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Suitland Parkway

Trail Extension

and

Naylor Road Intersection Safety

Improvements

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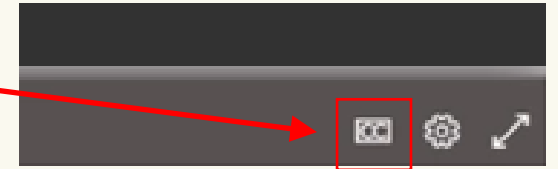
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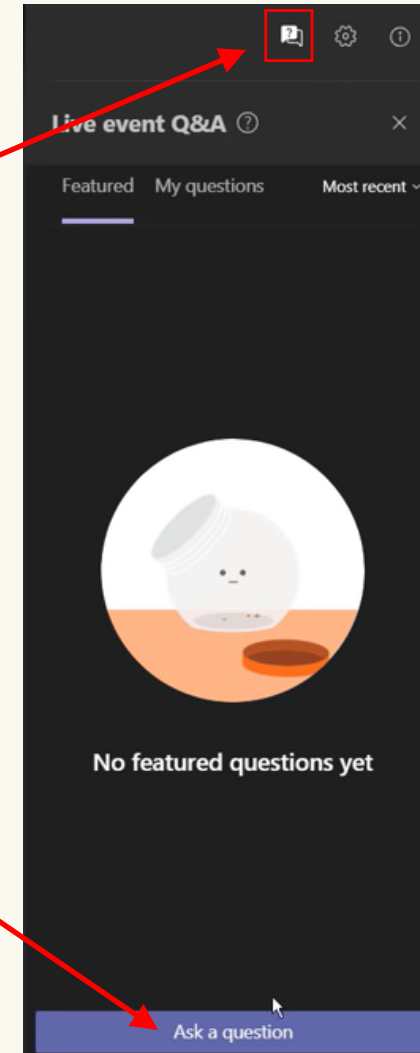


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AGENDA

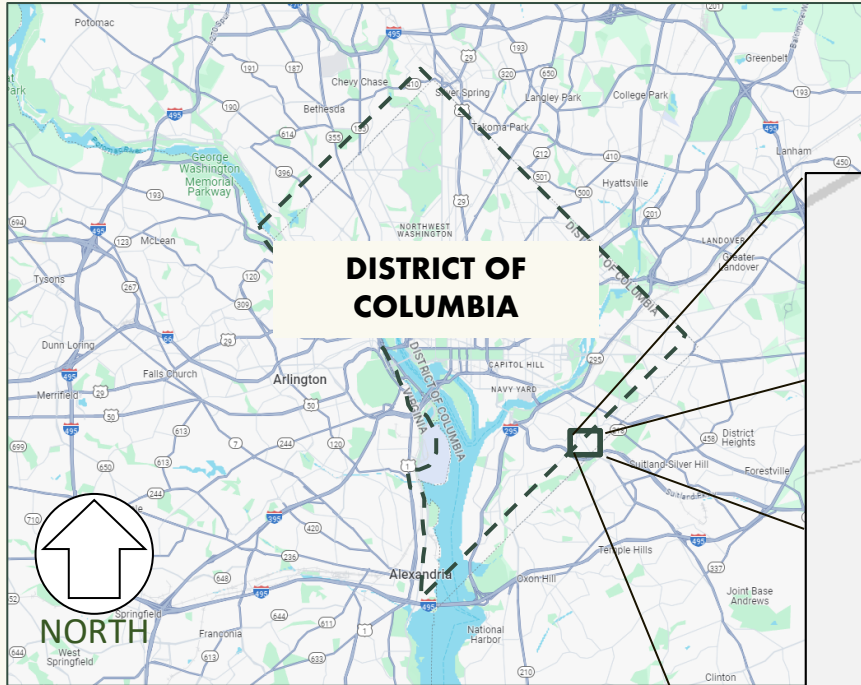
- Meeting Goals
- Parkway History and Affected Environment
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) + Related Laws
- Existing Conditions
- Purpose and Need
- Proposed Action Concept
- Schedule and Next Steps
- How to Submit Formal Comments
- Questions



Meeting Goals

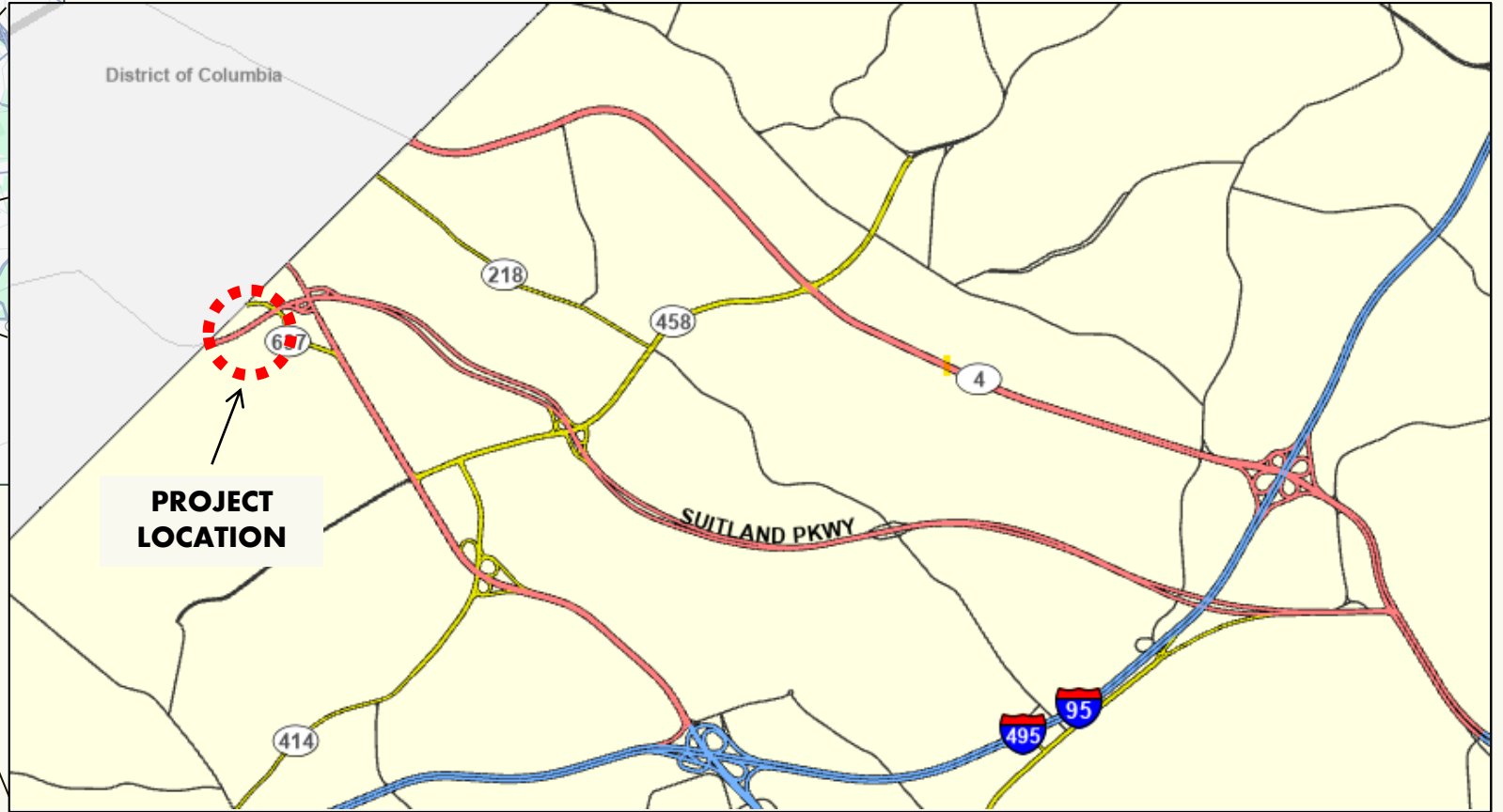
- Provide an overview of the proposal and why the NPS believes it is needed
- Review the federal regulations governing this planning process
- Review the potential environmental issues that have been identified by NPS
- Present the details of the proposed action and concepts under consideration
- Present the next steps in the compliance process
- Provide you with an opportunity to ask questions

Parkway History and Affected Environment



Above: Vicinity Map

Below: Map of Suitland Parkway and the Project Location



Parkway History and Affected Environment

- Opened to traffic on December 9, 1944
- Listed in the National Register of Historic Places
- Example of a historically significant designed parkway landscape

- Notable landscape features in the project area:

- Roadway structure + layout
- Culverts
- Vegetation
- Natural streams + topography

Background photo: Naylor Rd. intersection, looking east from Suitland Parkway, ca. 1943 (HAER MD-100)



Photo of New Oxon Run culvert at Naylor Rd. intersection, ca. 1943 (HAER MD-100)

What is NEPA?

