

Wilson Boulevard Streetscape Improvements

Virtual Town Hall

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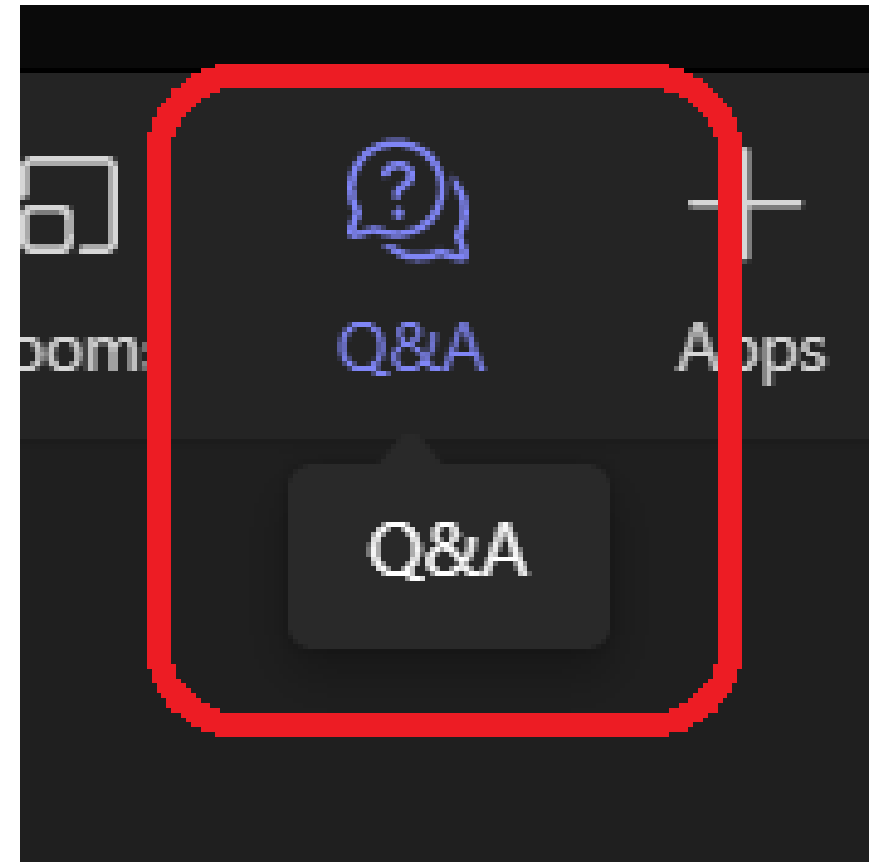


Agenda

- Welcome
- How to Participate
- Presentation by Gabriela Kock, Project Manager
 - About the Project
 - What to Expect During Construction
- Q&A
- How to Stay Connected

How to Participate

- Use the Teams **Q&A feature** on your screen at any point during the event
 - Our moderators will respond to questions throughout the evening
- A recording of this event and the presentation slides will be available on the project page after the event
- Need to leave early?
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Project Overview

What are we doing? Why?



Project Context

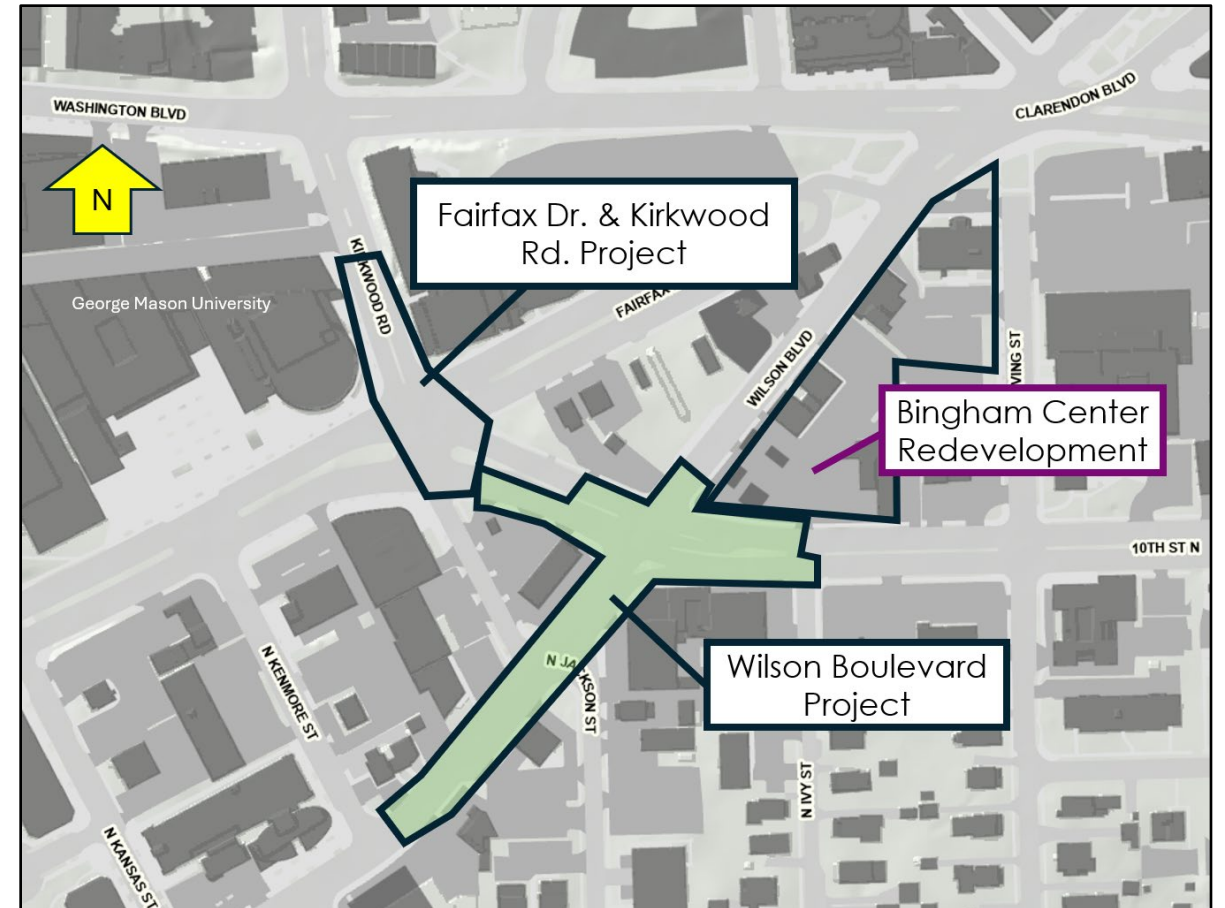
Improvements to Wilson Boulevard were included in the [Virginia Square Sector Plan](#), adopted by the Arlington County Board in 2002.

- **Goal:** To balance the needs of pedestrian, transit, and vehicular traffic through this high-volume corridor
- Four phases have been completed; the final phase will begin construction this summer



Project Context

- Coordination with two nearby projects
 - Private development on Wilson Blvd. & 10th St. N. (Bingham Center Redevelopment)
 - Future County transportation project on Fairfax Drive/Kirkwood Rd.



