

# NORTH AVENUE RISING

## Kick-Off Meeting North Avenue Rising

Impact  
Hub

Nov. 14

Bluford/KASA  
at Walbrook

Nov. 14

Rita Church  
Comm Ctr.

Nov. 15

Parkview  
Rec. Ctr.

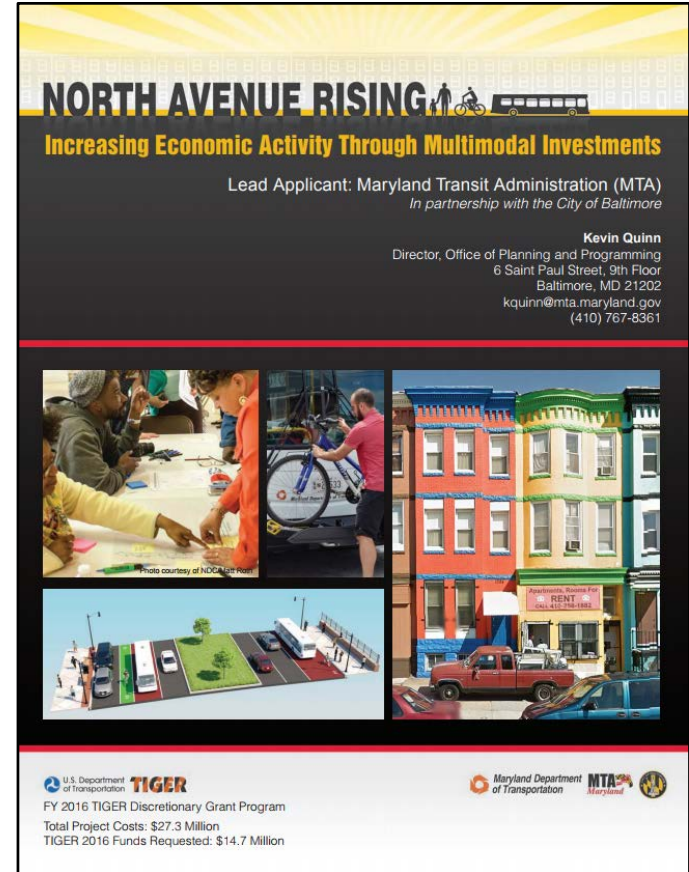
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## Kick-Off Meeting Overview

- Project Presentation
  - Project background, project team, and project description
- Visit Workstations
  - Existing Conditions
  - Project Elements
  - Schedule
- Comment Forms/ Opinion Survey

## TIGER Application

- Initial concept to focus BaltimoreLink-style infrastructure investments along the North Avenue corridor
- Worked to create a mix of investments that fit within the budget ranges of successful TIGER applications
- Builds upon previous planning efforts, prior City and MTA investments in the corridor, community vision plans, and development along North Avenue




**NORTH AVENUE RISING** 


**Increasing Economic Activity Through Multimodal Investments**

Lead Applicant: Maryland Transit Administration (MTA)  
*In partnership with the City of Baltimore*

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U.S. Department of Transportation **TIGER**  
FY 2016 TIGER Discretionary Grant Program  
Total Project Costs: \$27.3 Million  
TIGER 2016 Funds Requested: \$14.7 Million

Maryland Department of Transportation **MTA** Maryland 

## Letters of Support

### Government Agencies

- Baltimore Regional Transportation Board
- MD Dept. of Housing & Comm. Development
- MD Dept. of Planning
- Baltimore City Health Dept.

### Elected Officials

- US Senator Barbara A. Mikulski
- US Senator Benjamin L. Cardin
- Rep. Elijah E. Cummings, 7th Dist.
- Rep. C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger, 2nd Dist.
- Rep. John P. Sarbanes, 3rd Dist.
- MD Sen. Shirley Nathan-Pulliam, Dist. 44
- MD Del. Dana Stein, Dist. 11
- MD Del. Mary L. Washington, Dist. 43
- MD Del. Maggie McIntosh, Dist. 43
- MD Del. Cory McCray, Dist. 45

