

Northside 2027: fostering a safe and vibrant public realm

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 *The latest in a series of posts on Northside 2027* 

We continue providing info on the kickoff meeting of Northside 2027 last Tuesday.

Here Planning Director Heller surveys some of the recommendations on the slides in the “Foster a Safe and Vibrant Public Realm” part of the plan: return Linden and Center to 2-way, grants and improvements for Monocacy Way, traffic calming, pedestrian and bike safety, priority on Linden Street, problematic intersections, street trees, public art, adding greenery.

This is the best Gadfly can do with slide size. If there is something you can't make out, let Gadfly know.

PLAN GOALS & STRATEGIES



FOSTER A SAFE AND VIBRANT PUBLIC REALM

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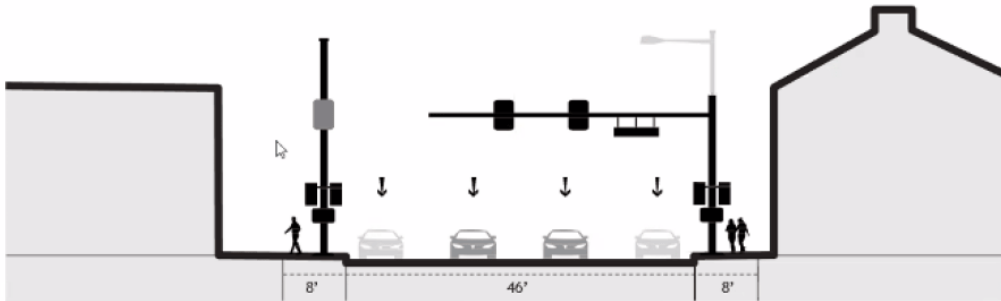
GOAL 1: Prioritize multi-modal safety and connectivity between neighborhood assets

- 1 Return Linden and Center Streets to two-way streets and consider road diets at intersections
- 2 Implement traffic calming elements on priority streets
 - » Main
 - » Center
 - » Linden
 - » Broad
- 3 Invest in high-quality, highly visible pedestrian safety elements at key intersections
- 4 Enhance the safety and visibility of Monocacy Trail entrances and expand the network of bike lanes throughout the neighborhood
- 5 Address safety issues along alleys and where alleys meet larger streets
- 6 Launch a pedestrian and bicycle safety public awareness campaign
- 7 Seek services for a detailed engineering feasibility study of traffic and safety strategies

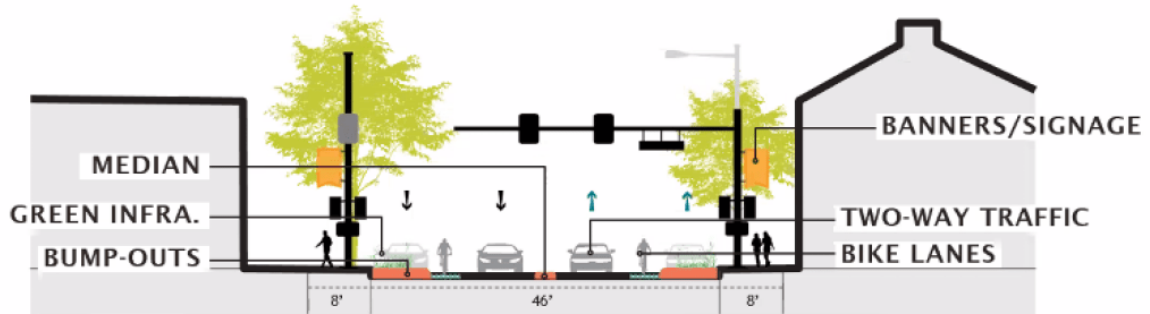


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LINDEN STREET: EXISTING

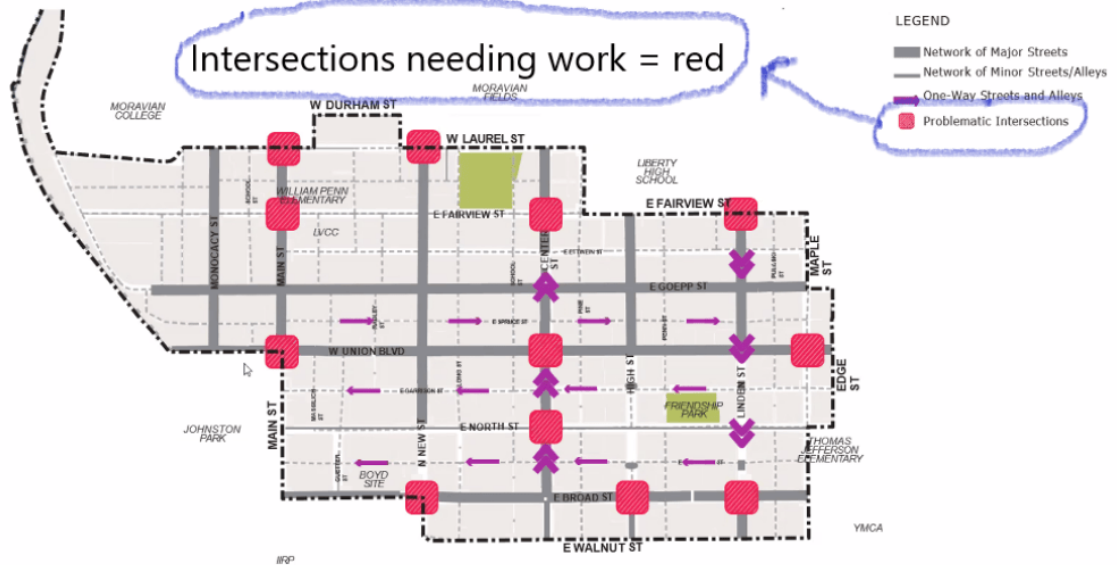


LINDEN STREET: POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS



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NEIGHBORHOOD CONSTRAINTS & OPPORTUNITIES



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GOAL 2: Enhance and beautify the public realm to create a sense of place

- 1 Hold regular events and festivals at key public spaces
 - » City Hall Plaza
 - » Friendship Park
 - » Johnston Park
- 2 Add street trees and street lights to create a continuous tree canopy and adequate pedestrian lighting throughout the neighborhood
- 3 Add small gardens, swales, and other green elements at intersections to manage stormwater and beautify the neighborhood
- 4 Add murals or other public art elements in coordination with neighborhood branding effort



to be continued . . .

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