Existing Conditions



- Uneven travel lanes and slip lanes cause conflict between vehicles and people walking

- Narrow sidewalks are obstructed by utility poles
- Utilities are due for replacement

Project Goals

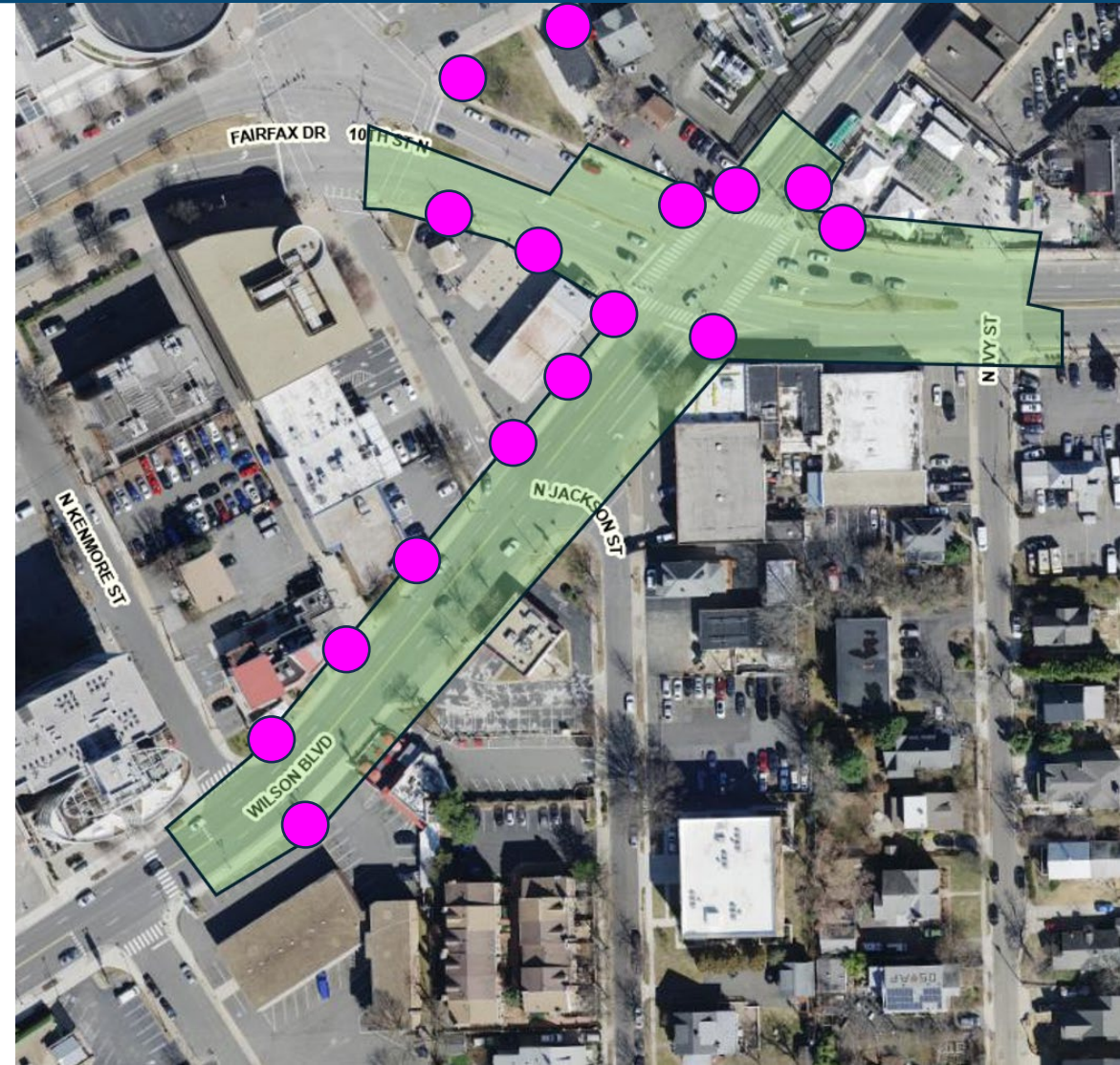
Full-scale reconstruction of

- Wilson Boulevard (North Kenmore Street to 10th Street North)
- 10th Street North (North Jackson Street to North Ivy Street)