### Community Organizations

- The Barclay, Midway, Old Goucher Coalition
- Central Baltimore Partnership
- Charles Street Development Corp.
- Coldstream Homestead Montebello C. C.
- Coppin Heights CDC
- Darley Park Community Association
- Druid Heights CDC
- East North Avenue CDC
- Greater Greenmount Comm. Assoc.
- Greater Mondawmin Coordinating Council
- The Historic Marble Hill Comm. Assoc.
- Innovation Village Baltimore
- Madison Park Improvement Assoc.
- Mount Royal CDC
- The New Broadway East Comm. Assoc.
- The New South Clifton Park Comm. Assoc.
- Penn-North Community Association
- Station North Arts and Entertainment Dist.
- Upton Planning Committee, Inc

### Private Developers

- Jubilee Baltimore, Inc
- Schwaber Holdings
- Seawall Development Company
- Telesis Corporation

### Anchor Institutions

- Coppin State University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Maryland Institute College of Art

### Advocacy Groups

- Central MD Transportation Alliance
- Transit Choices

### Other

- Abell Foundation
- Baltimore Neigh. Indicators Alliance
- CivicWorks
- Greater Baltimore Committee
- MD Film Festival
- The National Center for Smart Growth
- The National Great Blacks in Wax Museum
- The Neighborhood Design Center

## Project Background

- Learned about TIGER NOFA in February 2016
- Application submitted in April 2016
- Notification of award & event at Coppin State in August 2016
- Spent one year working with FTA to get the Grant Agreement executed
- Brought on consultant team in September 2017 to restart process and prepare for public meetings
- Announcement in October 2017 and Kick-Off Meetings in November 2017 and Public Workshops in February 2018

## Project Team

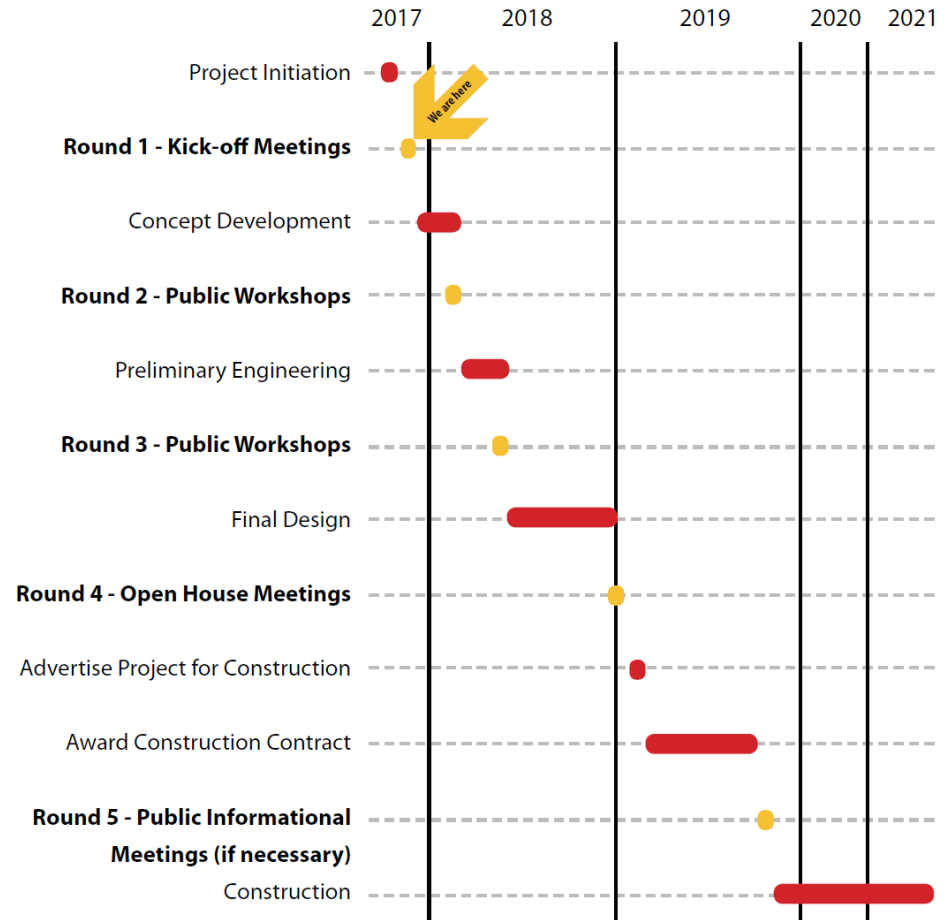


### ■ Project Partners

- State & Local Gov't Agencies
- Community Groups/ Neighborhood Associations
- Elected Officials
- Non-Profits
- Anchor Institutions
- Private Developers
- Advocacy Groups

