

State Of Maryland

2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Takoma Park Metropolitan Branch Trail		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Smith	Charkoudian	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Montgomery County	\$500,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Takoma Park Metropolitan Branch Trail upgrade		
7. Matching Fund		
Requirements:	Type:	
Grant		
8. Special Provisions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
9. Contact Name and Title	Contact Ph#	Email Address
Devin McNally		301-891-7230
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The City of Takoma Park is located in Montgomery County, bordering Washington, DC and Prince George's County. Takoma Park operates under a Council-Manager form of government with an at-large Mayor and six members representing wards. City Council priorities include Advancing a Community of Safety and Belonging, Fiscally Sustainable Government, Engaged, Responsive, Service-Oriented Government, and Housing and Community Development for an Improved & Equitable Quality of Life. Takoma Park has a City Manager and two Deputy City Managers. There is no one racial or ethnic category that represents a majority of the population of 17,500: about a third were born in another country and speak a language other than English at home. The City supports its residents through the Housing and Community Development department as well as Recreation, Public Works, and Police.</p>		

11. Description and Purpose of Project (Limit length to visible area)

The City of Takoma Park is seeking funding to upgrade 0.45 miles of the Metropolitan Branch Trail (MBT), connecting Silver Spring with Union Station in DC, with a wider and improved trail surface, pedestrian-scale lighting, and connectivity to the adjacent park, neighborhood, Montgomery Community College and Metro station. The Montgomery County Bike Master Plan identifies the MBT as a Breezeway meant for high-volume use, and MWCOG has identified the completion of the National Capital Trail Network as a top priority. Final design work and construction documents will be completed by June 2026. This project compliments significant transit/bike/ped investments in Silver Spring and DC, and increases regional connectivity to other bicycle, bus and rail systems. It helps achieve cross-jurisdictional goals of connecting non-automotive transportation modes, coordinating bike networks, and advancing regional expertise on bike retrofits in older, denser suburbs.

Round all amounts to the nearest \$1,000. The totals in Items 12 (Estimated Capital Costs) and 13 (Proposed Funding Sources) must match. The proposed funding sources must not include the value of real property unless an equivalent value is shown under Estimated Capital Costs.

12. Estimated Capital Costs

Acquisition	
Design	
Construction	\$2,000,000
Equipment	
Total	\$2,000,000

13. Proposed Funding Sources - (List all funding sources and amounts.)

MD State Bond	\$500,000
COG Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside	\$150,000
MD Bikeways - Kim Lamphier Bikeways grant	\$500,000
Local Government Infrastructure Financing program	\$850,000
Total	\$2,000,000

14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
	May 2026	June 2027	June 2028
15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised	16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete	
	35,000	40,000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2025	\$263,000	Takoma Park Public Works Department -- Phase 2 des	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
City of Takoma Park		7500 Maple Avenue Takoma Park, MD 20912	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	20 - Montgomery County		
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
[X]	[]	[]	[]
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Robert DiSpirito	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-891-7229		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
7500 Maple Avenue Takoma Park, MD 20912			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)			
A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?			Own
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			No
C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?			No
D. If property is owned by grantee any space is to be leased, provide the following:			
Lessee	Terms of Lease	Cost Covered by Lease	Square Footage Leased
E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF			
Space to be Renovated GSF			
New GSF			

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	
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28. Comments	