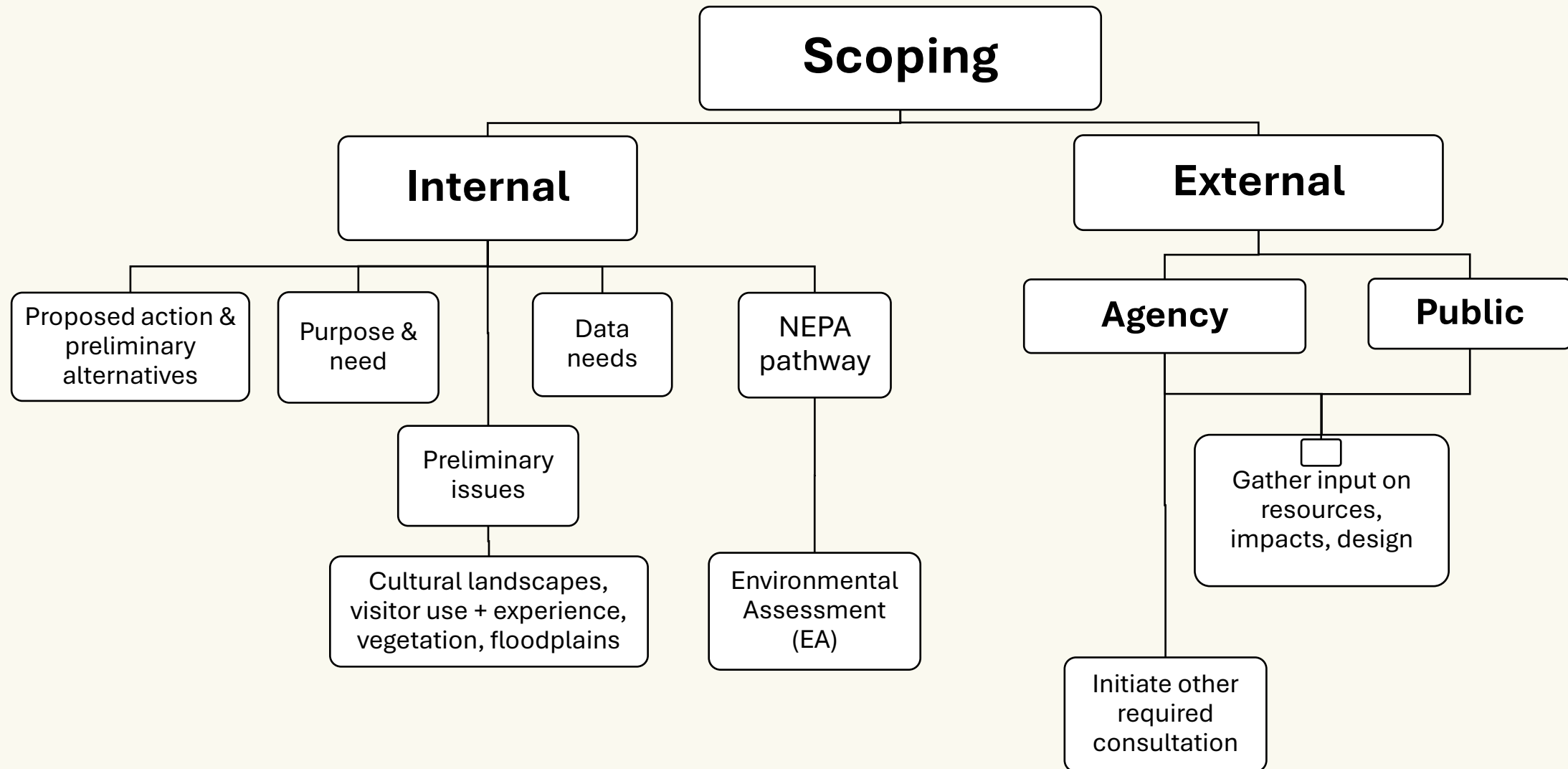
- The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is a law that requires federal agencies to:
 - Analyze and disclose the environmental impacts of actions
 - Engage the public as part of project planning

“Actions” could include federal projects, funding, or permits



Above: Decorative figure of the United States with the phrase “NEPA National Environmental Policy Act”

NEPA Process



Above: Flowchart graphic showing the typical steps and topics considered during the NEPA scoping process

Environmental Assessment

The NPS will prepare an environmental assessment (**EA**) for this project.

The EA will include:

- Purpose and need for the project
- Description of the proposed action and alternatives
- Description of the affected environment
- Impact analysis

Preliminary Issues and Impact Topics:

- Cultural Landscapes
- Visitor Use and Experience
 - Including traffic
- Vegetation
- Floodplains

NHPA -- Section 106 Compliance

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) **requires** that **Federal agencies...**

- **Consider** the **effects** of their undertakings on **historic properties**.
- **Consult** with other **agencies**, Native American **tribes**, and interested parties and involve the **public**

The goal of consultation is to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects to historic properties

The Section 106 process typically has **four steps:**

1. Initiate Section 106
2. Identify historic properties
3. Assess effects
4. Resolve adverse effects

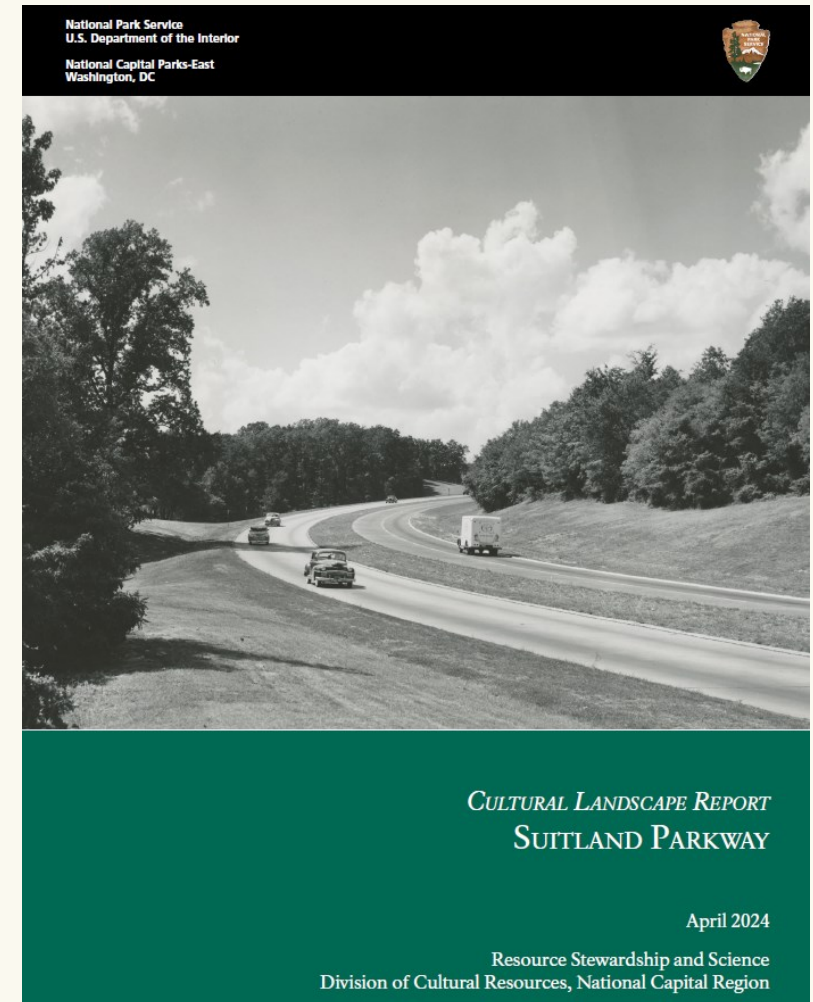


Note: Section 106 consultation/NHPA compliance must be complete before NEPA approval

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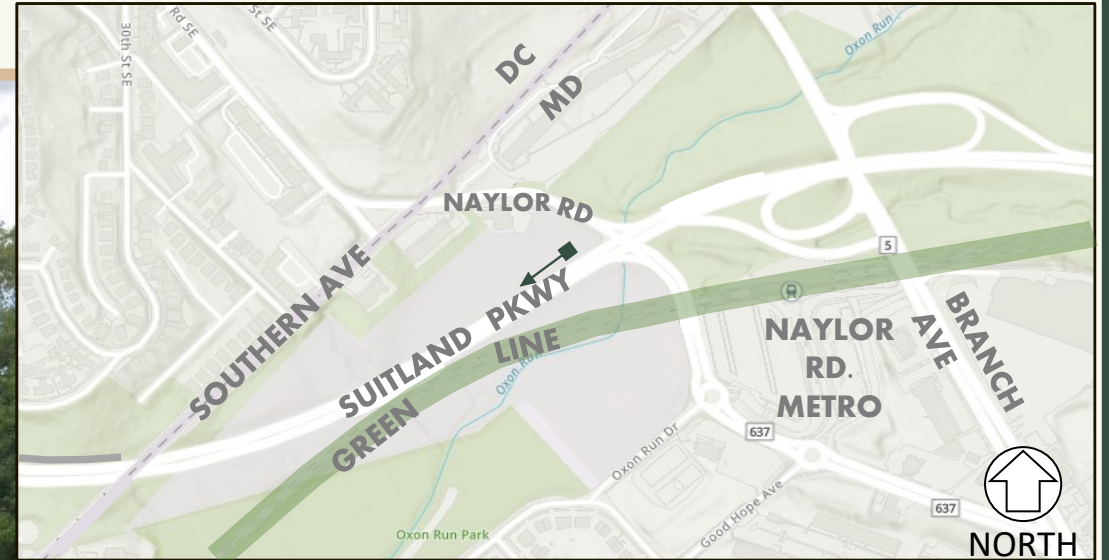
Per 36 CFR 800, the NPS initiated Section 106 consultation with the Maryland and DC State Historic Preservation Officers and federally recognized tribes and invited other potentially interested parties to consult on the project.

- Suitland Parkway is a historic property with the potential to be affected by the project.
- Context-sensitive treatments may help to maintain compatibility with the cultural landscape and avoid/minimize adverse effects
- **You are invited to submit comments regarding the project's effects to historic properties as part of the Section 106 compliance review process**



Above: Suitland Parkway Cultural Landscape Report from April 2024

Existing Conditions: Suitland Parkway



Center: View of westbound Suitland Parkway (to Washington DC), just west of Naylor Rd. Note utility marker adjacent to the right side of the roadway and elevated metro line to the left.
Top right: Inset map of project area. Green square and arrow icon show location and direction of the photo.