## Project Schedule

- Completion of concept design by Spring 2018, 65% plans by Fall 2018, and final design by the end of calendar year 2018.
- Construction to begin in Fall 2019.
- Construction completion is anticipated by the end of the 2021 calendar year.





## Project Goal

- The goal of North Avenue Rising is to support economic revitalization along North Avenue through increased mobility and to broaden access for residents to economic opportunity throughout Baltimore.
- Targeted investments knitting together the corridor
- Builds upon existing community plans and projects
- Coordinating with community and economic development efforts



## Project Location



## BALTIMORE LINK

Neighborhoods welcome \$13 million investment in East North Avenue 'streetscape'



WEST NORTH AVENUE STREETScape CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN



the Neighborhood DesignCenter | WEST NORTH AVENUE STREETScape CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN | 6/30/2015



GREATER ROSEMONT AND MONDAWMIN AREA

## Master Plan

Baltimore City Department of Planning



## Scope of North Avenue Rising



- ✓ Dedicated Bus Lanes
- ✓ Roadway Repaving
- ✓ Transit Signal Priority
- ✓ Enhanced Bus Stops
- ✓ Streetscaping
- ✓ Bike Share Docks
- ✓ Metro Station Improvements
- ✓ Intersection Reconstruction
- ✓ Bike Boulevards



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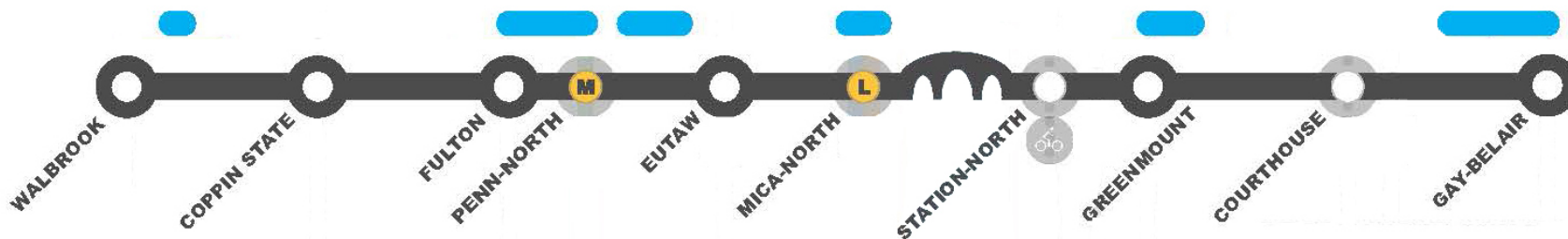
## Dedicated Lanes

- 7+ total lane miles of dedicated bus/bike lanes on North Avenue
- New bus/bike lanes will have red-tinted asphalt



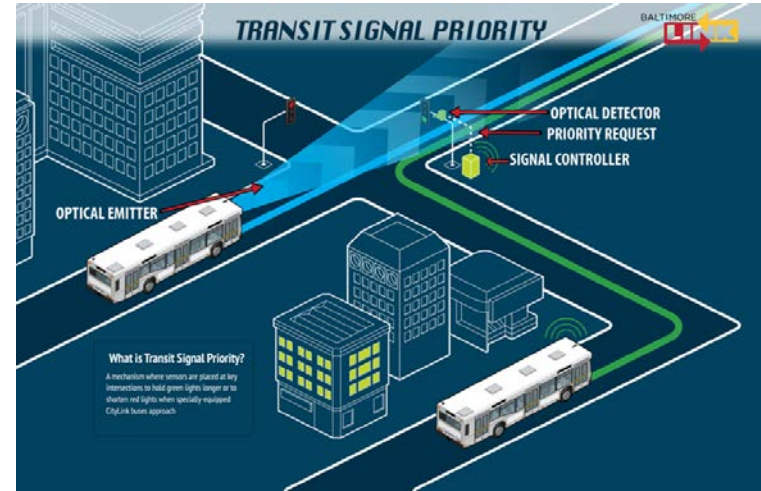
## Roadway Repaving

- Resurfacing  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile of roadway in mediocre condition
- Reconstruction of  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile of roadway in poor condition



