



MONTGOMERY COUNTY'S **PEDESTRIAN** **PLAN**



Advisory Group Meeting
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Agenda

- 1) Virtual Meeting Best Practices
- 2) Introductions
- 3) Plan Updates
- 4) Complete Streets Design Guide
- 5) Purple Line Pedestrian Connectivity
- 6) Open Parkways
- 7) Public Comment
- 8) Next Steps



1) Best Practices

- Stay muted if not speaking.
- In Teams, click the Raise Hand button if you wish to speak. Wait to be called on.
- If you're calling in and are muted, press *6 to unmute yourself before speaking.

2) Introductions

- Please share the following:
 - Name
 - Affiliation (if any)
 - Interest in speaking during public comment (if not Advisory Group member)

3) Plan Updates

The county's first Pedestrian Master Plan will make walking and rolling safer, more comfortable, more convenient and more accessible for pedestrians of all ages and abilities in all parts of the county.

All trips within a short distance should be realistic pedestrian trips.

3) Plan Updates

**This is not just a plan for
sidewalks.**

3) Plan Updates



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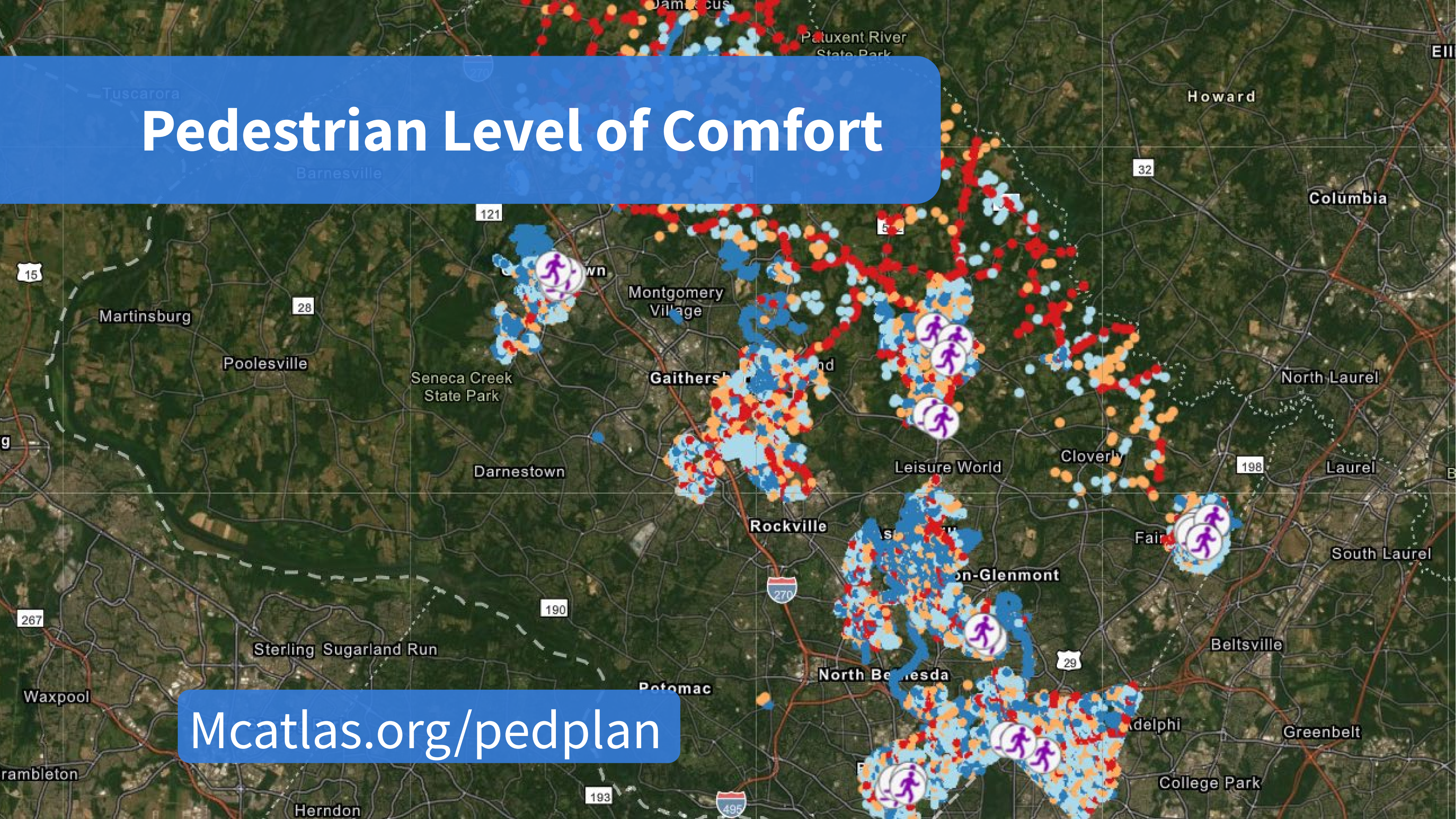
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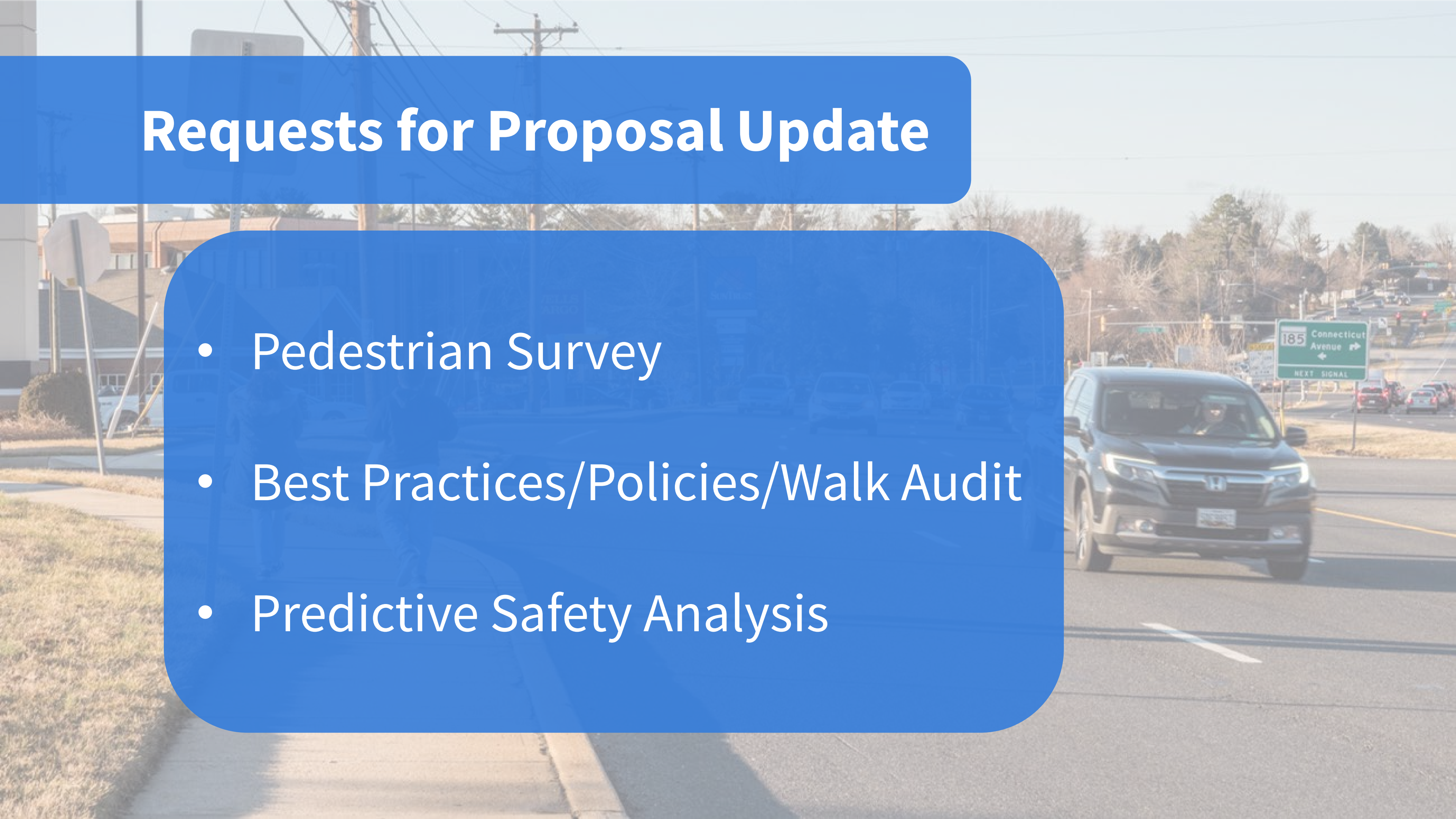
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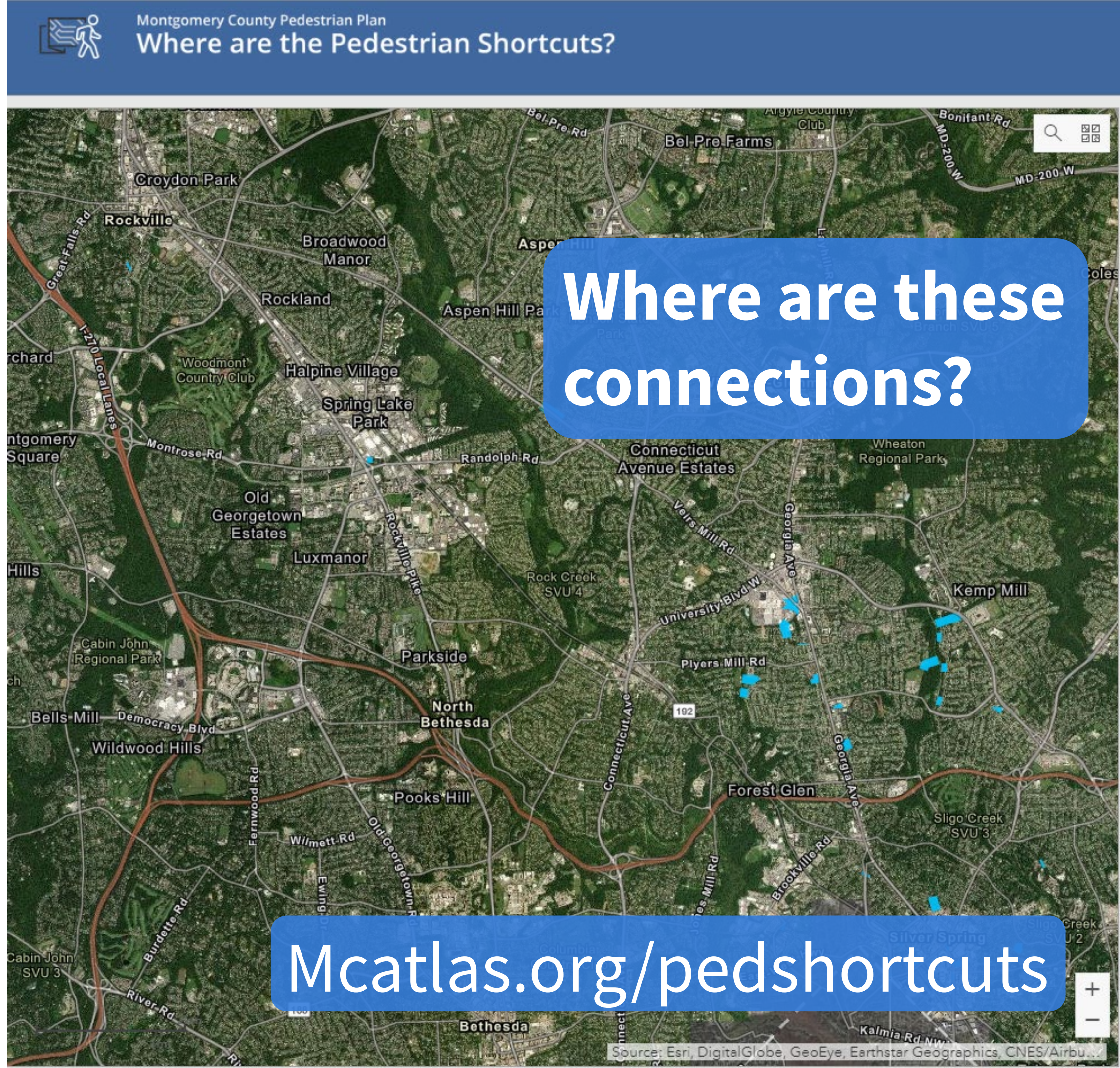
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Requests for Proposal Update

