



Columbia Road Traffic Operations Assessment and Complete Streets Study

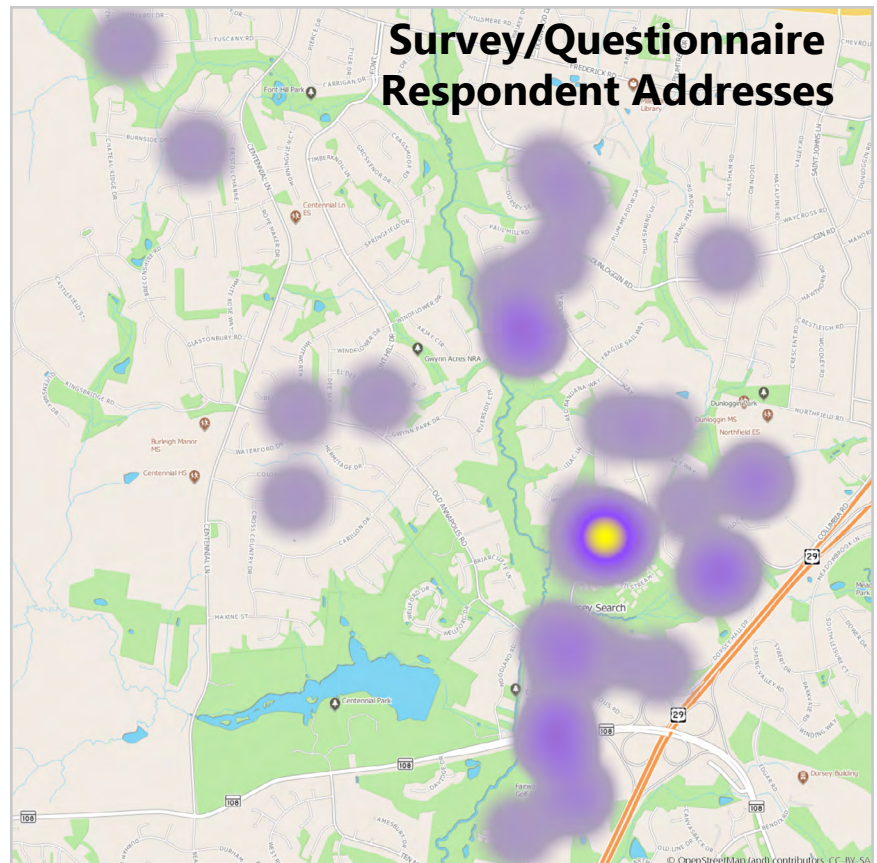
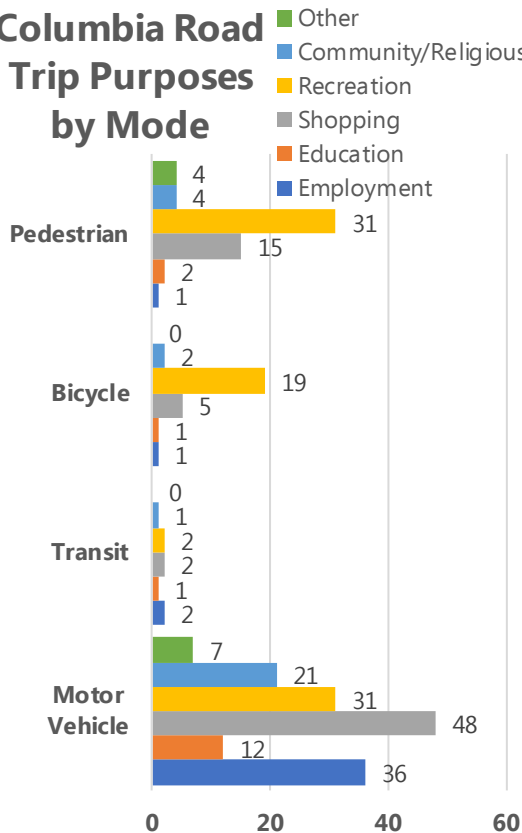
Public Input Summary

The kickoff meeting for the Columbia Road Traffic Operations Assessment and Complete Streets Study, entitled “Envisioning Columbia Road,” was held on Monday, December 10, 2018 at Linden Hall. At the meeting, attendees talked to staff and provided comments on a corridor map. In addition, over 50 people responded in person or online to a survey and questionnaire about transportation preferences and challenges on Columbia Road.

Proposed Vision Statement for Columbia Road

“Columbia Road shall provide convenient access to local destinations—including shopping, schools, employment, and recreation—for users of all transportation modes, and to regional roadways for drivers, while maintaining safe operations and appropriate speeds.”

Columbia Road Trip Purposes by Mode



What Respondents Liked about Columbia Road

Respondents to the survey appreciated that Columbia Road allowed access to MD 108, US 29, and US 40, as well as the existence of sidewalks and paths to accommodate pedestrians.

What Respondents Found Challenging about Columbia Road

By car: Most respondents indicated that traffic congestion during the morning and evening was a challenge, especially for vehicles turning left onto Old Annapolis Road. Many also indicated that speed of vehicles north of Gray Rock Drive was a challenge, and that this—combined with limited sight distance—makes egress from Old Dragon Path and Hemlock Cone difficult.

By transit: Respondents said that service was so infrequent, or slow, that they did not use it.

By bicycle: Respondents indicated that the limited shoulders, curved roadway, and hilly nature of the road make bicycling challenging along Columbia Road. Several respondents commented on the difficulty of making left turns by bicycle at the MD 108 and Old Annapolis intersections. Others commented on the difficulty of crossing Old Annapolis Road to access the Woodland Nature Path towards Centennial Park.

As a pedestrian: Respondents stated that drivers turning right on red at the Old Annapolis Road and Dorsey Hall Drive intersections tended not to stop and tend not to yield to pedestrians using the crosswalk. Others commented on the difficulty of crossing Columbia Road at Dorsey Hall pool, citing drivers' failure to yield to crosswalk users, and of crossing at Old Dragon Path and Hemlock Cone, citing speeding vehicles.