## Transit Signal Priority (TSP)

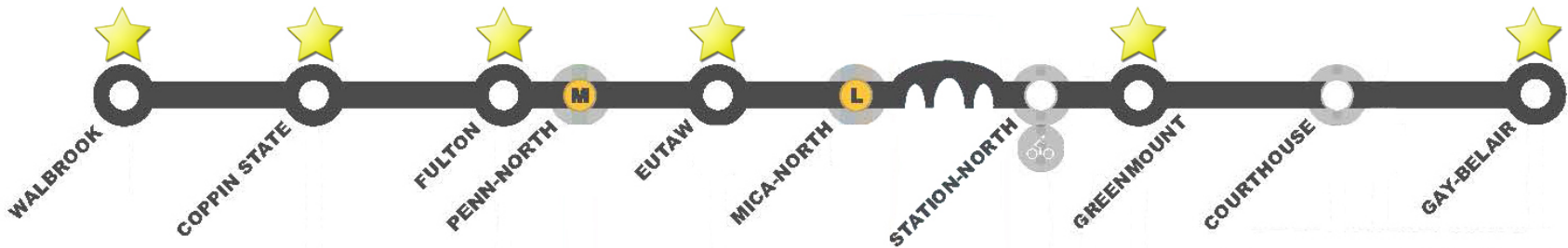
- Upgrade to new traffic controllers at all signalized intersections
- Install signal priority hardware equipment at key signalized intersections
- Can extend green lights for buses





## Enhanced Bus Stops

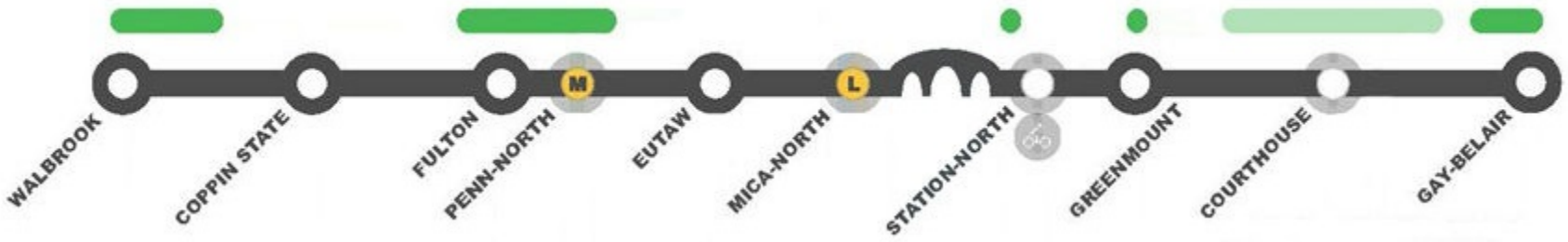
- 6 enhanced stops in addition to 4 BaltimoreLink facilities at key transfer points
- Shelters, signage, benches, and trash cans
- Potential for landscaping and real-time information





## Streetscaping

- ADA-compliant curb ramps, sidewalk repairs, pedestrian lighting, accessible pedestrian signals, landscaping
- Segments identified via community planning efforts