Existing Conditions: Suitland Parkway Trail

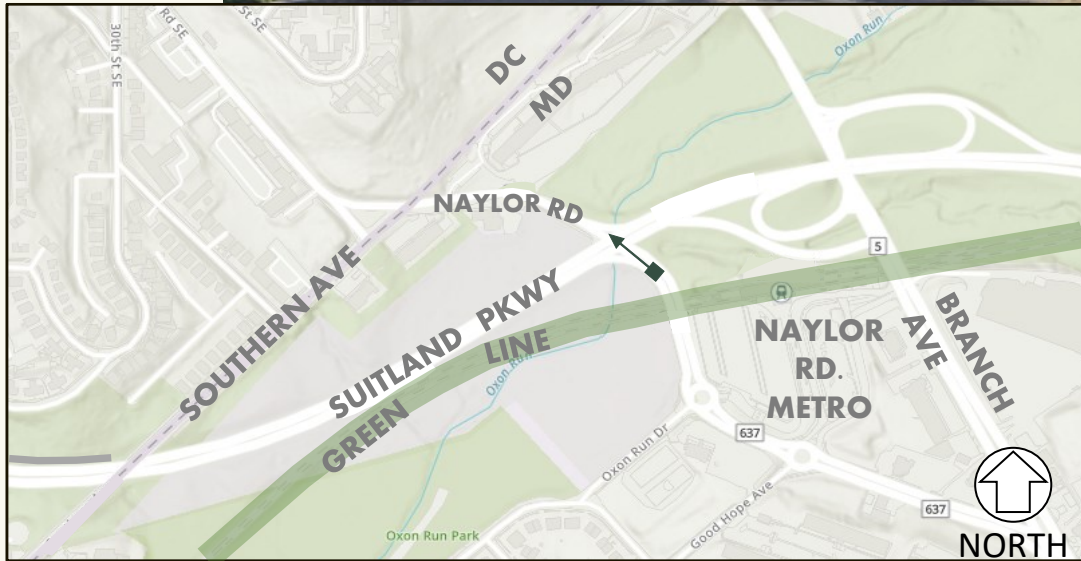


Above: View of westbound Suitland Parkway at Southern Ave. overpass, near DC/MD border and existing trail terminus.

Below: Westbound Suitland Parkway (DC side), looking east toward MD and Southern Ave. overpass. An arrow points to the existing trail in foreground.



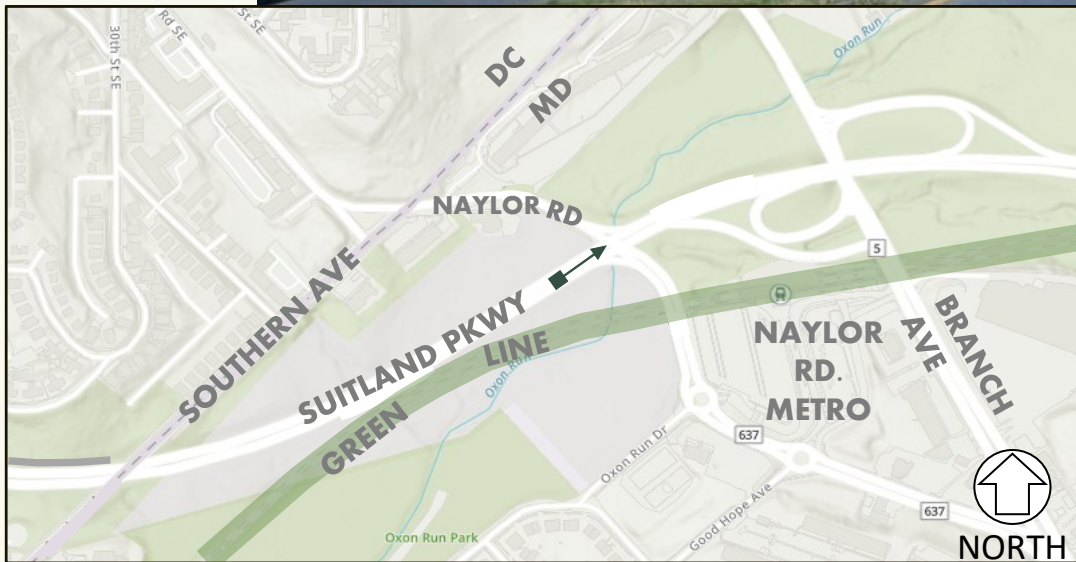
Existing Conditions: Naylor Road Intersection



Above: view of the Naylor Rd. & Suitland Pkwy. Intersection, on Naylor Rd., looking north toward Suitland Parkway. Pedestrian entrance to the metro station is out of view to the photo's right.

Bottom left: Inset map of project area. Green square and arrow icon show location and direction of the photo.

Existing Conditions: Naylor Road Intersection



Above: View of the Naylor Rd. & Suitland Pkwy. Intersection, on the Parkway, looking east. Naylor Rd. runs left-right in the photo, and the pedestrian entrance to the metro station is out of view to the photo's right.

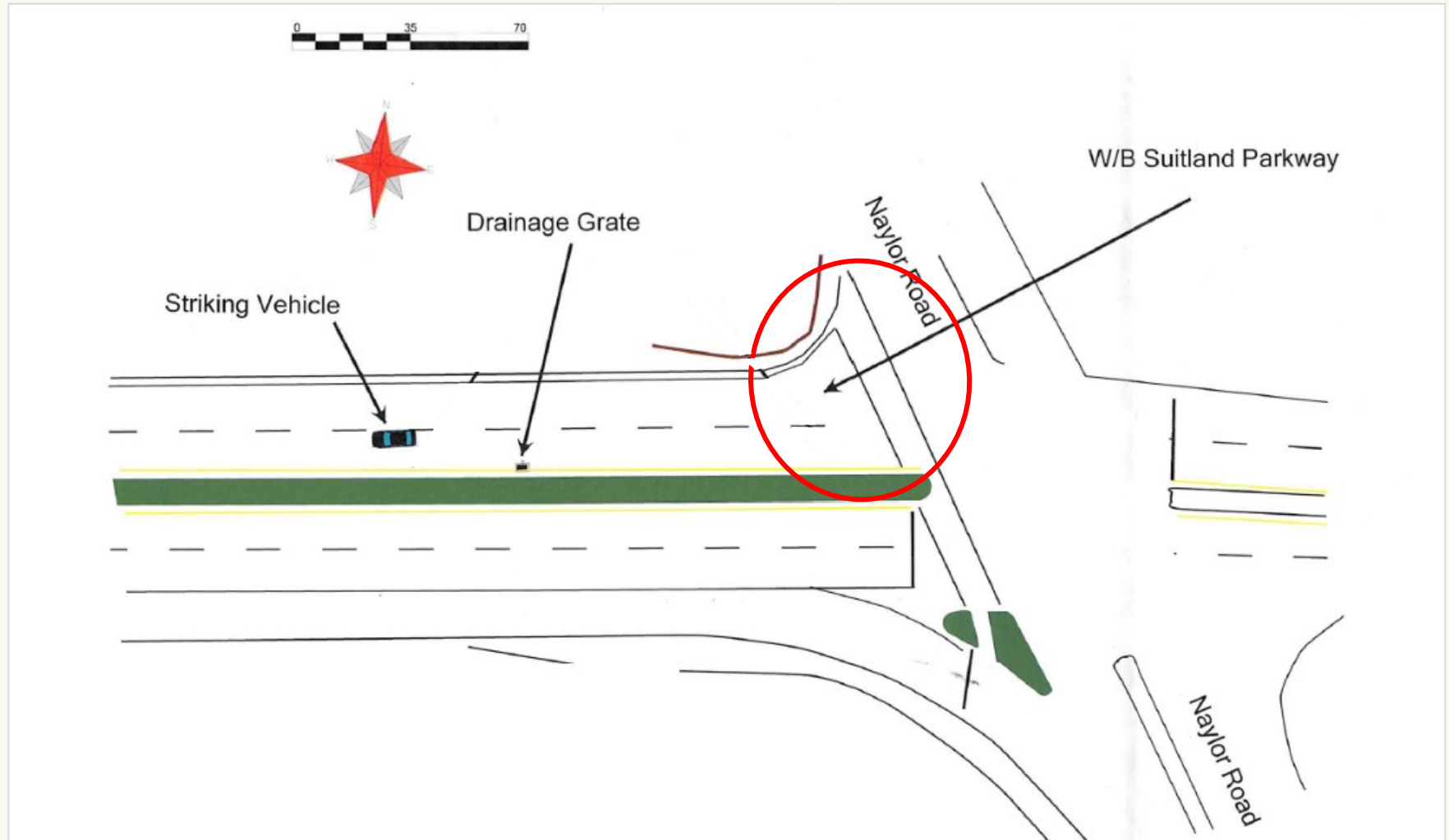
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Existing Conditions: Naylor Road Intersection

- Eight pedestrian fatalities have occurred at the intersection since January 2021

Typical Crash Diagram

- Red circle shows where many of the recent crashes have occurred

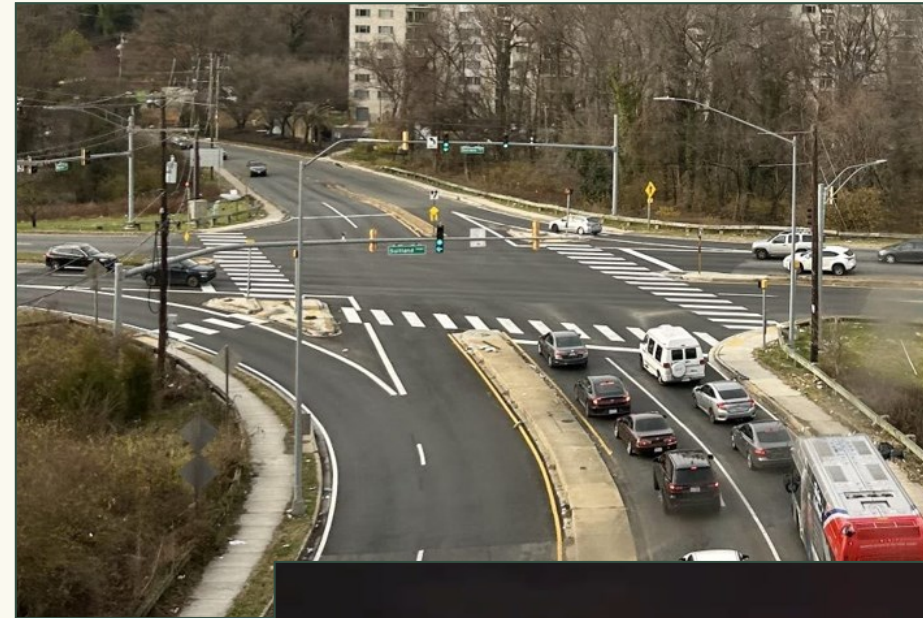


Plan view of the Naylor Rd. & Suitland Pkwy. Intersection showing results of one of the post-accident studies.

