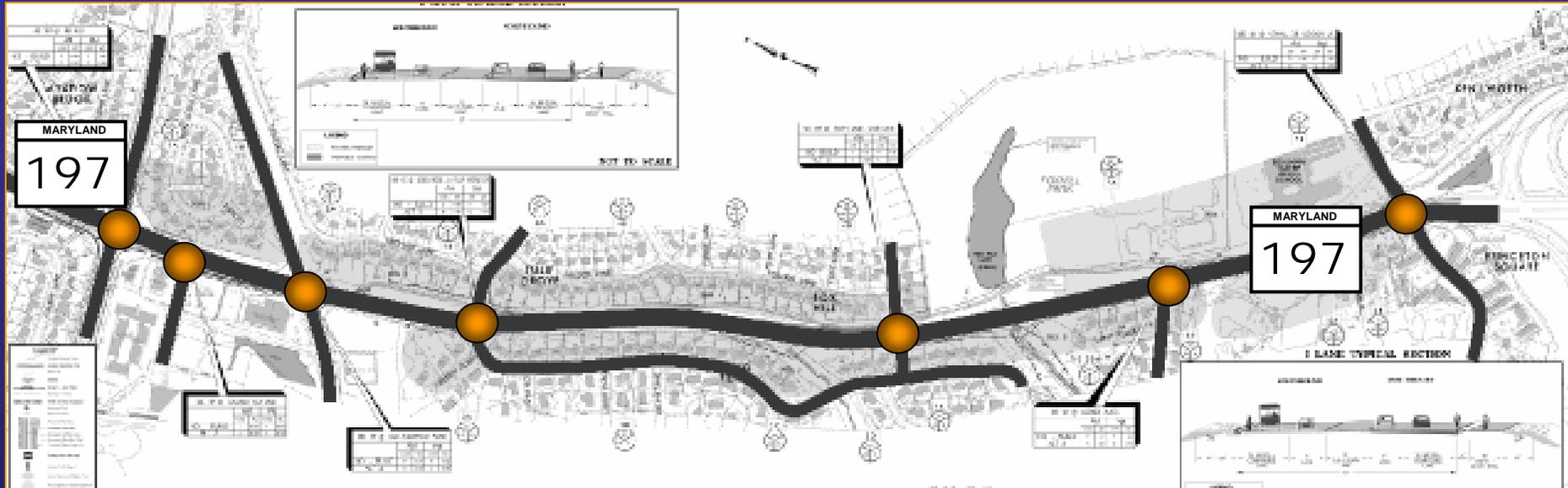
# Other Study Issues

- Pedestrian and bicycle safety
- Access to residences, school and community park
- Improved access to business and residential communities
- Improved north-south regional transportation network connectivity

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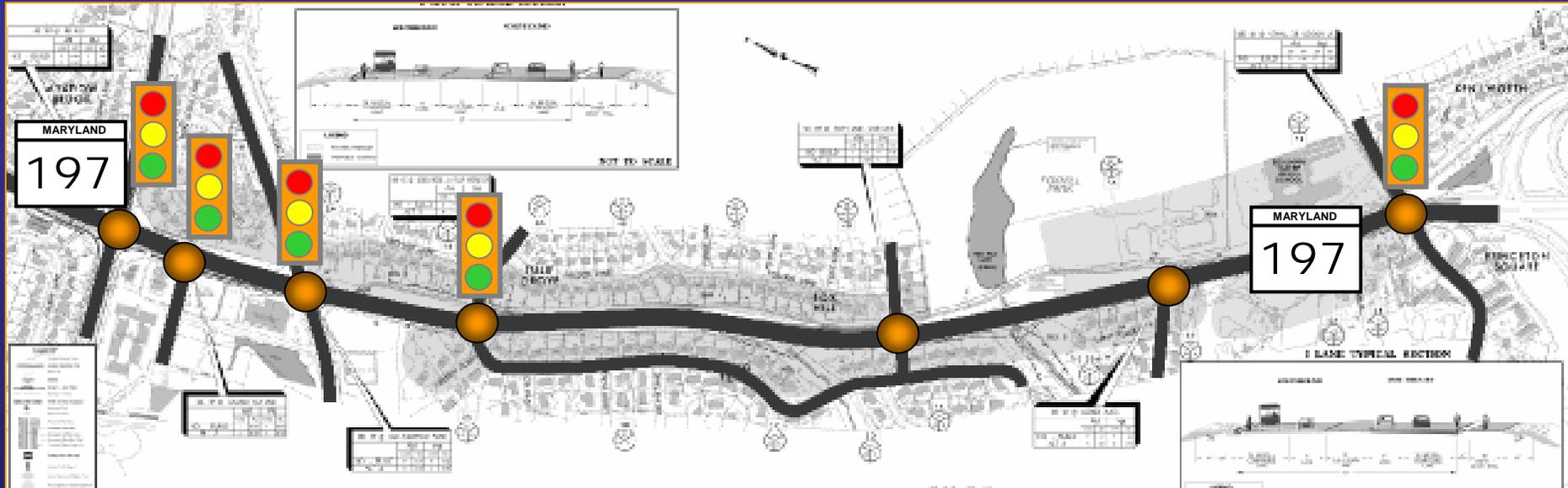