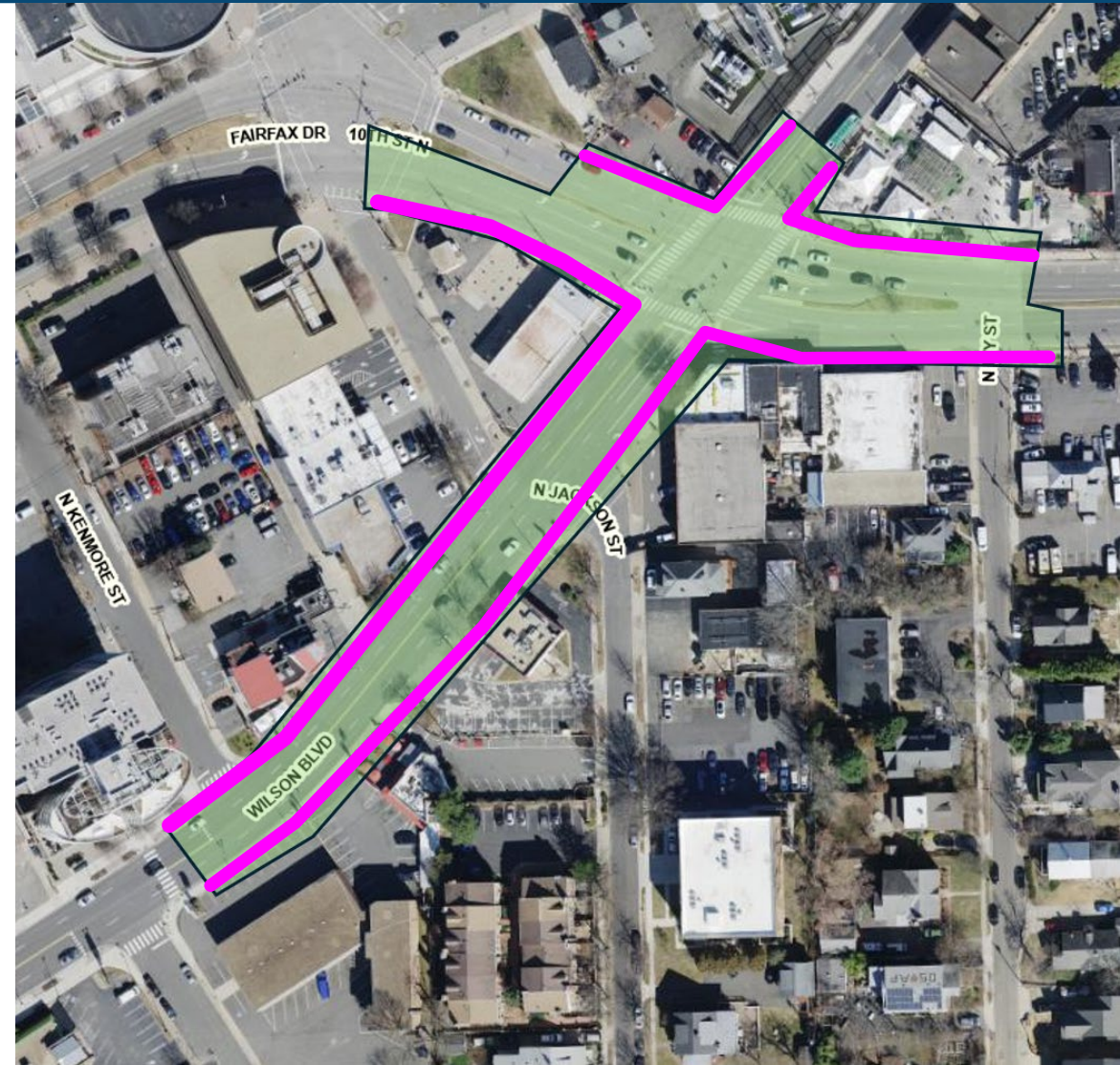
Project Goals

- Remove utility poles from sidewalks, bury and upgrade utilities below the road, and upgrade signals and streetlights on the street level.



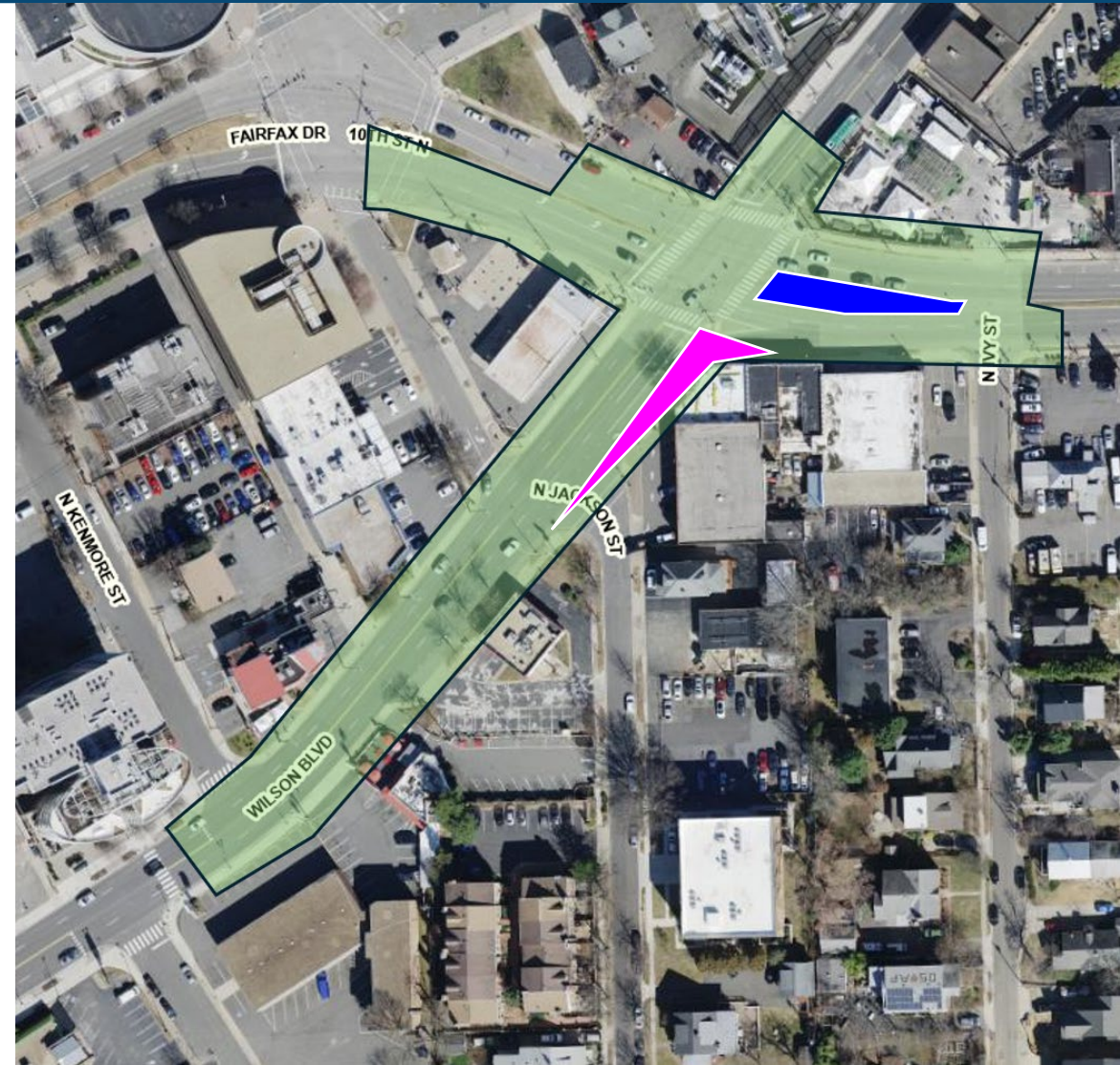
Project Goals

- Widen sidewalks within the project area to match improvements already completed west of North Kenmore Street



Project Goals

- Remove the right-turn slip lane on **Wilson Boulevard**, and the left concrete turn lane on **10th Street North** to improve predictability and reduce confusion between drivers and pedestrians



What to Expect During Construction

What are we doing? When?



Project Timeline

- Project target duration:
 - Start summer 2026
 - End late 2028, weather and conditions permitting
- Work hours:
 - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday-Friday
 - Weekend work in special circumstances will be communicated in advance



Construction Tasks



Example from another project



Similar improvements nearby.



■ Utility Work Below Ground

- Trenching and installing new underground utilities
- Coordinating with Dominion, Comcast, Verizon

■ Streetscape Improvements

- Sidewalks, curb/gutter, sewer inlets, other work
- Installing foundations for signals, streetlights

■ Connect Utilities

- Lights, signals
- Coordinating with Dominion, Comcast, Verizon

Traffic Maintenance

- The project team work with the contractor and utilities to maintain vehicle and pedestrian access through the project area
- During construction, look out for:
 - Lane closures
 - Sidewalk/crosswalk detours
 - Bus stop closures/relocations
- Detours will vary depending on different construction tasks, so follow the project page, newsletters, and signs to plan ahead