Project Purpose and Need

NEPA requires agencies to identify the purpose and need for the proposed action and alternative

- The project's **purpose** (overarching goal) is to address connectivity issues for people who walk and bike along the Parkway and safety issues at the intersection of Naylor Road.
- The project's **need** (reason for action) is to:
 - There have been 8 pedestrian fatalities since January 2021 at the Naylor Road intersection, predominantly during low-light conditions.
 - There is a gap in the regional trail network for people who walk and bike between communities near the Parkway and the Naylor Road Metro station.



Left: Birds-eye View of the Naylor Rd. & Suitland Pkwy. Picture Taken Looking Northbound from Naylor Road

Right: Night-time View of the Naylor and Suitland Intersection



Proposed Action Concept

Designed to enhance **safety**
& **connectivity**

- Naylor Road/Suitland Parkway intersection improvements
- Suitland Parkway Trail extension (approximately 0.4 miles)



Schematic Plan Showing the Proposed Trail Alignment and Intersection Improvements

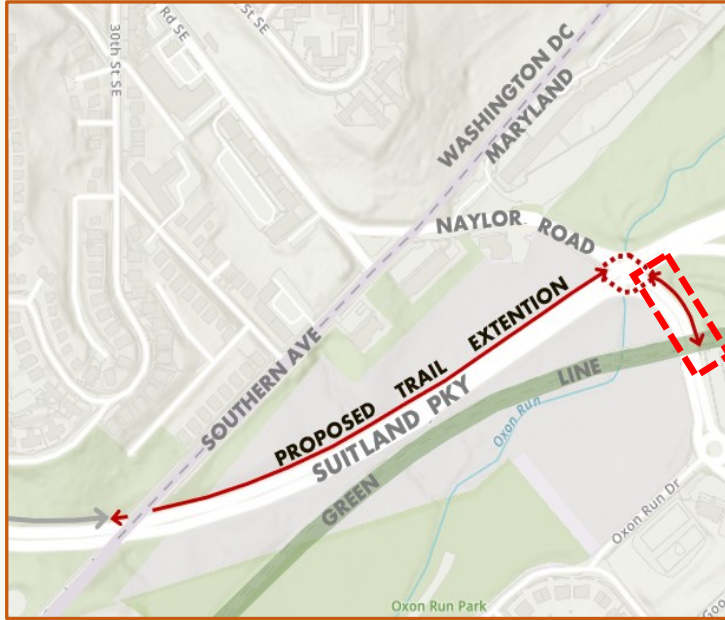
Proposed Action Concept: Safety Improvements

- Remove Right Turn Slip Lanes
- Shorter Crosswalks
- Add Pedestrian Refuges
- Update Signal Timing
- Enhanced Intersection Lighting
- Add Passive Pedestrian Detection
- Replace & Enhance Guardrails

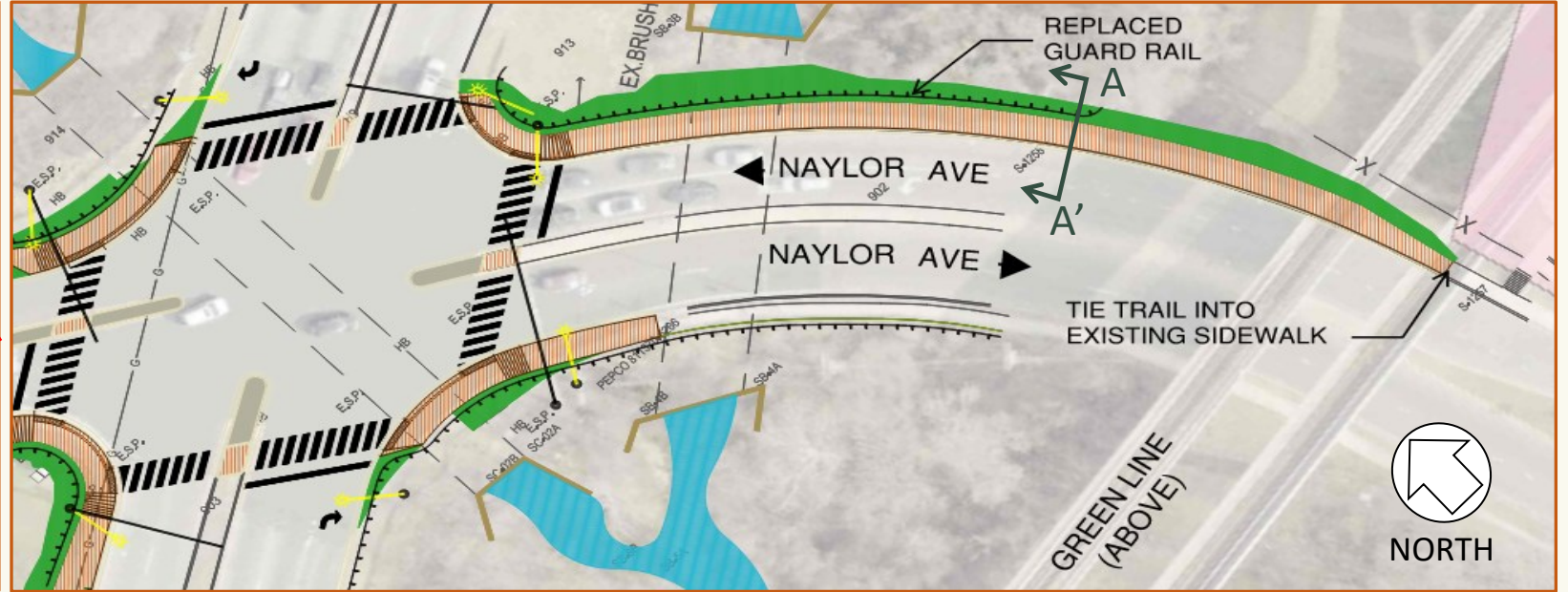


Plan Showing the Proposed Intersection Improvements

Proposed Action Concept: Trail on Naylor Road

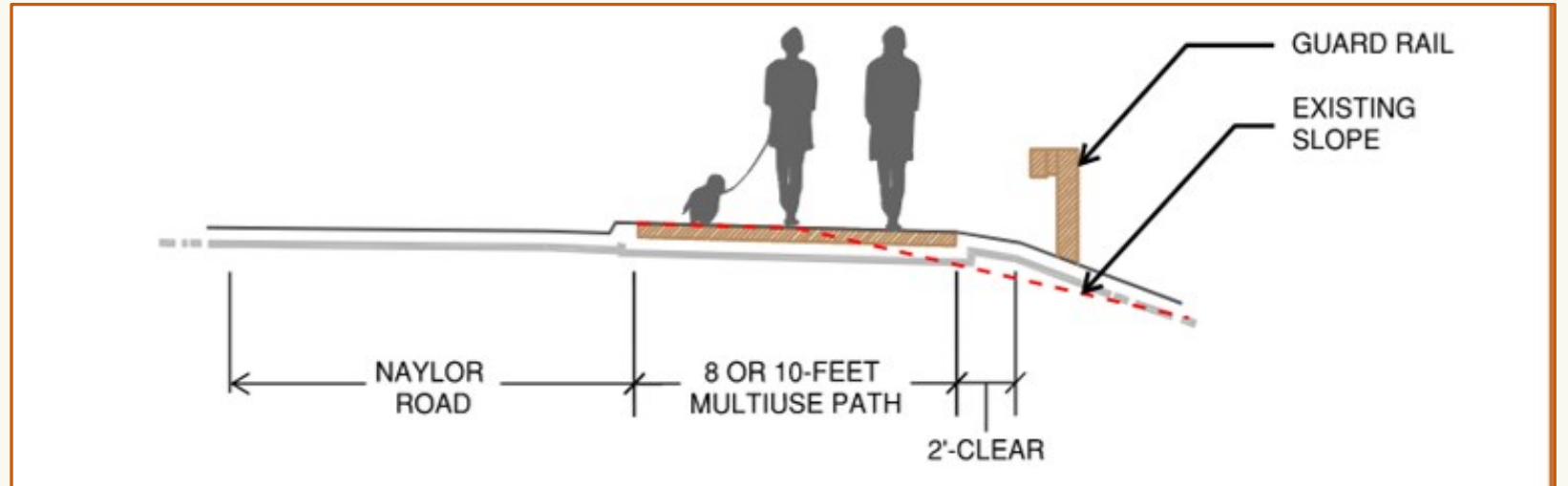


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Above: Enlarged Plan Showing the Trail Alignment Along Naylor