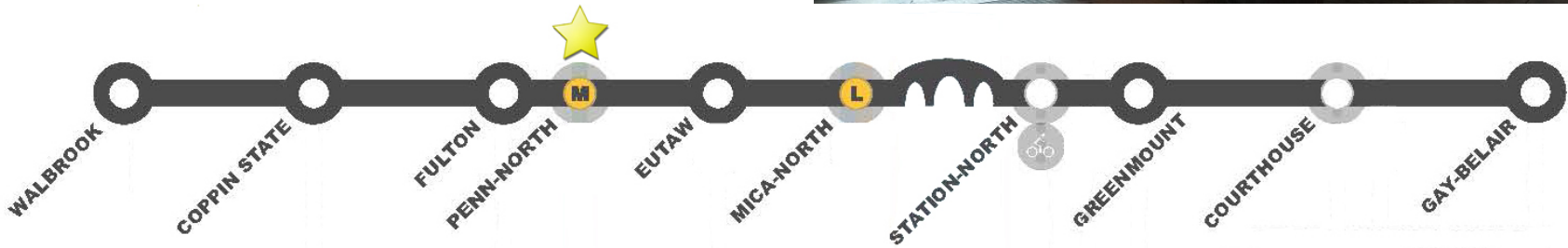
## Bike Facilities

- Shared Bus/Bike Lanes on North Ave
- Parallel bike boulevards along lower-speed 20<sup>th</sup> and Baker Streets that include traffic calming features
- Baltimore Bike Share docks at six locations on North Ave



## Penn-North Station Improvements

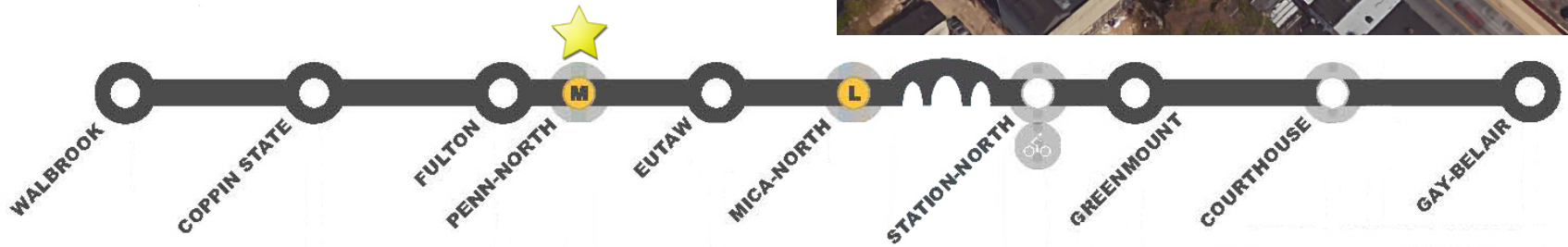
- Elevator and escalator rehabilitation
- Station LED lighting conversion
- Removal of metal bars around station windows





## Penn-North Intersection

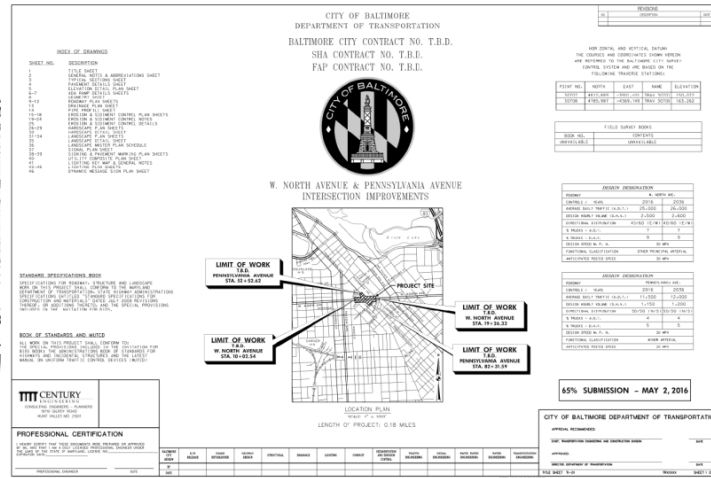
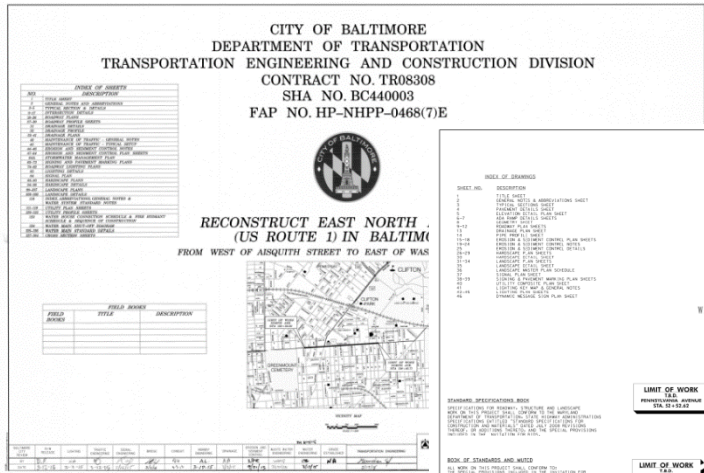
- Enhanced sidewalks, pedestrian bump-outs, ADA-compliant curb ramps, traffic signal reconstruction, LED pedestrian lighting, signage
- Design integrated with corridor investments