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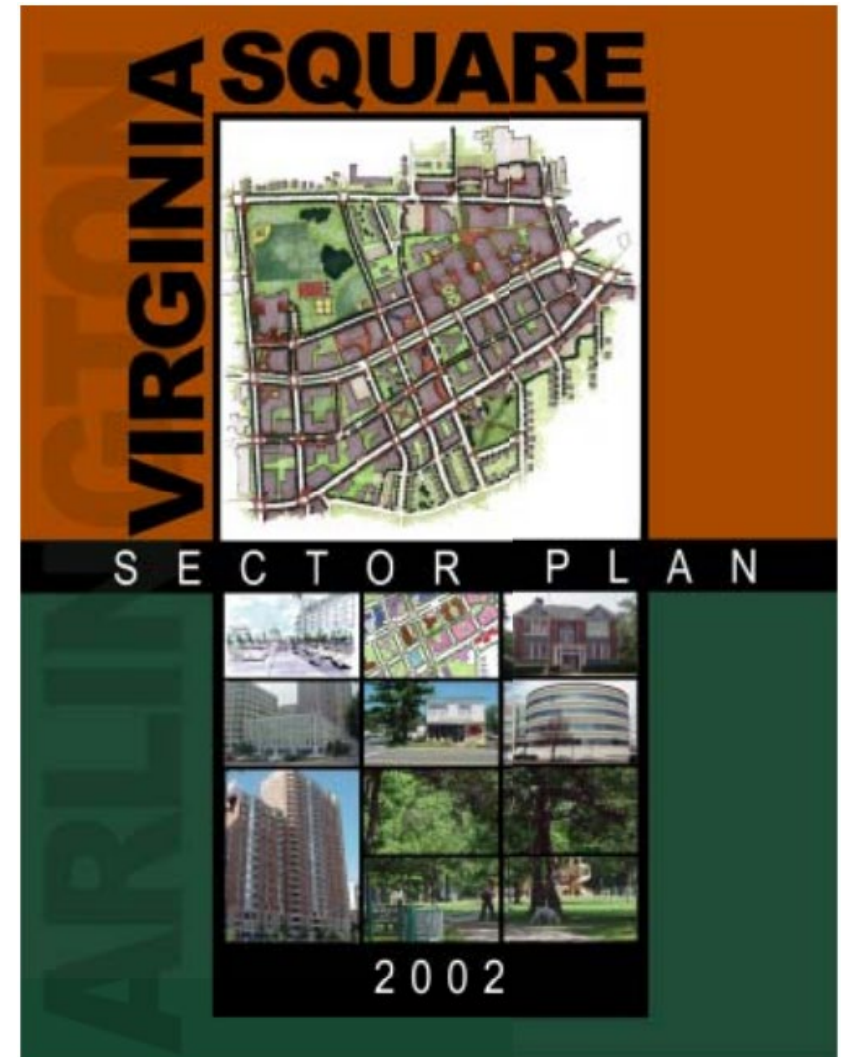
Questions from You



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Question: When did this project get decided and funded?

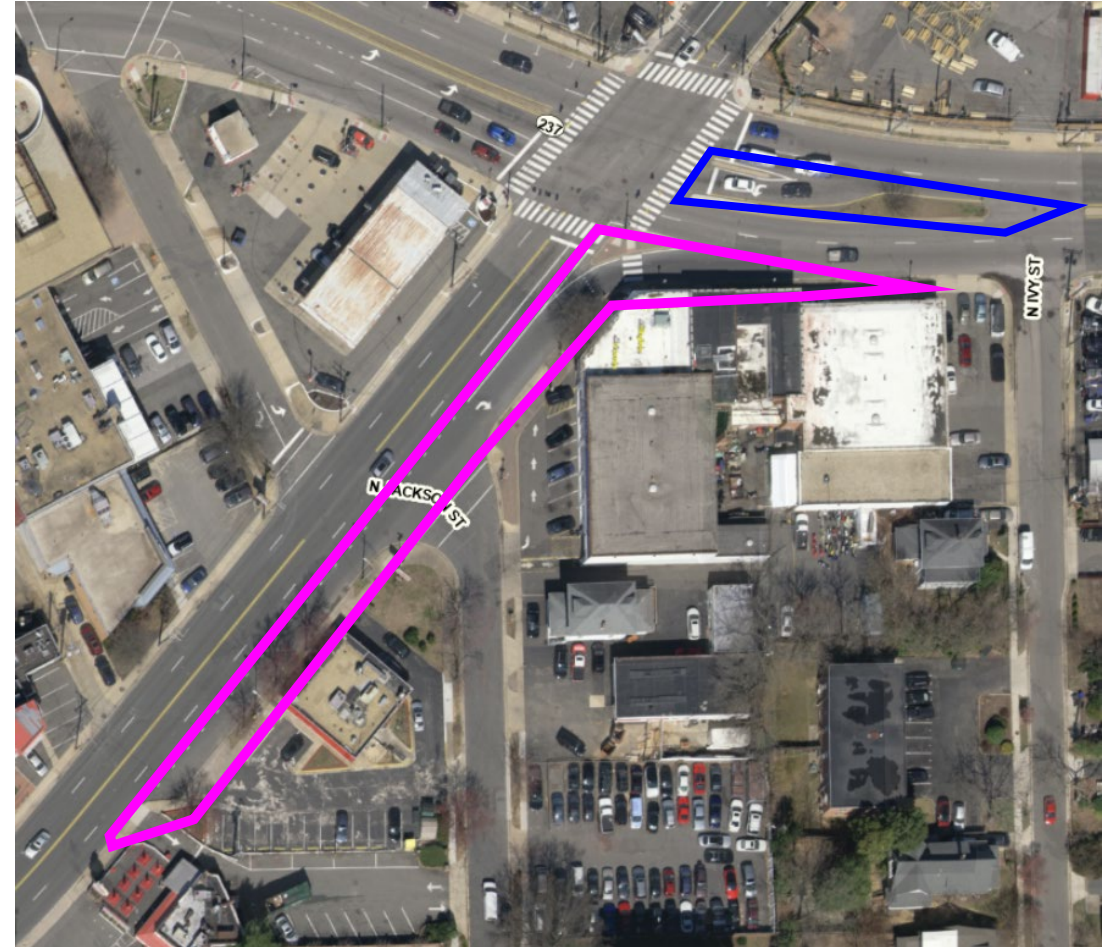
Answer: This project originated in the [Virginia Square Sector Plan](#) adopted in 2002 and is funded through the County's [Capital Improvements Plan](#).



Questions from You

Question: Will the slip lanes be removed to improve pedestrian safety?