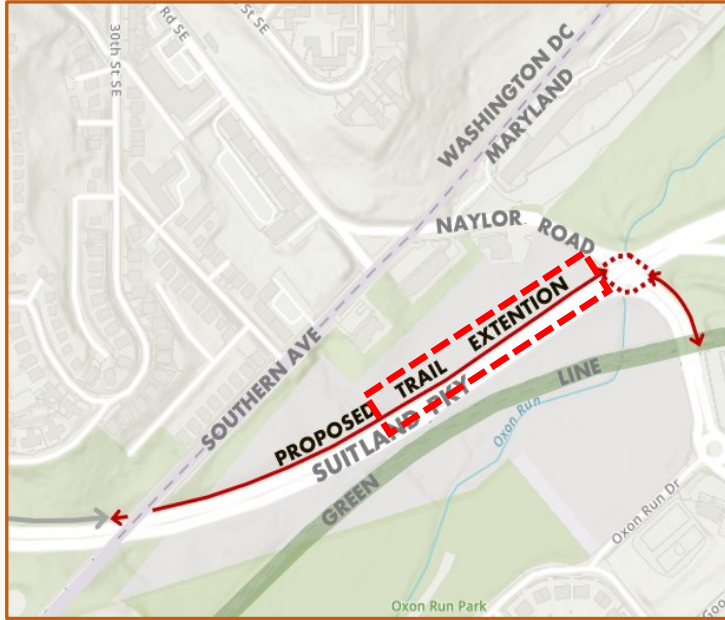
- **EXPAND EXISTING SIDEWALK**
- **GUARDRAIL AT BACKSLOPE**
- **8-10 FOOT TRAIL**
- **INCLUDE DISMOUNT BIKE SIGN**



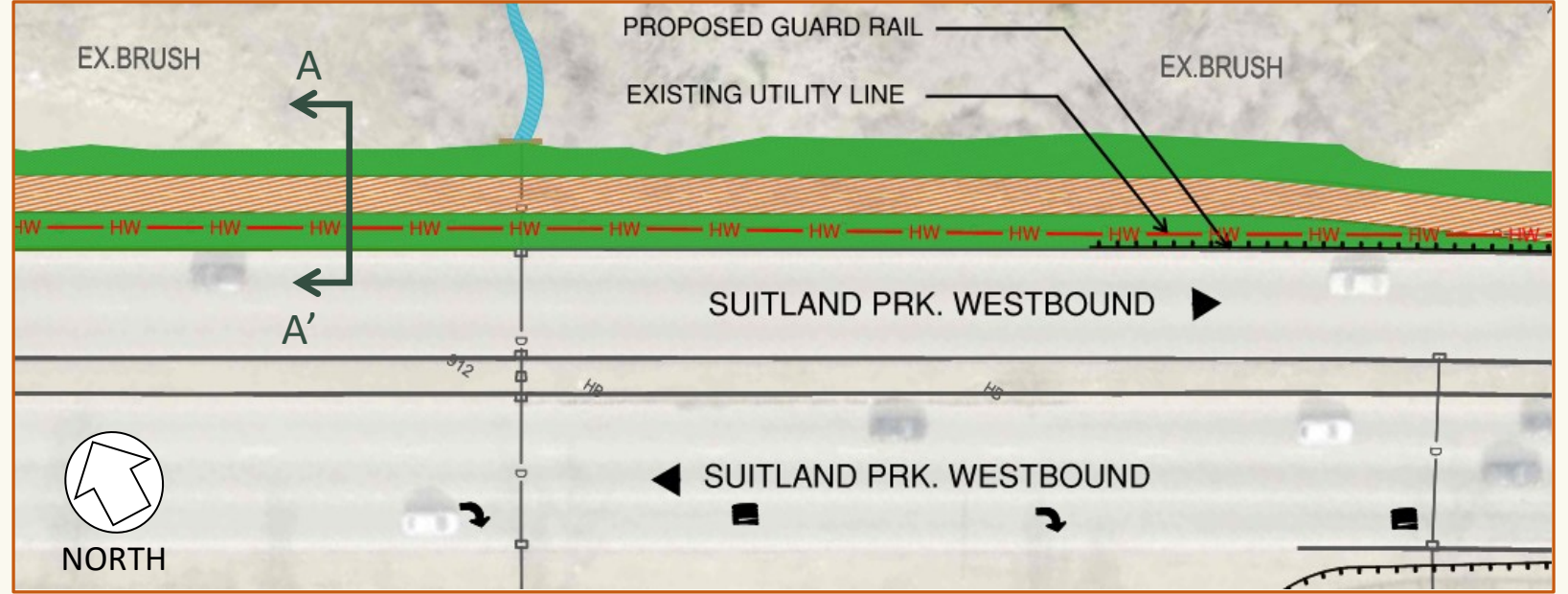
Above: Section of the Trail on Naylor

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Proposed Action Concept: Trail on Suitland Parkway

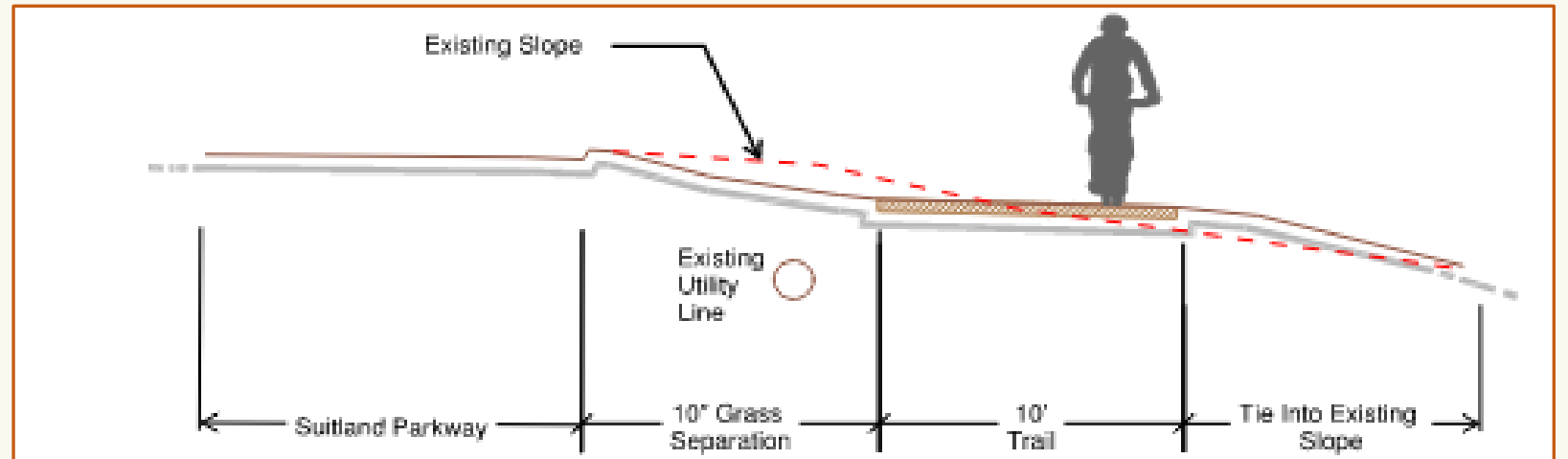


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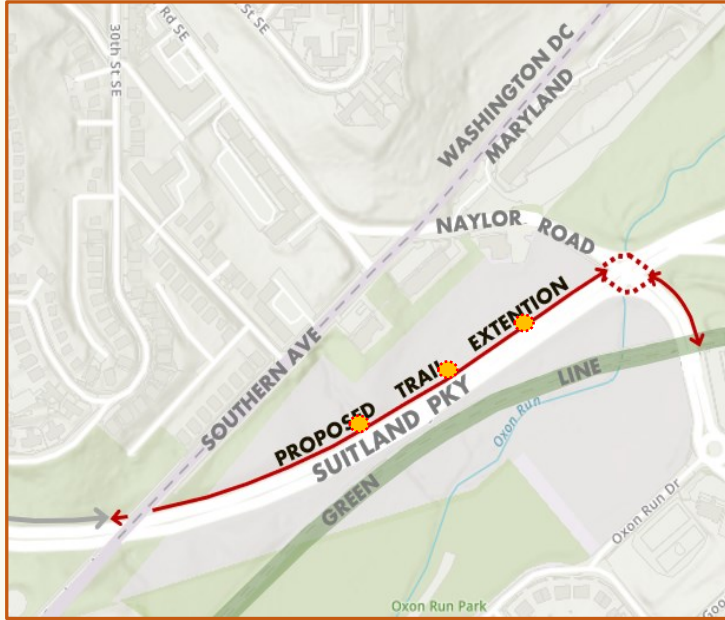
- 10-FOOT GRASSY BUFFER OFF ROAD
- 10-FOOT TRAIL
- TIE INTO EXISTING SLOPE TO REDUCE CUT AND FILL



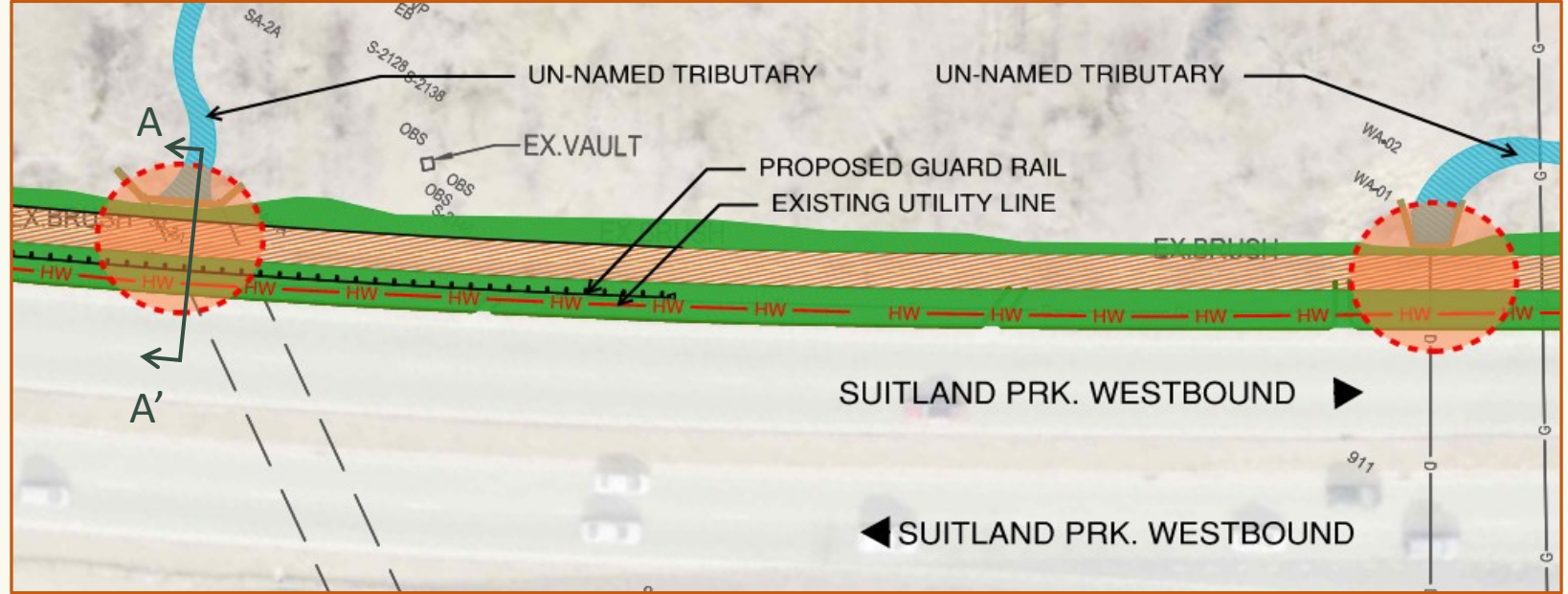
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Proposed Action Concept: Trail Near Culverts