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Seven Intersections

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**Kenhill Drive/London Lane**

**Old MD 450**

**Lerner Place/Lyle Lane**

**Gallant Fox Lane**

**Lyle Lane/Faith Lane**

**MD 450 Relocated**

**Long Ridge Lane/Tulip Grove Road**



# Alternatives

- SHA developed alternatives to minimize impacts to the social, cultural and natural environment
- Three alternatives retained for detailed study
- After review, SHA will select a preferred alternative

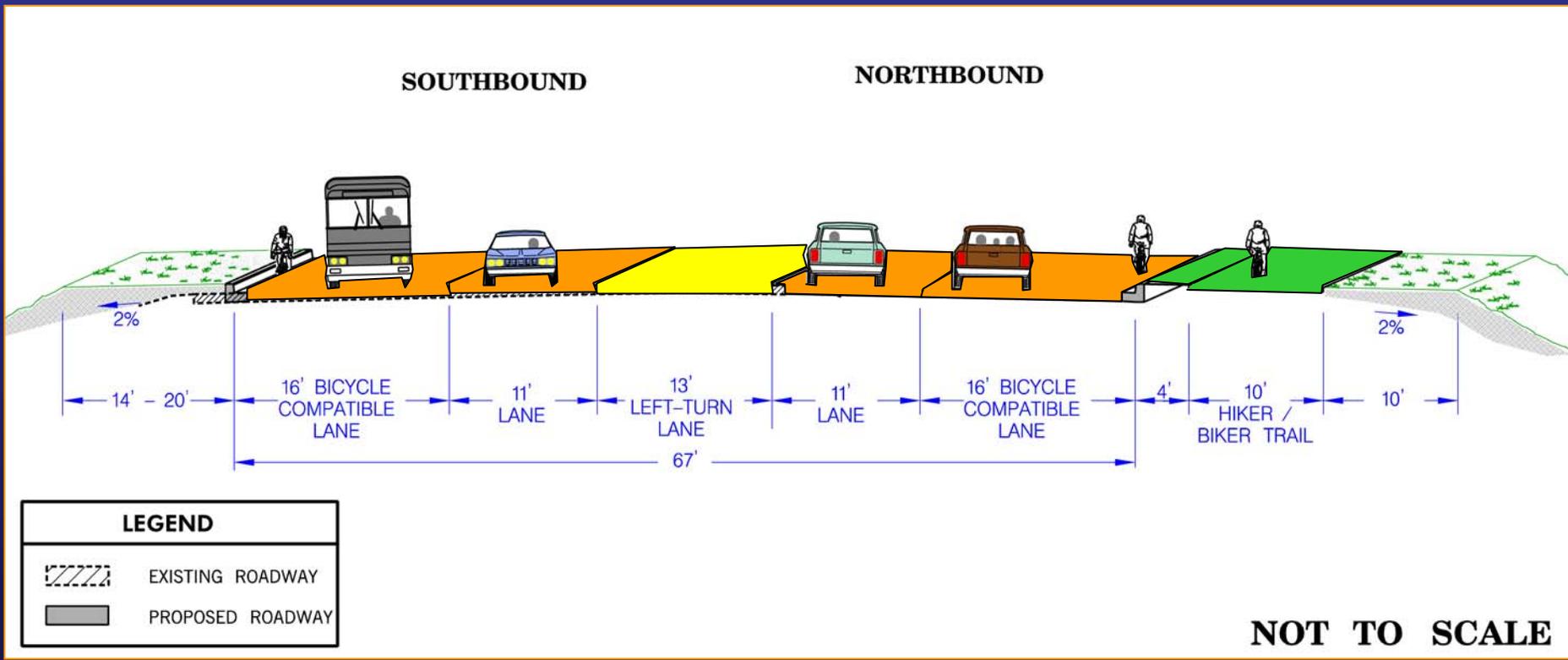
Alternative 1

# No-Build

- Normal maintenance and safety operations
- Provides a baseline for the other alternatives retained for detailed study

