


Corridor Safety Project




DDOT is undertaking a study and quick-build corridor safety project for South Dakota Avenue NE between Bladensburg and Riggs Road NE. In the FY24 budget, Councilmember Zachary Parker earmarked funds in the FY24 Budget to fund efforts to improve safety on the corridor in the short term, preferably by constructing a road diet on a segment of the corridor.

In the Fall of 2023, DDOT began analyzing South Dakota’s current conditions, traffic, and crash data and determining the best ways to use the budget. May 2024 is the beginning of public outreach to kick off the project with the community and get input on resident’s current concerns on the street as well as their vision for the future.


The goals of the project are to:




Reduce speeding




Remove or enhance safety of uncontrolled turns at high crash locations




Improve safety for people walking, taking the bus, bicycling, and driving on the street



Enhance crosswalk safety so that drivers and pedestrians can better see one another

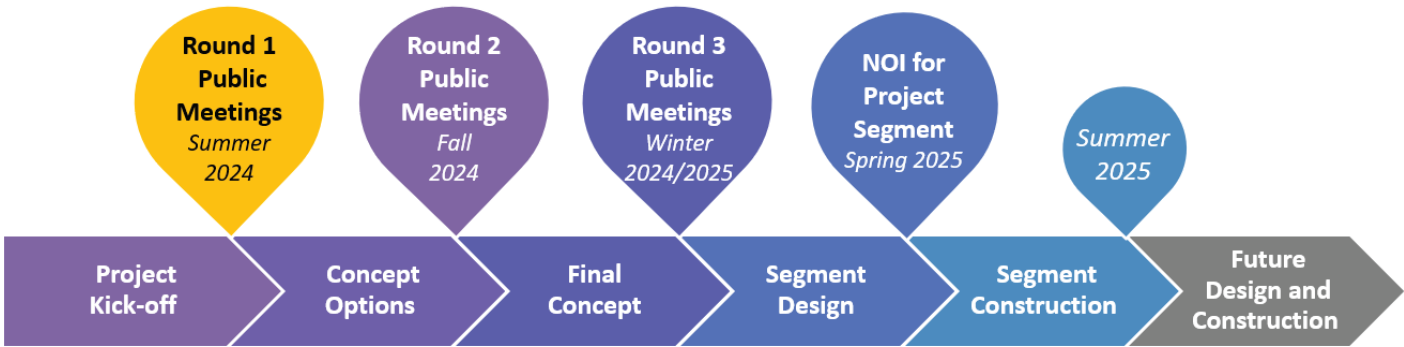


Address safety and crash patterns at complicated intersections



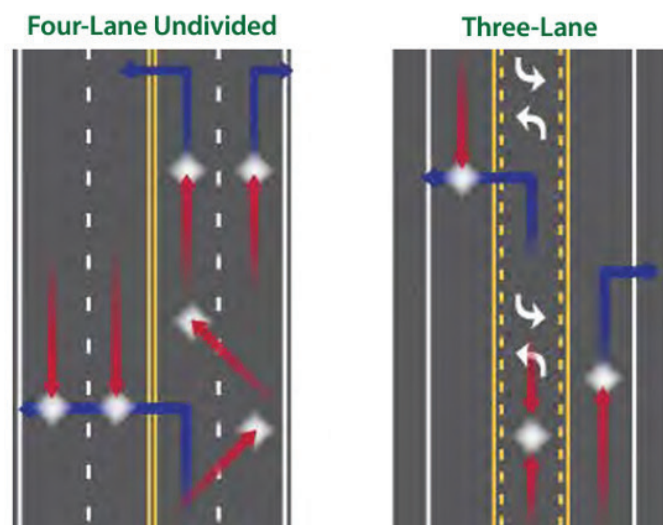
Improve bus service and access to bus stops

Project Schedule



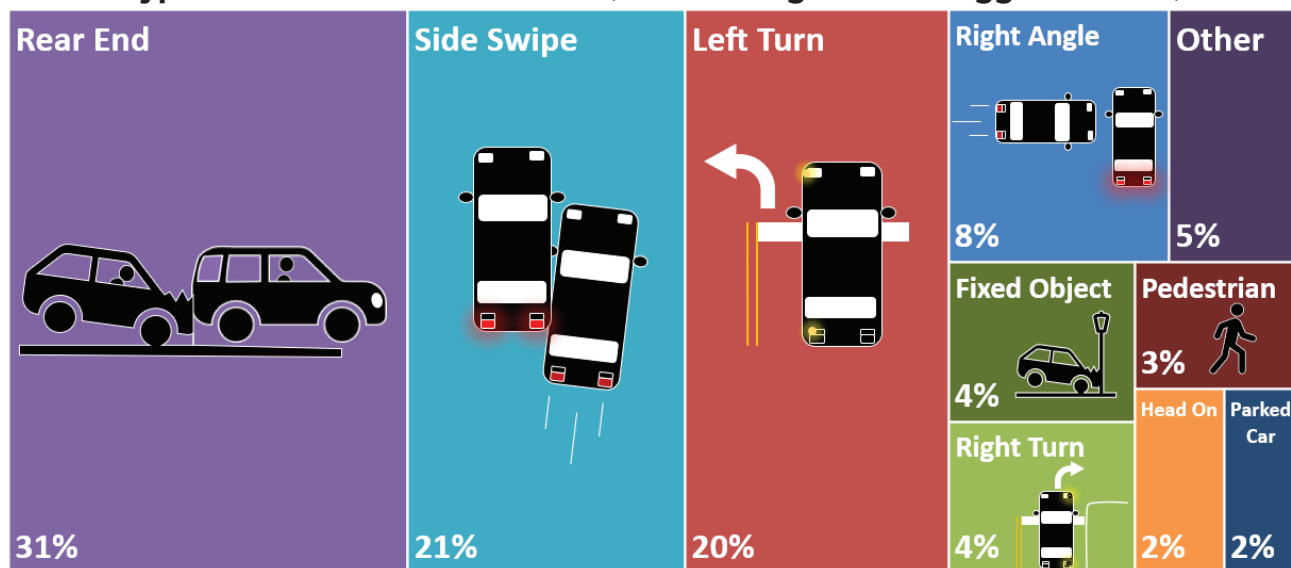
What is a Road Diet and why is it safer?

- Road Diets are reconfigurations of typically 4 lane roadways to 3 or 2 lanes and extra space is repurposed
- Average total crash reduction approximately 20-50% for all modes
- Manage street space for all day volume of traffic, not just peak hours
- Reduce common crash types- side swipes, and angle crashes from left and right turns in active travel lanes
- Street space can be repurposed for turn lanes, pedestrian refuge islands, bicycle lanes, and/or parking as needed
- Protected bicycle lanes have crash reduction of 50% on average



Road Diets Reduce Common Crash Types

Common Crash Types on South Dakota Ave NE (Bladensburg Road to Riggs Road NE)



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