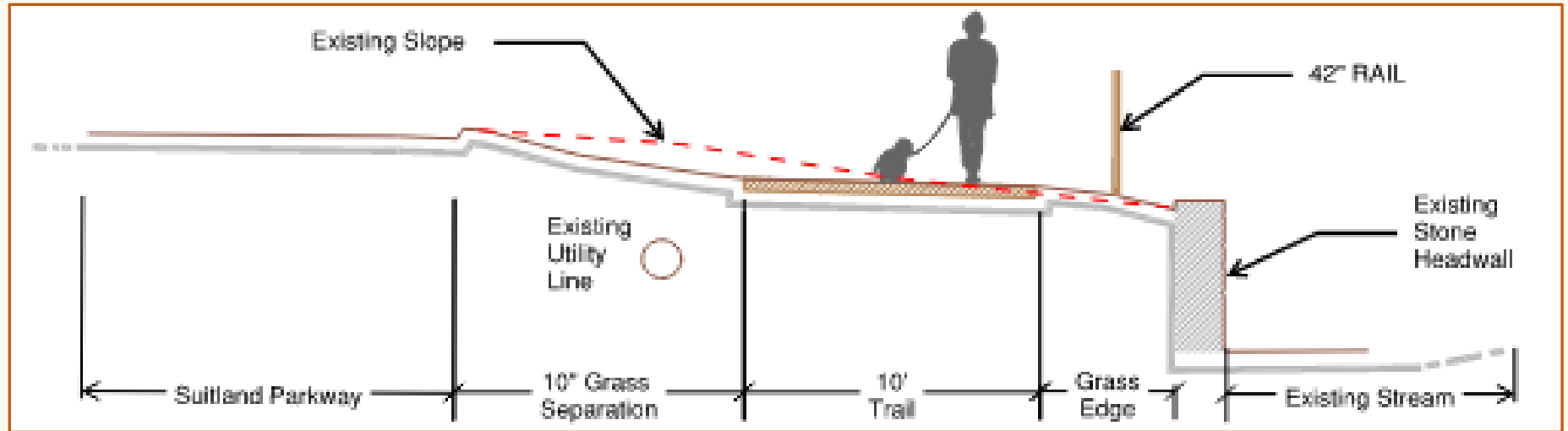


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Above: Enlarged Plan Showing the Trail Alignment Along Suitland at the Existing Culverts

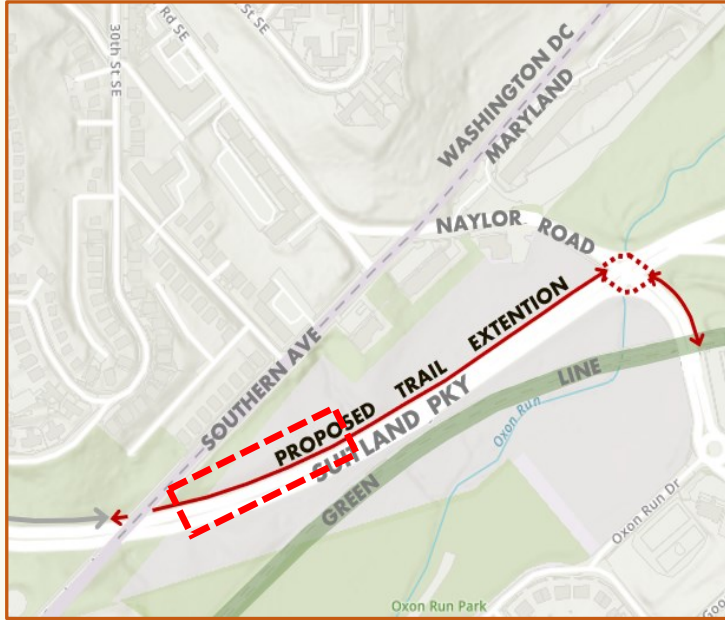
- **10-FOOT GRASSY BUFFER OFF ROAD**
- **10-FOOT TRAIL**
- **TIE INTO EXISTING SLOPE @ HEADWALL**
- **42' TALL PEDESTRIAN RAIL**



Above: Section of the Trail on Suitland at the Existing Culverts

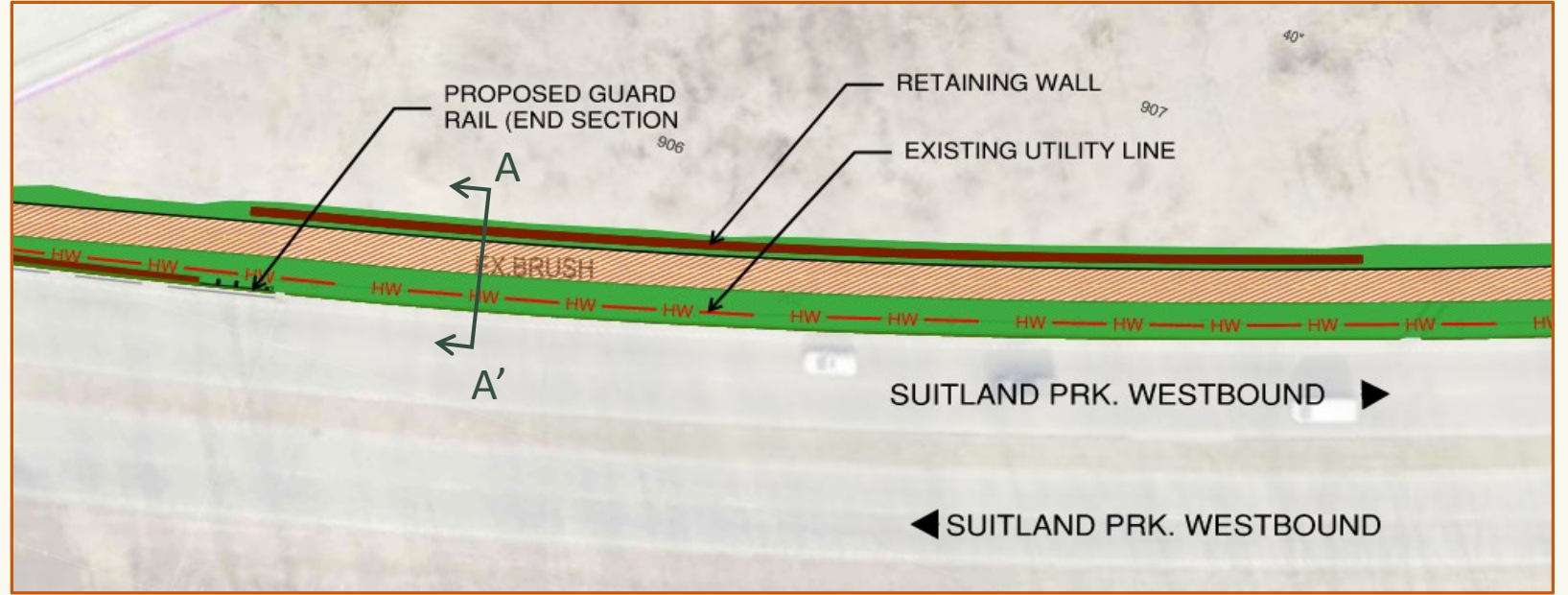
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Proposed Action Concept: Trail With Retaining Wall