## City Projects In the Corridor


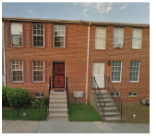




Reconstruct East North Avenue (under construction)  
(Aisquith Street to Washington Street)

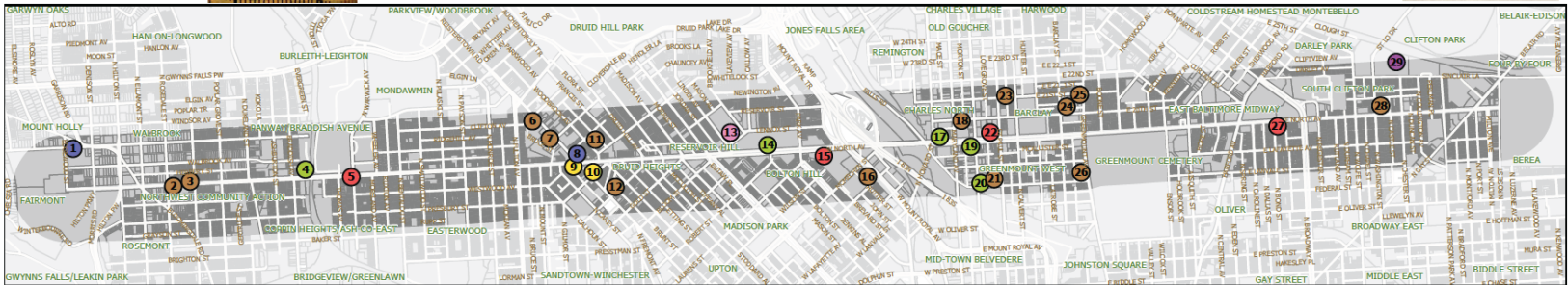
North Avenue Streetscape  
(Howard Street to Greenmount Avenue)



W. North Avenue & Pennsylvania Avenue  
Intersection Improvements

## Economic Development in the Corridor

<p><b>1</b> Save a Lot Clifton Ave 3427 Clifton Ave Phase: Completed 18,000 SF</p>	<p><b>6</b> Penn Square I 2632 Pennsylvania Ave Phase: Completed 50,348 SF / 79 units</p> 	<p><b>11</b> Etting Street 2400 block of Etting St Phase: Completed 19 units</p> 	<p><b>13</b> John Eager Howard ES 2011 Linden Ave Phase: Under Construction</p> 	<p><b>14</b> Madison Park North 790 W North Ave Phase: Under Construction</p>	<p><b>23</b> Baltimore Housing 2301 N North Ave Phase: Completed 4,708 SF / 7 units</p> 	<p><b>25</b> Barclay III 1900/2000/2002 Greenmount and other scattered site Phase: Under Construction 57 units</p> 
<p><b>3</b> North Avenue Gateway II 3000, 3006-3052 W North Ave Phase: Planned 81,000 SF</p>	<p><b>8</b> CVS 2509 Pennsylvania Ave Phase: Completed 9,139 SF</p>	<p><b>17</b> Motor House 120 W North Ave Phase: Completed</p>	<p><b>18</b> J. Van Story Branch 11 W 20th St Phase: — 357 units</p>	<p><b>22</b> Centre Theatre 10-22 E North Ave Phase: Completed 87,000 SF</p>	<p><b>24</b> Barclay Phase II 400 block E 20th St Phase: Completed 105,153 SF / 69 units</p> 	