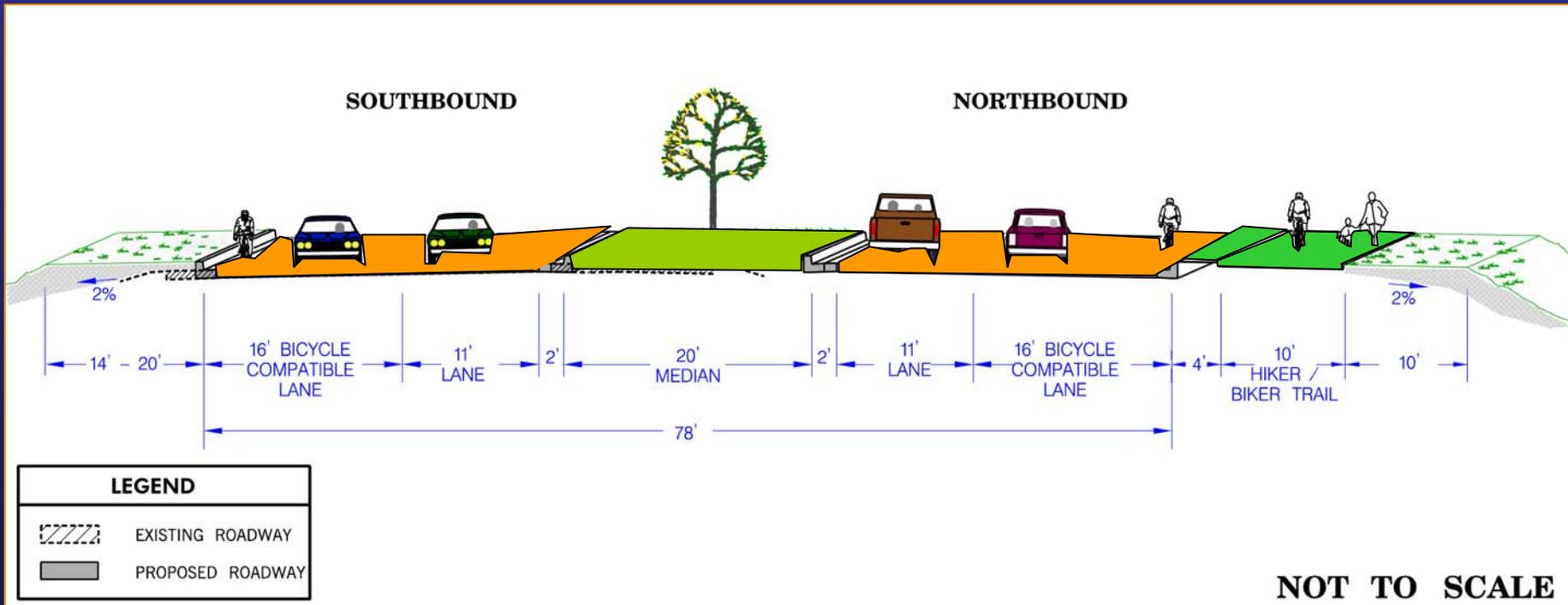
Alternative 3

# Five-Lane Section



Alternative 4

# Four-lane section





# Environmental Overview

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- No business or residential displacements are anticipated