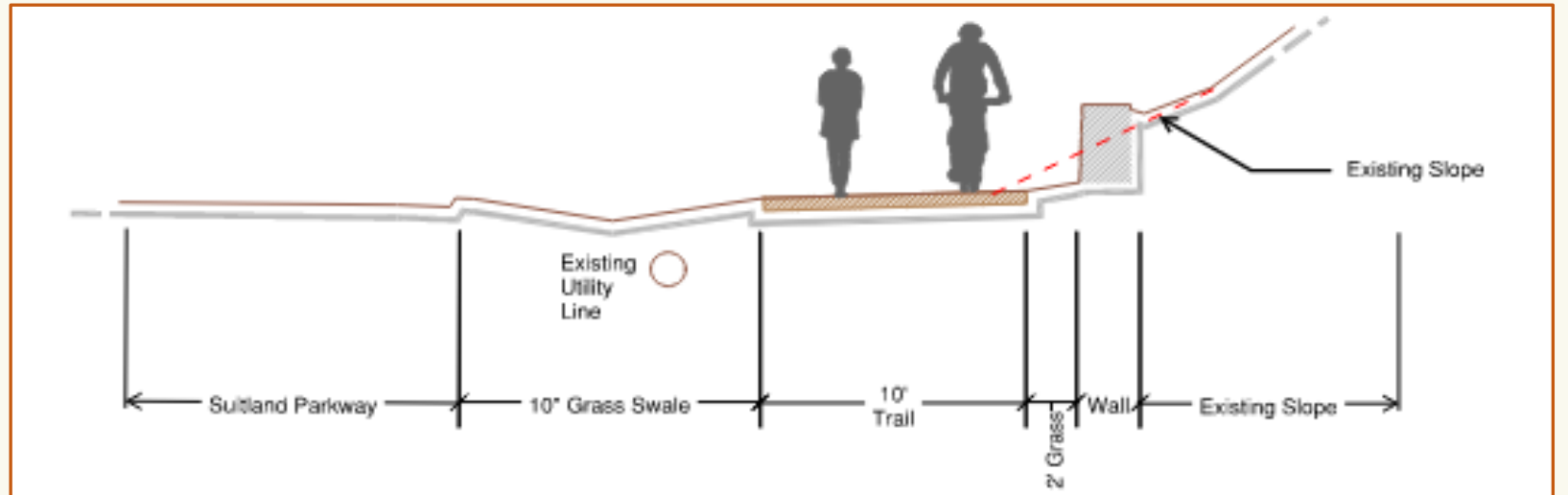


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- 10-FOOT GRASSY BUFFER OFF ROAD
- 10-FOOT TRAIL
- SMALL STONE CLAD RETAINING WALL



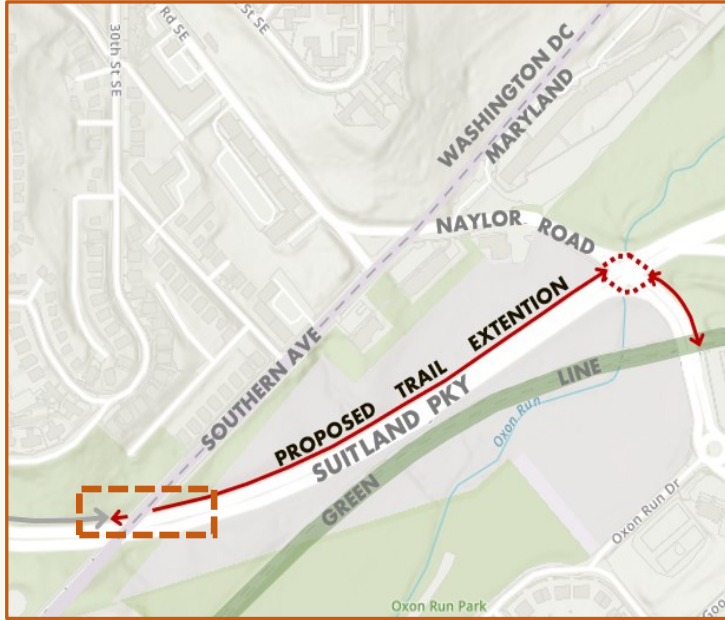
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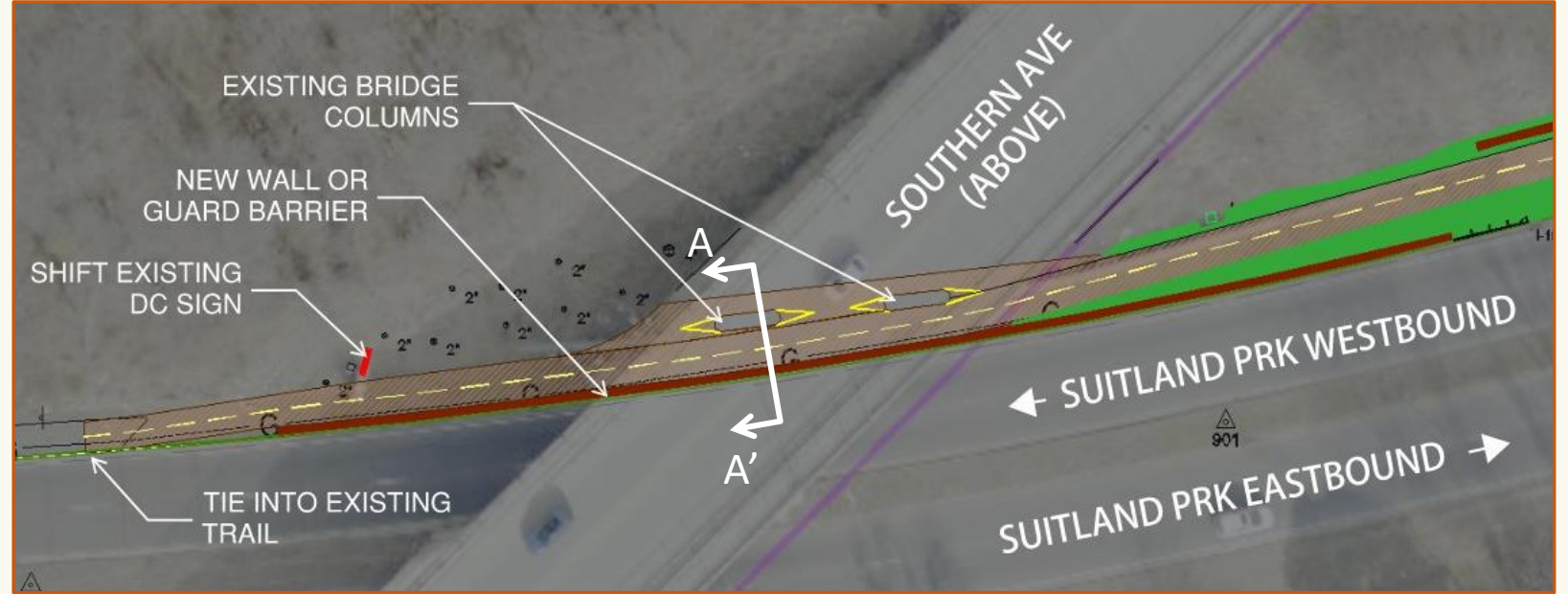
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Proposed Action Concept: Under Southern Ave.

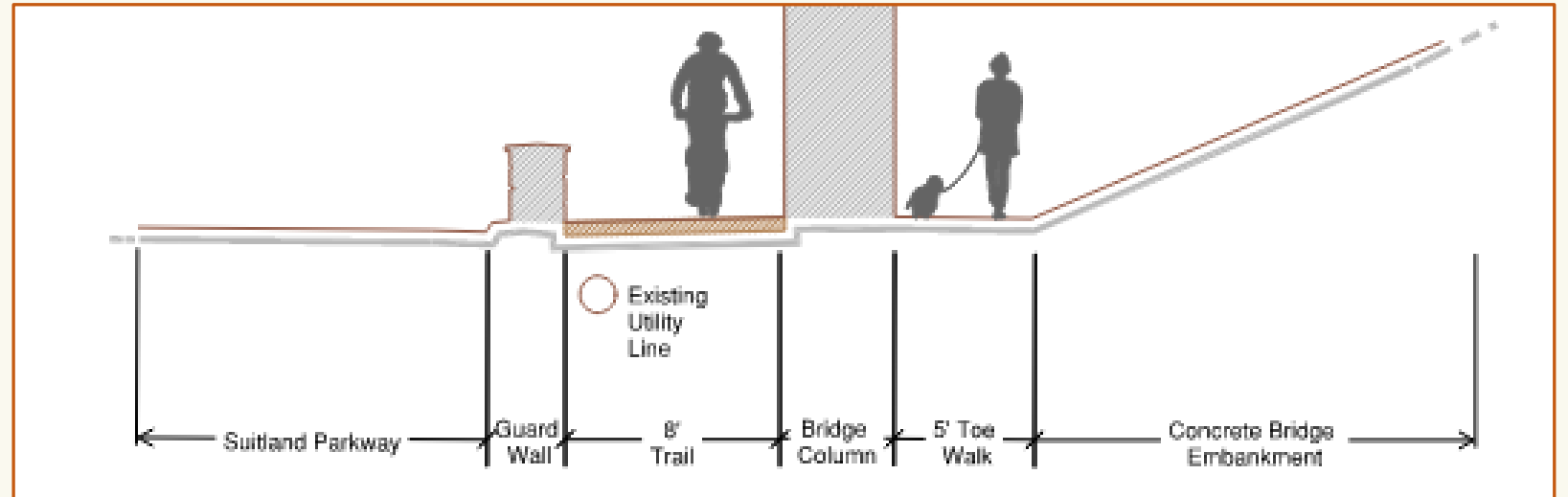


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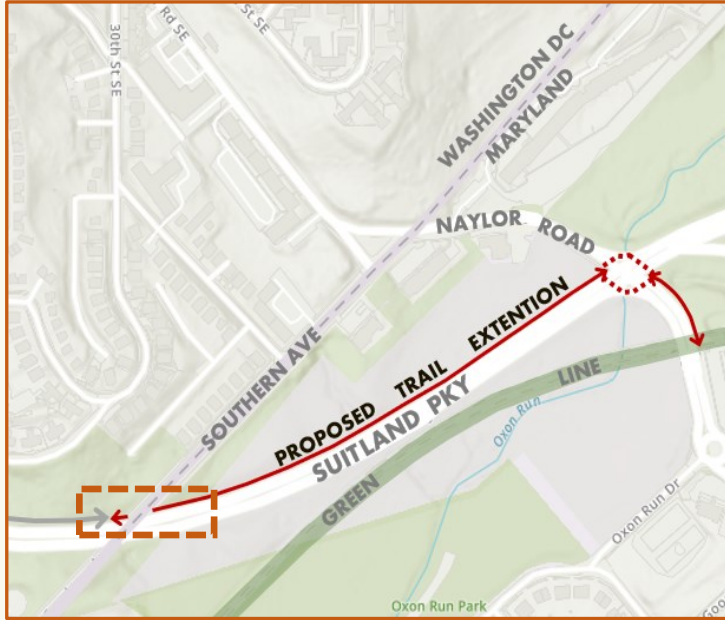
Above: Enlarged Plan Showing the Trail Alignment Along Suitland Under Southern Ave.