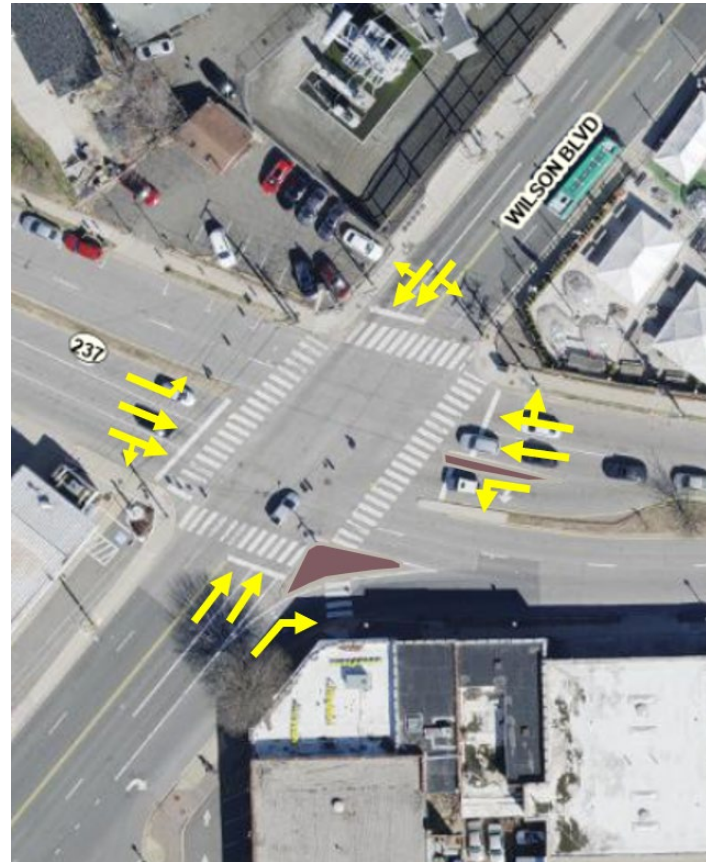
Answer: Yes. The funneled lanes on **Wilson Blvd.** and on **10th St. N.** will be reconfigured for predictable through, turn, and crossing movements for all users of the intersection.



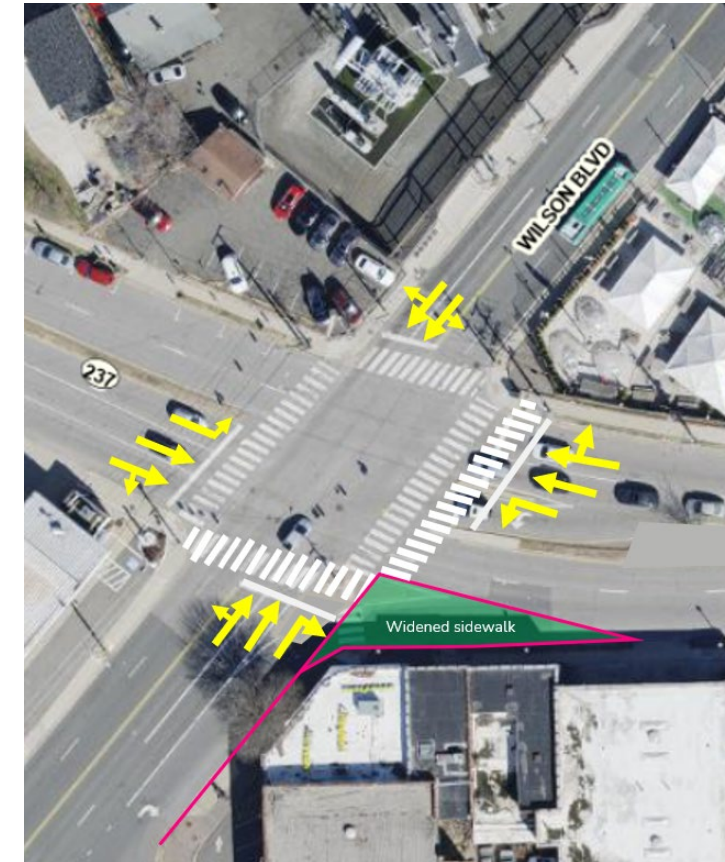
Questions from You

Question: Will this project remove vehicle lanes and reduce capacity?

Answer: No. The project will keep the same number of lanes on the road but reconfigure the lanes at the intersection to be clearer, safer, and more predictable at the intersection.



Currently, the intersection is disjointed and spread out.



After, the intersection will be more uniform.

Questions from You

Question: How will you keep vehicles from speeding through this intersection?

Answer: Removing the slip lane and tightening corners will slow drivers as they turn right and will narrow the look and feel of the intersection. All other corners will be No Right on Red(NROR).



Questions from You

Question: How will the County ensure traffic isn't impacted by long lines at lights?

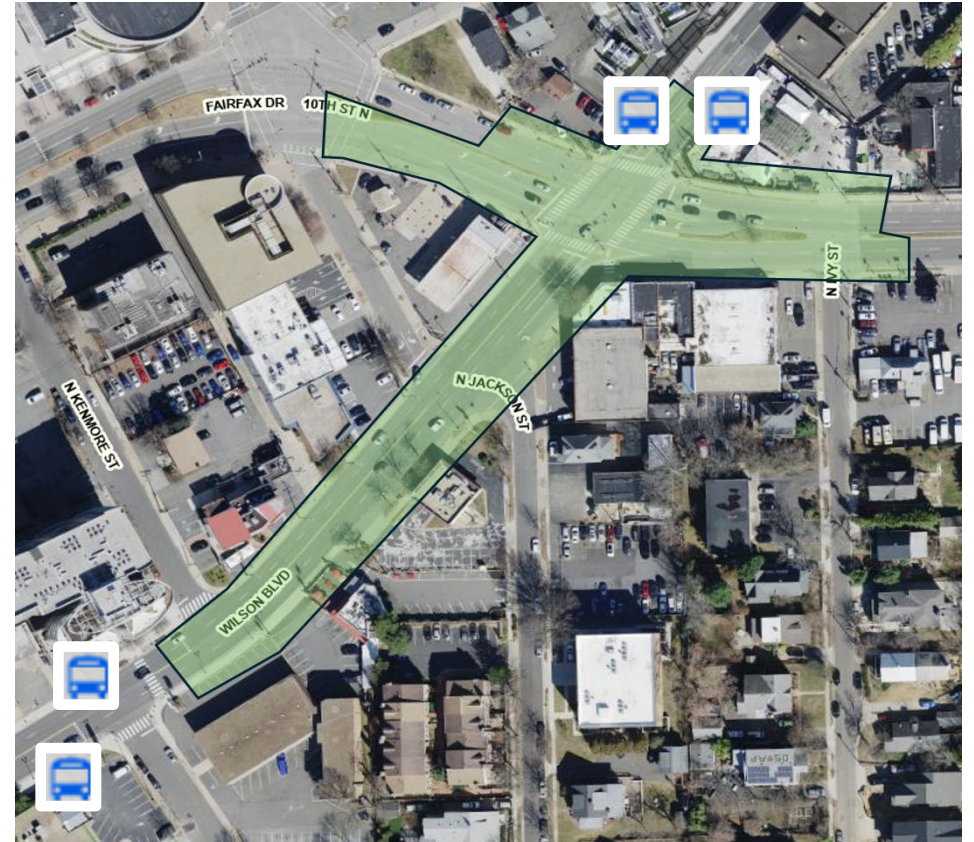
Answer: Signal cycles are coordinated for safety and to minimize delays. Our signals team will monitor the intersection and adjust as needed.



Questions from You

Question: Are there any changes expected to improve bus stops in the project area?

Answer: The project will deliver wider sidewalks and more comfortable access to bus stops within and near the project area.

