

Below is information about Maryland State Highway Administration's Alternative 5, with Option B, as presented in 2015. The Montgomery County Departments of Planning and Transportation are working with SHA to refine and potentially revise Alternative 5B. However, all three departments have ensured Friends of Forest Glen and Montgomery Hills that their revisions align with the objectives of Alternative 5B and that they intend to improve pedestrian safety, increase transit accessibility, facilitate biking, and improve the traffic conditions.

## Features of Alternative 5B:

- Eliminate reversible lanes and establish median with potential for landscaping and trees
- Bicycle lane along Georgia Avenue through Montgomery Hills separated from vehicle traffic
- Widen sidewalks with fewer parking lot turn-ins from Georgia Avenue
- Add turn bays along Georgia Avenue that allow all-hour left turns onto Seminary Road and Forest Glen Road
- Eliminate 16th Street "sweep" and create a traditional intersection at Georgia Avenue and 16th Street
- Create a signaled intersection at Flora Lane and Georgia Avenue with pedestrian crosswalks
- Close Columbia Boulevard at Seminary Road and improve intersection at Georgia Avenue and Seminary Road

## **Benefits of Alternative 5B:**

- Makes Montgomery Hills a safer, more walkable neighborhood with more space for pedestrians and bicycles to travel through the area safely and comfortably
- Creates multiple opportunities for more attractive green spaces, including along sidewalks, the Georgia Avenue median, and overgrown "wedge" at Georgia Ave and 16th Street
- Wider and more contiguous sidewalks makes streetscape more attractive and usable for local residents, visitors, and businesses
- Improves vehicle traffic flow and safety along Georgia Avenue and surrounding streets

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