- **GUARD WALL SHIFT TO EDGE OF ROAD**
- **8-FOOT TRAIL**
- **OPEN EXISTING CONCRETE FOR 5-FOOT TOE WALK**

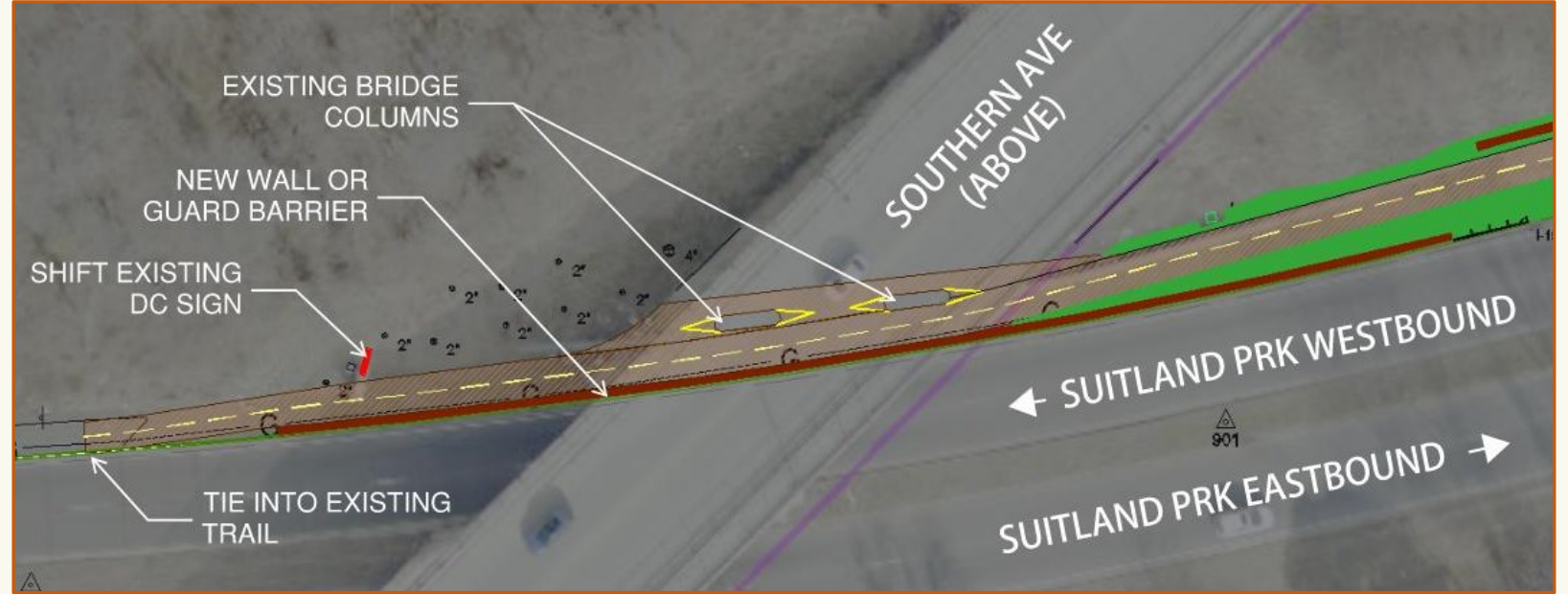


Above: Section of the Trail on Suitland Under Southern Ave. **SECTION A-A'**

Proposed Action Concept: District of Columbia Sign



Above: Location Plan



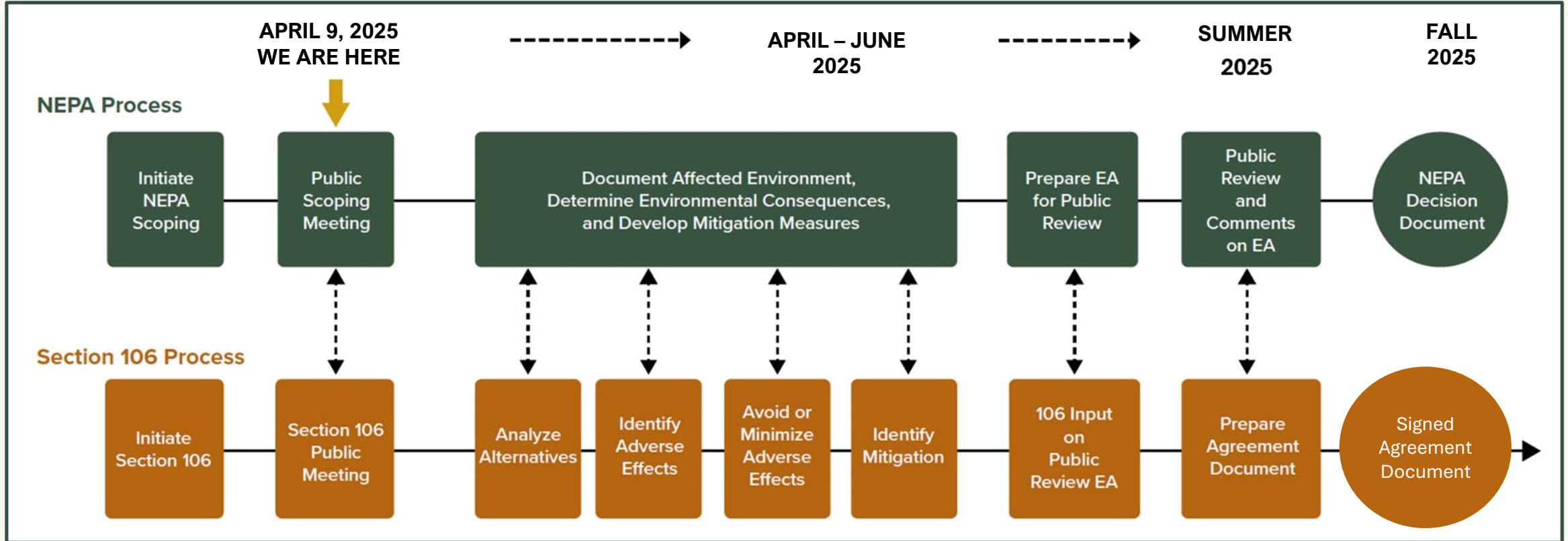
Above: Enlarged Plan Showing the Location of the "Welcome to DC" Sign on Suitland Parkway

- **SHIFT SIGN TO PROVIDE CLEARANCE FOR THE TRAIL**
- **LEAVE EXISTING UTILITY BOX (WILL BE HIDDEN BY SIGN)**



Above: Image to Showing the Location of the "Welcome to DC" Sign on Suitland Parkway showing the shift

Schedule and Next Steps



Above: Graphic Showing the Compliance Schedule

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Suitland Parkway Trail Extension and Naylor Road Intersection Safety Improvements Public Scoping

The National Park Service (NPS) proposes to extend the Suitland Parkway Trail from the D.C. border to Naylor Road in Prince George's County, Maryland to address issues with pedestrian safety and connectivity in the vicinity of the Parkway and the Naylor Road Metro Station. The NPS is also considering improvements to enhance safety at the Suitland Parkway and Naylor Road intersection, which has been the site of numerous accidents and pedestrian fatalities. Suitland Parkway is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The NPS is seeking your comments on the preliminary options for the Suitland Parkway Trail, potential issues with park resources, and any other ideas that the NPS should consider during project development and the environmental impact analysis. Public comments will be accepted through April 25, 2025. Comments can be submitted via this website (preferred method). Written comments can also be mailed or hand-delivered to park headquarters at the address listed below. All hard copy comments must be post-marked by April 25, 2025, to receive consideration.

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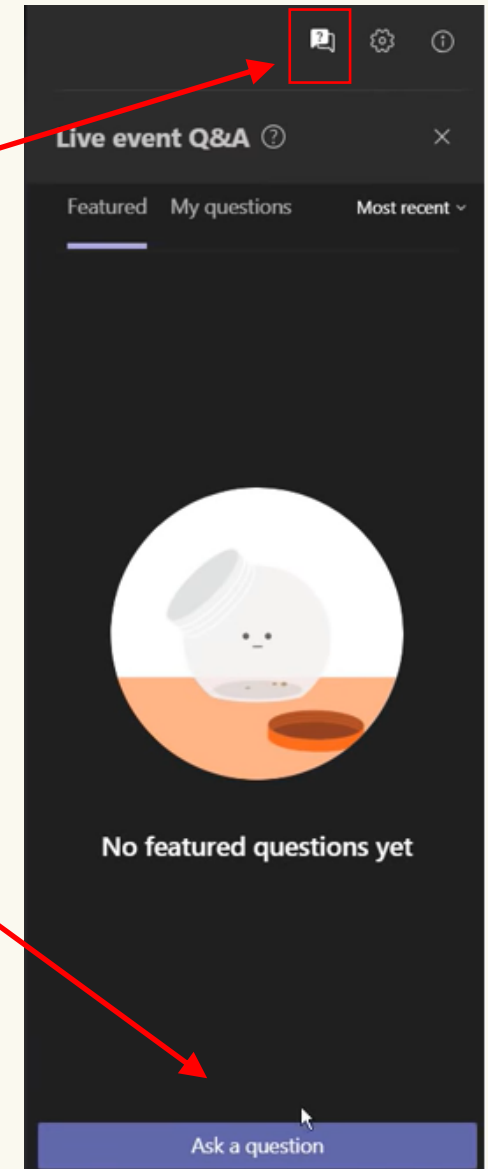
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Document Content:

- Suitland Parkway flyer_3-25-25.pdf (930.0 KB, PDF file)
- Suitland Trail Extension and Naylor Road Safety Improvements Press Release.pdf (351.7 KB, PDF file)

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