- Pedestrian Survey
- Best Practices/Policies/Walk Audit
- Predictive Safety Analysis



Pedestrian Shortcut Map



MCDOT Shared Streets

- Program to provide more space for physical distancing.
- Use street space differently.
- Participate in survey at link below.

montgomerycountymd.gov/DOIT/sharedstreets



The screenshot shows the MCDOT (Montgomery County Department of Transportation) website. The header includes the MCDOT logo and a search bar. A navigation menu lists: Home, Ride, Drive & Park, Bike, Walk, Get It Fixed, Services, Projects, and Contact. A banner for COVID-19 transportation changes and resources is visible, along with a link to 'New! MCDOT Shared Streets'. The main content area features a large graphic with the text 'SHARED STREETS' and 'Moving forward together' with the MCDOT logo. To the right of this graphic are four buttons: 'Resident Survey', 'Cuestionario Residentes', 'Business Survey', and 'Cuestionario Negocios'. Below the graphic is a section titled 'Message from MCDOT Director Chris Conklin' with a paragraph of text. This is followed by two sections: 'What is the Shared Streets initiative?' and 'What are the goals of Shared Streets?'. The goals section lists five bullet points. To the right of the goals section is a photograph of a street with a colorful mural and people walking. Below the goals section is another photograph of a street with a white van and people. To the right of this photograph is a section titled 'How is MCDOT going to implement Shared Streets?' with a paragraph of text and two bullet points.

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Cuestionario Negocios

Message from MCDOT Director Chris Conklin

Safe and accessible public spaces are a critical aspect of community health and vibrancy. MCDOT understands that our public rights of way are a key resource for residents and businesses, and that the best use of those spaces may shift under changing circumstances.

In response to the COVID-19 health crisis, I have directed our planners and engineers to think creatively about how we can adjust the use of our streets, sidewalks, and parking facilities to best serve today's needs. As a result, we are implementing a new initiative—Shared Streets.

What is the Shared Streets initiative?

MCDOT is looking at ways to modify existing uses of County-controlled sidewalks, roads, on-street parking, and parking lots to provide more space that allows safe, social distanced activity.

What are the goals of Shared Streets?

- Support temporary changes in how we use our public spaces to best meet today's needs.
- Maintain safety and access.
- Take an equitable approach and provide opportunities across the County.
- Support economic recovery while providing space to maintain social distancing requirements.
- Support the Maryland State Highway Administration in applying similar goals to State roads.

How is MCDOT going to implement Shared Streets?

Working with community and government partners, we will identify:

- Priority locations for allowable activity, such as retail pick up, outdoor restaurant space and permitted social activity.
- Locations where pedestrian volumes are likely to be high and pedestrian space is limited.



Presentations

7) Public Comment



8) Next Steps

Project Team

- Continue work to complete Pedestrian Level of Comfort countywide.
- Begin survey, best practices, and predictive safety projects.
- Scheduling walks with Advisory Group members.



Thank You!

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