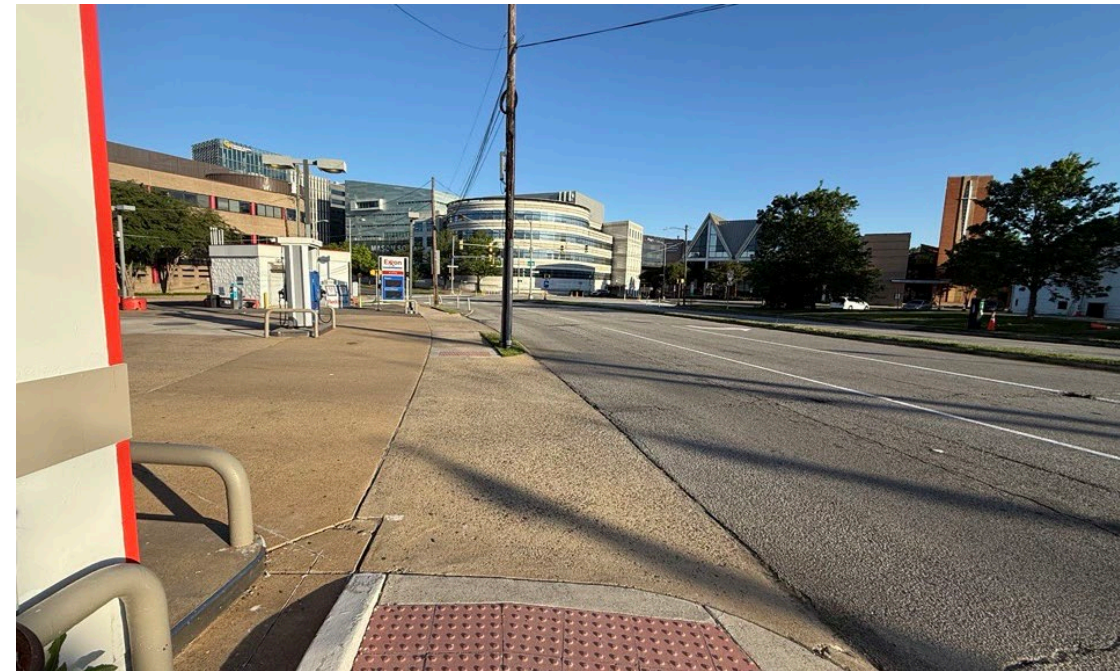


The project area is served by ART 41, 42, 56, Metrobus A58, A76, and Omniride bus routes.

Questions from You

Question: Will there be improvements along the gas station sidewalk to make entrances and exits for cars clearer and to improve the pedestrian experience?

Answer: Yes. This project will reduce the size of the curb cuts at the gas station along Wilson Blvd. On 10th St. N. we are eliminating one curb cut, to reduce the number from three on the block to two.



Sidewalk on 10th Street North next to the gas station.

Questions from You

Question: Will pedestrian crossing distances be reduced as part of this project?

Answer: Curb extensions will reduce crossing distances where possible throughout the project. Lane reconfigurations at Wilson Blvd. and 10th St. N. will simplify crossings and provide clear and predictable sightlines.

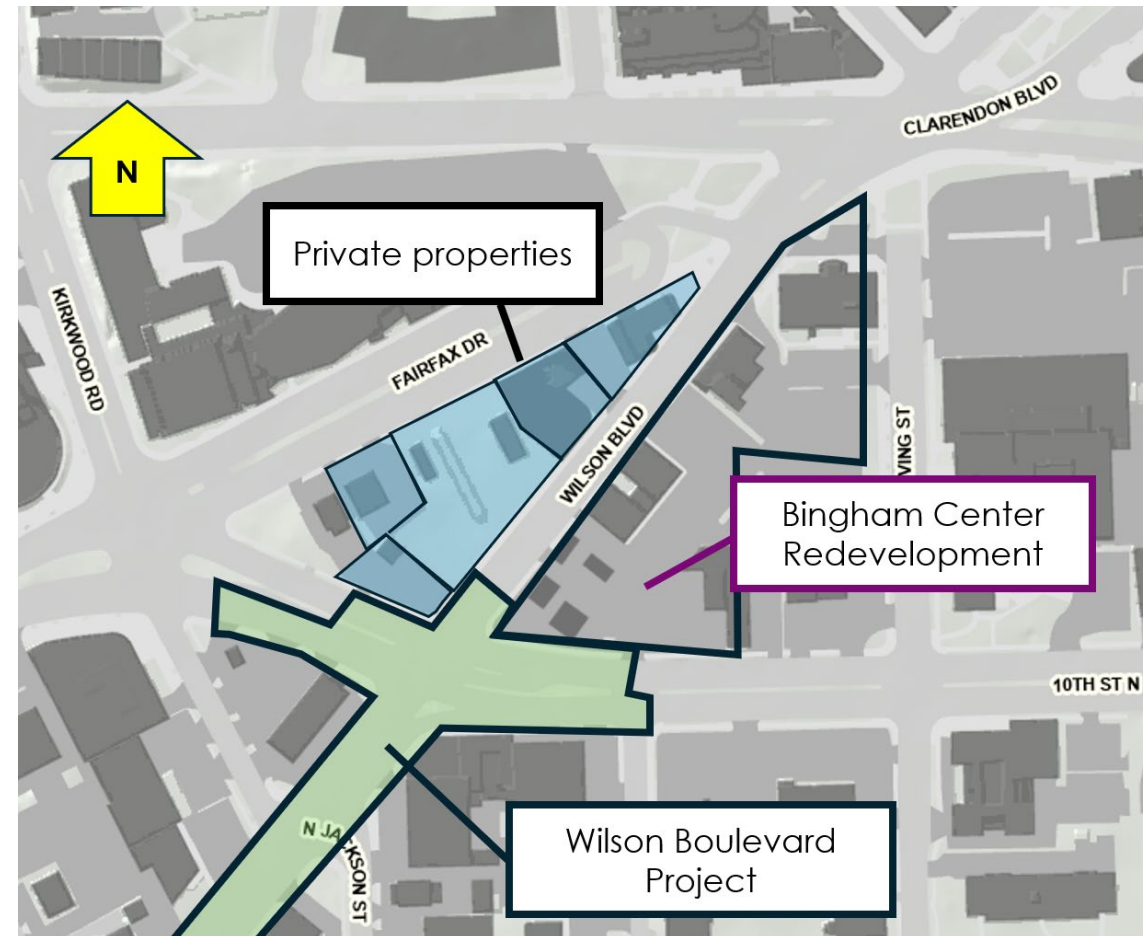


These three disjointed crossings will turn into two simplified crossings after the slip lane removal.

Questions from You

Question: Could the improvements on Wilson Boulevard be extended from 10th St. N. toward Clarendon Blvd., where sidewalks remain narrow?

Answer: Sidewalks in this area are constrained by available public right-of-way. Sidewalk improvements on the east side will be delivered by the [Bingham Center redevelopment](#). The west sidewalk abuts the Dominion facility and other private properties; the County is exploring possible long-term improvements in the future.



Questions from You

Question: What impact will this project have on the beer garden?

Answer: The beer garden and diner closed in March of 2026 as part of the [Bingham Center redevelopment](#).