<p><b>2</b> North Avenue Gateway 3003 W North Ave Phase: Completed 64 units</p> 	<p><b>5</b> CSU Science and Tech Center 2500 W North Ave Phase: Completed</p>	<p><b>9</b> Untitled Mural 2410 Pennsylvania Ave Phase: Planned</p>	<p><b>12</b> Baker's View 500 block Baker St Phase: Completed 64,294 SF / 31 units</p> 	<p><b>15</b> MICA Commons II 120 McMechen St Phase: Completed 88,341 SF / 62 units</p>	<p><b>18</b> Mt Royal Ave 1512 Mt Royal Ave Phase: Completed 2,700 SF / 6 units</p> 	<p><b>19</b> Parkway Theatre 3 W North Ave Phase: Completed</p>	<p><b>20</b> Chesapeake Square 1701 N Charles St Phase: Completed 91 units</p>	<p><b>21</b> Nelson Kohl Apartments 20 E Lanvale St Phase: Planned 102 units</p>	<p><b>26</b> City Arts II 1700 Greenmount Phase: Under Construction 60 units</p> 	<p><b>28</b> The Columbus School 2000 E North Ave Phase: Completed 43,427 SF / 50 Units</p> 
<p><b>4</b> Walbrook Mill 2636 W North Ave Phase: Under Construction</p> 	<p><b>7</b> Penn Square II 2600 Pennsylvania Ave Phase: Completed 61 units</p> 	<p><b>10</b> Inspiration Mural 2410 Pennsylvania Ave Phase: Completed</p>							<p><b>27</b> Great Blacks in Wax Museum 1601 E North Ave Phase: Under Construction</p>	<p><b>29</b> Rita Church Gym Addition 2101 St Lo Dr Phase: Under Construction</p>

- Institutional
- Residential
- Park & Open Space
- Public Art
- Retail
- Mixed-Use
- Public Facility

\$150,000,000 to \$200,000,000  
in new private investment throughout the corridor





## Website – [NorthAvenueRising.com](http://NorthAvenueRising.com)

- Information about upcoming events
- Materials from the Kick-Off meetings
- Grant application funded by USDOT
- Link to the survey





## Survey

- Designed to get input about:
  - How do people travel and experience the corridor?
  - What are issues that can inform beginning of the design?
  - Who we are reaching through the public involvement?
- Will be follow-up surveys in the next round asking for more details

### NORTH AVENUE RISING

Over the years community members from across North Avenue have been getting together to imagine what a better street could look like. Thanks to their efforts, Baltimore City and the State of Maryland recently won funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation to make a few key improvements along North Avenue.

Please complete this 5 minute survey so we can better understand how you use North Avenue as well as your ideas for how to make it better! Surveys will remain confidential, but a summary of results will be public. If you want to be notified of our next public meetings, please provide us with your preferred form of contact.

For more information about the project, visit [northavenuerising.com](http://northavenuerising.com) or contact [info@northavenuerising.com](mailto:info@northavenuerising.com).

1. What's your connection to North Avenue? (Check all that apply)
  - I live within 2-3 blocks of North Avenue
  - I am on North Avenue regularly (for school, work, family, etc.)
  - I come to North Avenue less often but cross it regularly
2. Which of these places on North Avenue are closest to where you spend time? (Check all that apply)
  - Walbrook Library / Hilton Avenue & Bloomingdale Road
  - Coppin State / Warwick Avenue
  - Penn-North Metro / Pennsylvania Avenue
  - North Ave. Light Rail / Mt. Royal Avenue
  - McDonald's / Station North / Charles Street
  - Rite Aid / Greenmount Avenue
  - Courthouse / Harford Road
  - Great Blacks in Wax / Broadway
  - BP Gas Station / Gay Street & Belair Road
3. Please tell us which way(s) you usually travel along North Avenue? (Check all that apply)
  - Walking
  - In a car or truck
  - On bus
  - On bicycle

## Next Steps

- Engagement and feedback
- Stakeholder Coordination
- Concept Development – Dec. 2017 / Jan. 2018
- Public Workshops in early February 2018 to present design concepts
- Preliminary engineering beginning March 2018

Thank you

Project Website:

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