# Historical Resources



# Water Resources



# Forest Resources



# Noise Analysis



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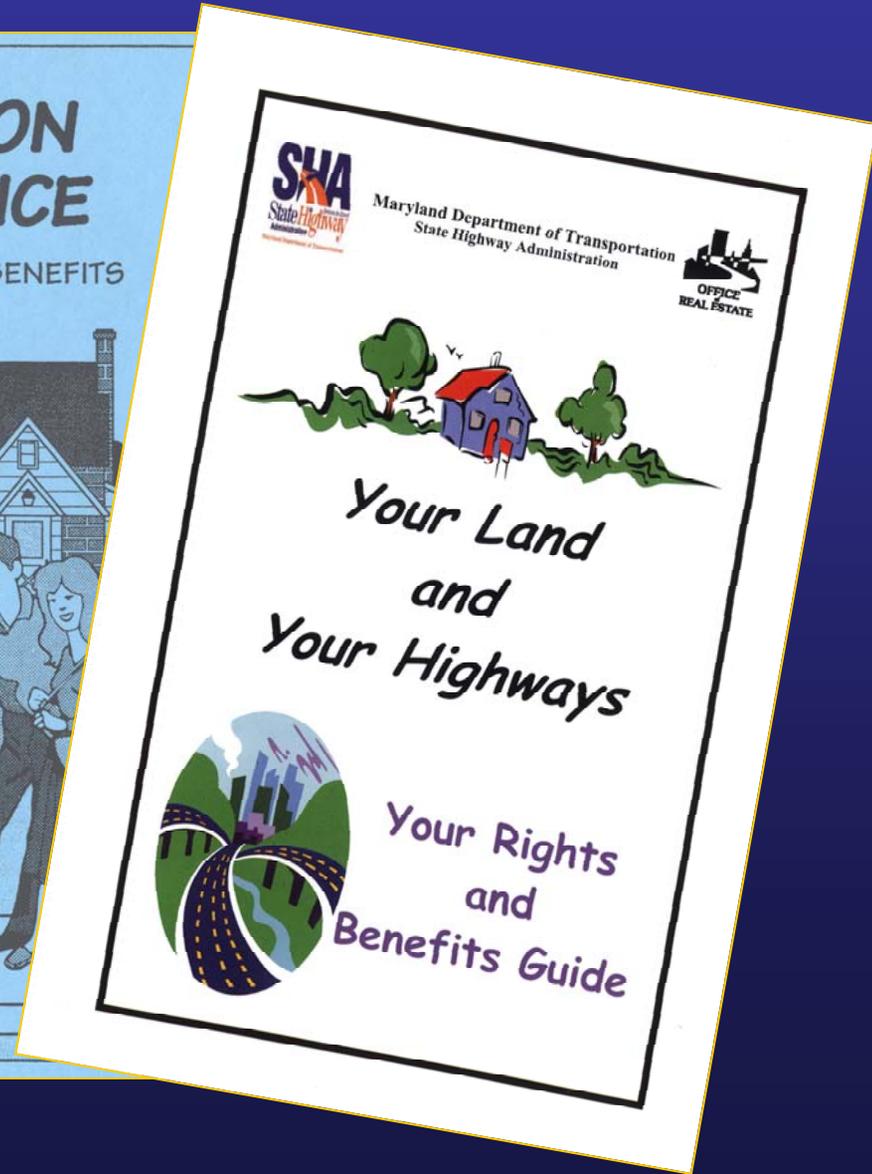
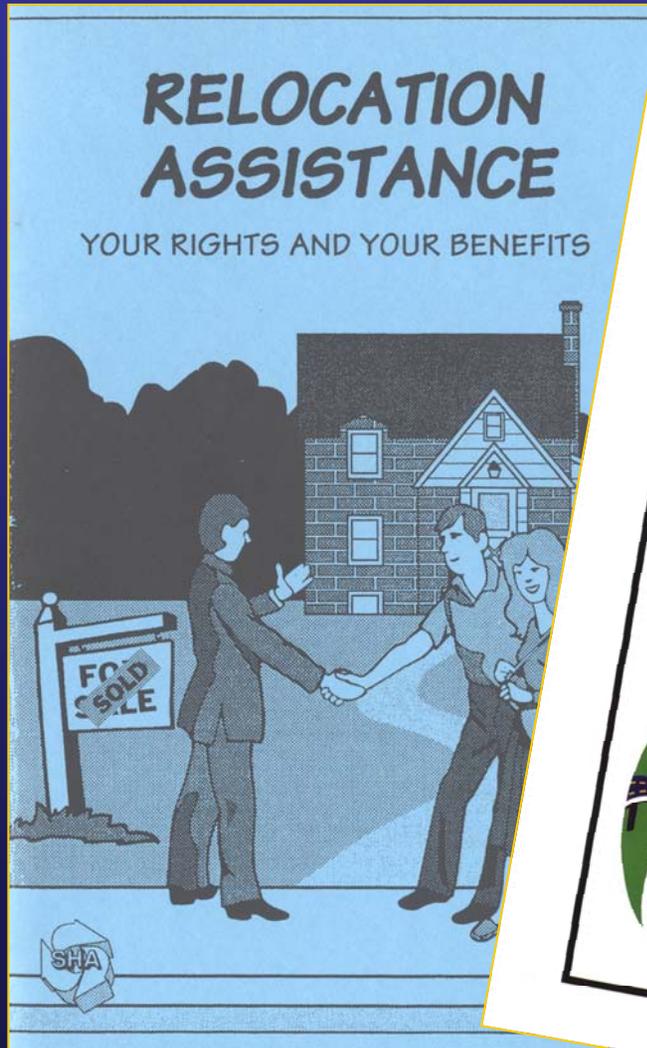
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# Title VI

# Title VI Prohibits Discrimination On Grounds Of:

- Race
- Color
- National Origin

# Title VI Prohibits Discrimination On Grounds Of:

- Sex
- Age
- Physical or Mental Handicap



# Title VI Enforcement



# Environmental Justice



**INFORMATION  
ON  
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**TITLE VI PROGRAMS**

**ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ACT**  
(Executive Order 12898)

**LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY**  
(13166)

**STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION**



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