The Wilson Boulevard project team is actively coordinating with the developer during construction.



Sidewalk on 10th Street North along Bingham property.

Questions from You

Question: Does this project have a say in the design of existing buildings near the project?

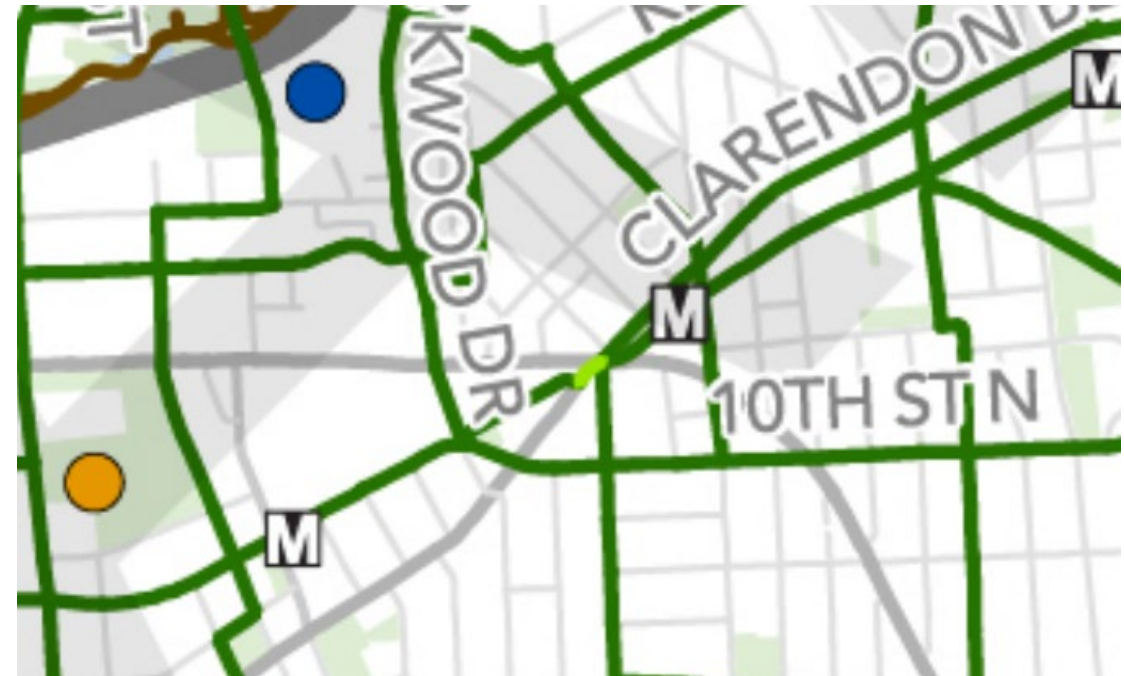
Answer: No. This project implements public improvements within the right-of-way to address pedestrian facilities and transportation safety.

Questions from You

Question: What plans are there for bike lane improvements in the area?

Answer: The draft Modal Priority Networks (how we prioritize which transportation modes to design for) in the refresh of the County's transportation plan calls for Fairfax Dr. and 10th St. N. to be part of the priority network for bike facilities in the future.

Learn more about [Arlington's Transportation Future](#).



Snippet of Draft Bicycle and Micromobility Priority Network from Phase 3 of engagement for Arlington's Transportation Future.

Questions from You

Question: When will the steel road plates be removed and road improvements be completed on Wilson Boulevard near Ballston Quarter?

Answer: This location is outside of the project area.

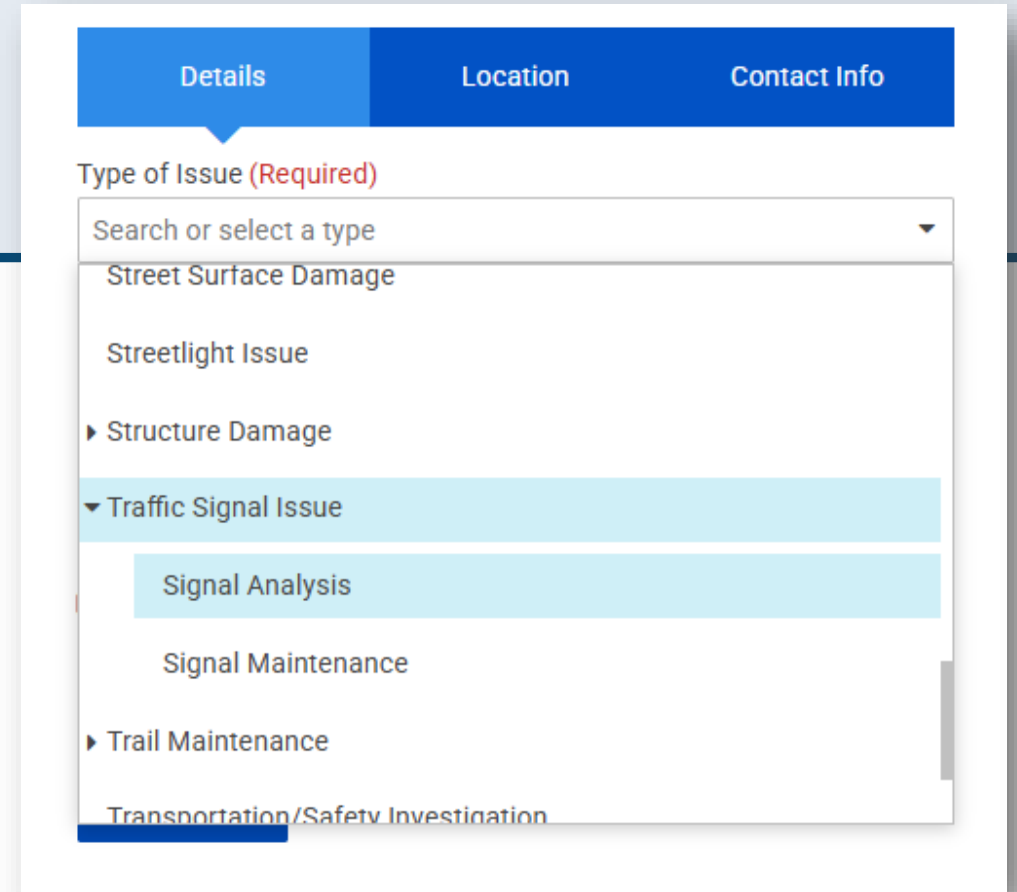
The steel plates are a permanent structure to cover Dominion Energy equipment below ground related to a private property.

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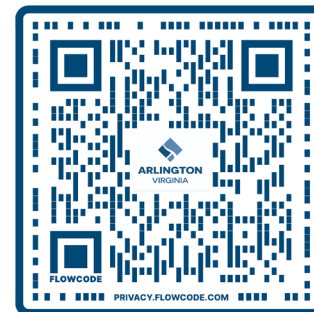
Question: Will this project extend the crosswalk signal at Fairfax Dr. & N. Jackson/Kirkwood Streets?

Answer: This intersection is outside of the project area.

