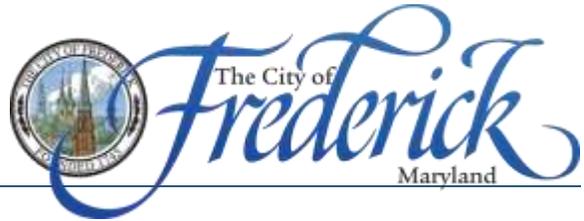


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NEWS RELEASE

Pilot Program Installs N. Market Bike Lane

FREDERICK, MD – Oct. 26, 2018: A newly installed bicycle lane on North Market Street is part of a pilot program designed to improve traffic and bicycle safety along the corridor.

The City of Frederick Department of Engineering, in coordination with City elected officials and City’s Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), and with approval from Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the State Highway Administration (SHA) Office of Traffic Safety (OOTS), developed this pilot project to install bike lanes along the 700 and 800 blocks of North Market Street.

“This program provides a new bike lane, and will help us assess bicycle lane options going forward as we work on the City’s Complete Streets Policy to make the City accessible by all transportation modes,” said Mayor Michael O’Connor.



On northbound North Market, the new 5-foot wide bike lane is separated from the parking lane with a marked 5-foot wide buffer. Soon, green paint will be used to selectively mark sections of the bike lane, primarily at intersection transition areas, and a bicycle box at the signalized intersection with Ninth Street. The project retains on-street parking along both sides of the roadway and creates a defined northbound through travel lane to address previous traffic and bicycle safety concerns.

Application of the green paint along the bike lanes and within the bicycle box is still pending and is expected to be completed within the next couple of weeks.

The City anticipates the North Market Street bike lane pilot project to provide City elected officials, staff, residents, and other stakeholders an opportunity to evaluate possible installation of similar facilities on roadways within the City, guided by the City Bicycle Master Plan that is currently under development.

Comments welcome

The City welcomes feedback on the North Market Street bicycle lane as the City transition into a functional multi-modal transportation infrastructure geared to improve mobility for all users that is consistent with the City's Complete Streets Policy.

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