In general, you can request a signal analysis on the County's [Report-a-Problem page](#).



The screenshot shows a web form with three tabs: 'Details', 'Location', and 'Contact Info'. The 'Details' tab is active. Below the tabs is a dropdown menu titled 'Type of Issue (Required)'. The dropdown is open, showing a search bar and a list of options: 'Street Surface Damage', 'Streetlight Issue', 'Structure Damage', 'Traffic Signal Issue' (which is expanded to show 'Signal Analysis' and 'Signal Maintenance'), 'Trail Maintenance', and 'Transportation/Safety Investigation'. 'Signal Analysis' is highlighted in light blue.



Report-a-Problem

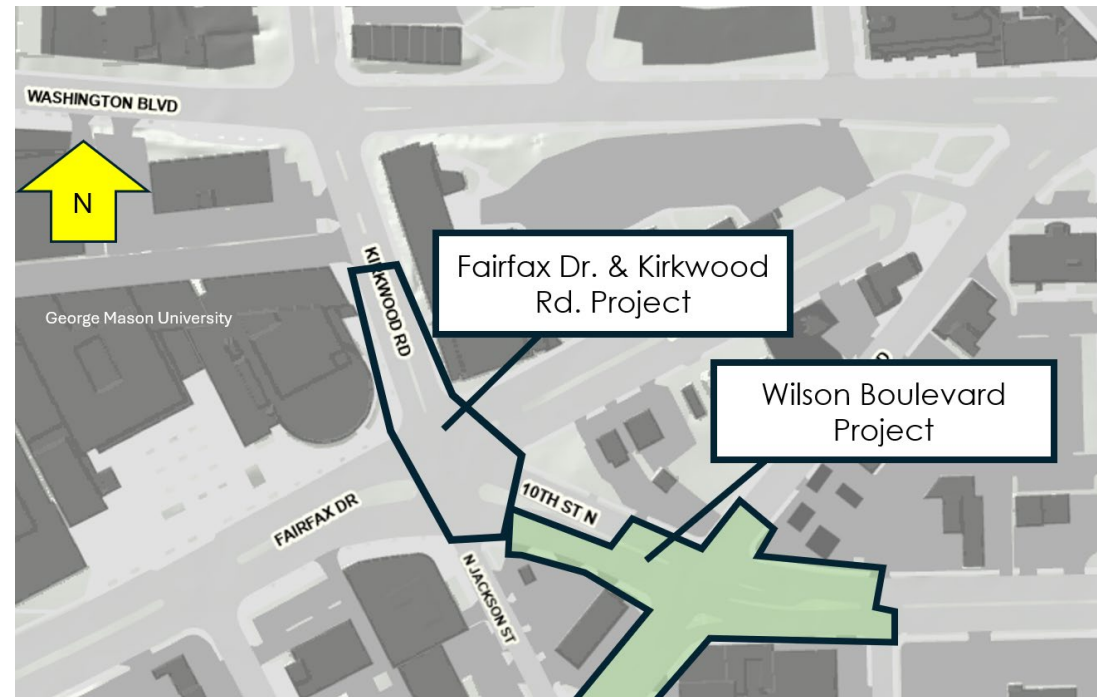
Scan for the Report-a-Problem, or search for "Report-a-Problem Arlington County"

Questions from You

Question: Will this project address safety while crossing the intersection of 10th Street North and Fairfax Drive?

Answer: This intersection will be addressed by the [Fairfax Drive and Kirkwood Road project](#), which is currently in the design phase.

Visit the project page to contact the project team.



Questions from You

Question: How can we get improvements like this in other intersections?

Answer: The County is [currently revising its Transportation Master Plan](#) for updated guidance to study, plan for and invest transportation projects.

In the meantime, submit data points:

- [Traffic Safety Enforcement Request form](#)
- [Report-a-Problem Portal](#)



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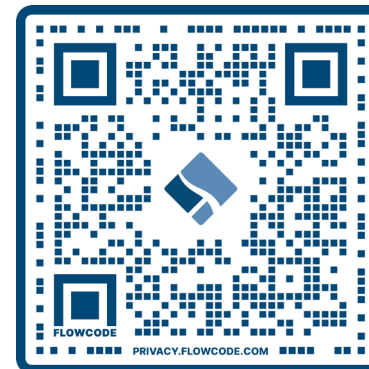
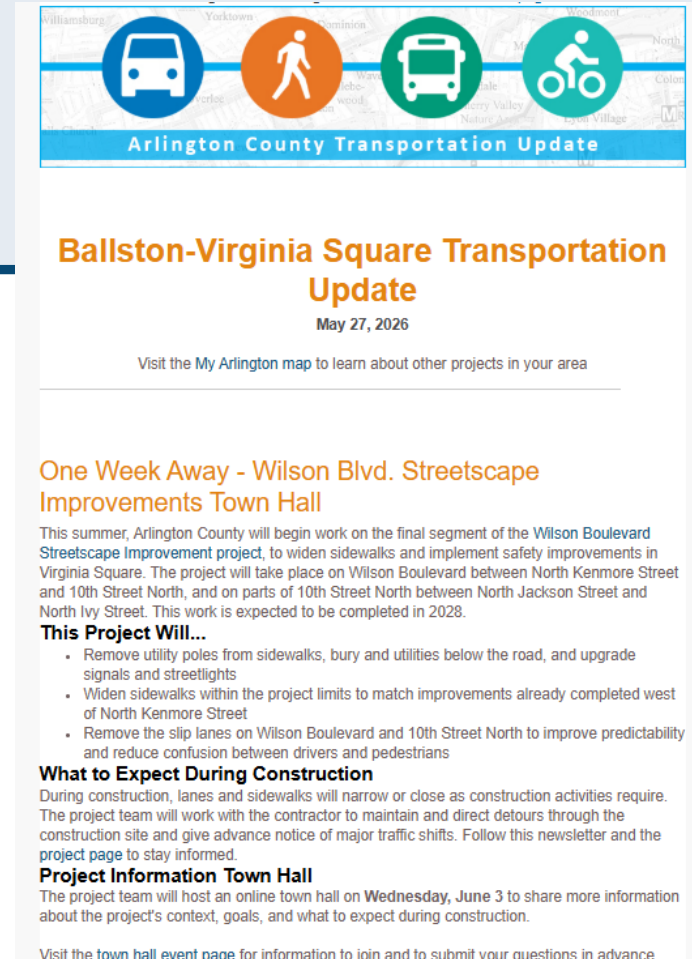
Question: How will the project work with neighbors nearest to the project area during construction?

Answer: In addition to web and newsletter updates, the project manager will send regular updates to residents and businesses nearest to the project.

If you have any questions or concerns during construction, please contact Gabriela Kock directly at gkock@arlingtonva.us.

Stay Connected

- Bookmark the [Wilson Boulevard Streetscape Improvements \(Virginia Square\) project page](#)
 - See project progress
 - Sign up for the *Ballston/Virginia Square Transportation Update* Newsletter
- Follow us on socials
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 - Arlington County Department of Environmental Services on Facebook, Nextdoor
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