

MD 355 PHASE 2 MONTROSE PARKWAY FROM CHAPMAN AVENUE TO PARKLAWN DRIVE

INFORMATIONAL MEETING



March 11, 2013

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

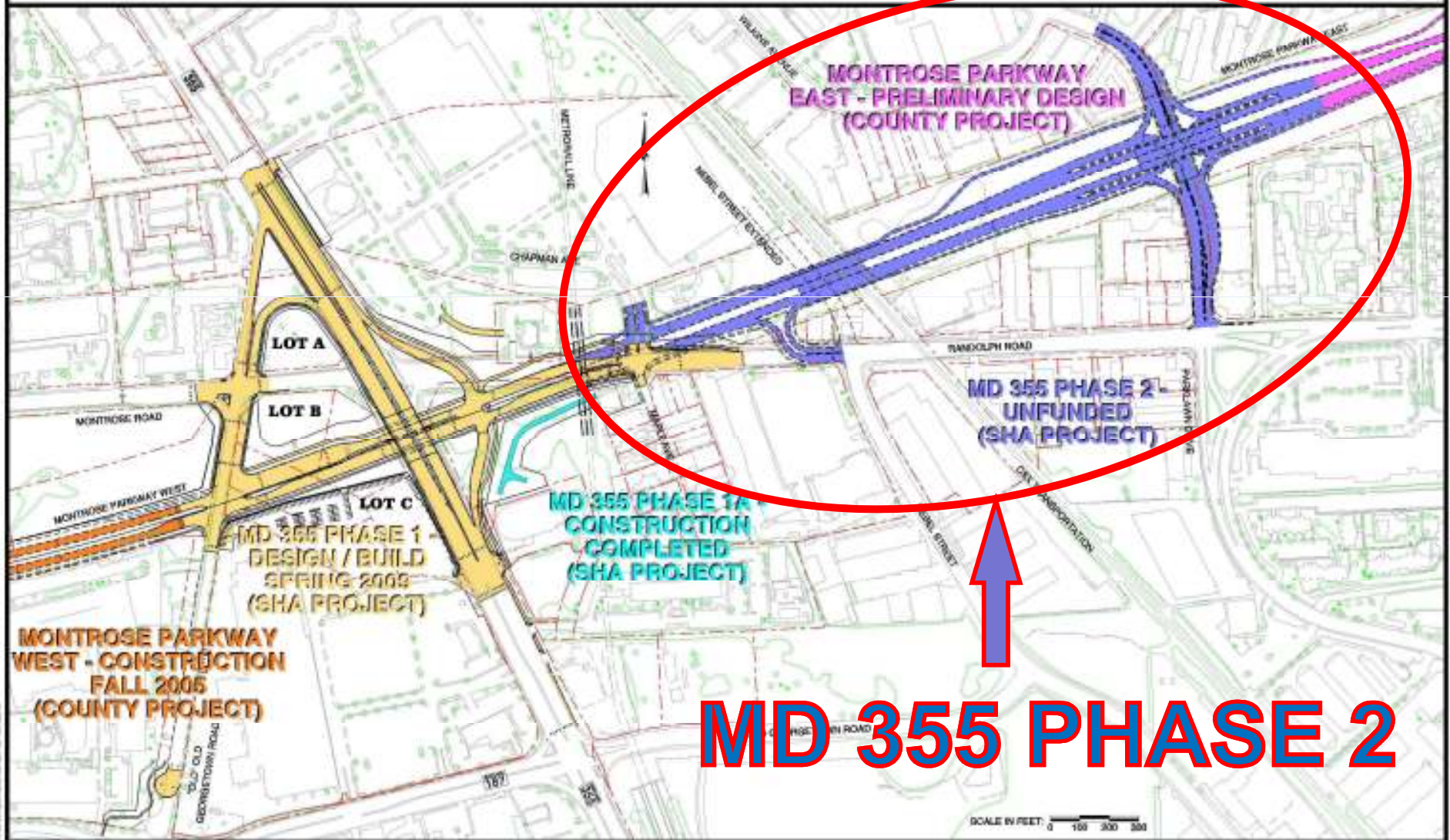
INTRODUCTION

- **Project Description**
- **Project's Purpose and Need**
- **Project History & Status Overview**
- **Alternates Considered**

Project Description

- **Montrose Parkway from MD 355 to Veirs Mills**
 - **MD355 Phase 2 – Montrose Parkway From Chapman Avenue to East of Parklawn Drive**
 - Design managed by SHA
 - **Montrose Parkway East- From east of Parklawn Drive to Veirs Mills Road**
 - Design Managed by MCDOT

MD 355 AT MONTROSE ROAD / RANDOLPH ROAD - PHASES 1 & 2



MD 355 PHASE 2

PROJECT'S PURPOSE

- 1) *To improve safety and traffic operations for vehicles traveling through the MD 355 and Montrose Road / Randolph Road Intersection and the CSX crossing at Randolph while providing adequate pedestrian and bicycle access to existing and planned activity centers.*
- 2) *To provide connectivity between the Montrose Parkway East portion being managed by MCDOT and the Montrose Parkway West portion that has been constructed.*

PROJECT'S NEED

- *To reduce congestion*
- *Improve safety/reduce accidents*
- *Facilitate vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle access to existing and planned developments and transit stations*

PROJECT'S NEED

Montrose Parkway is part of the North Bethesda/ Garrett Park Master Plan

“This road is essential to future capacity for east and west vehicular movement across the planning area. The two existing roads, Montrose/Randolph Roads and Twinbrook Parkway, are currently congested and have high accident rates. **Future growth in the region, even with little growth in North Bethesda, makes the provision of additional capacity essential.**”

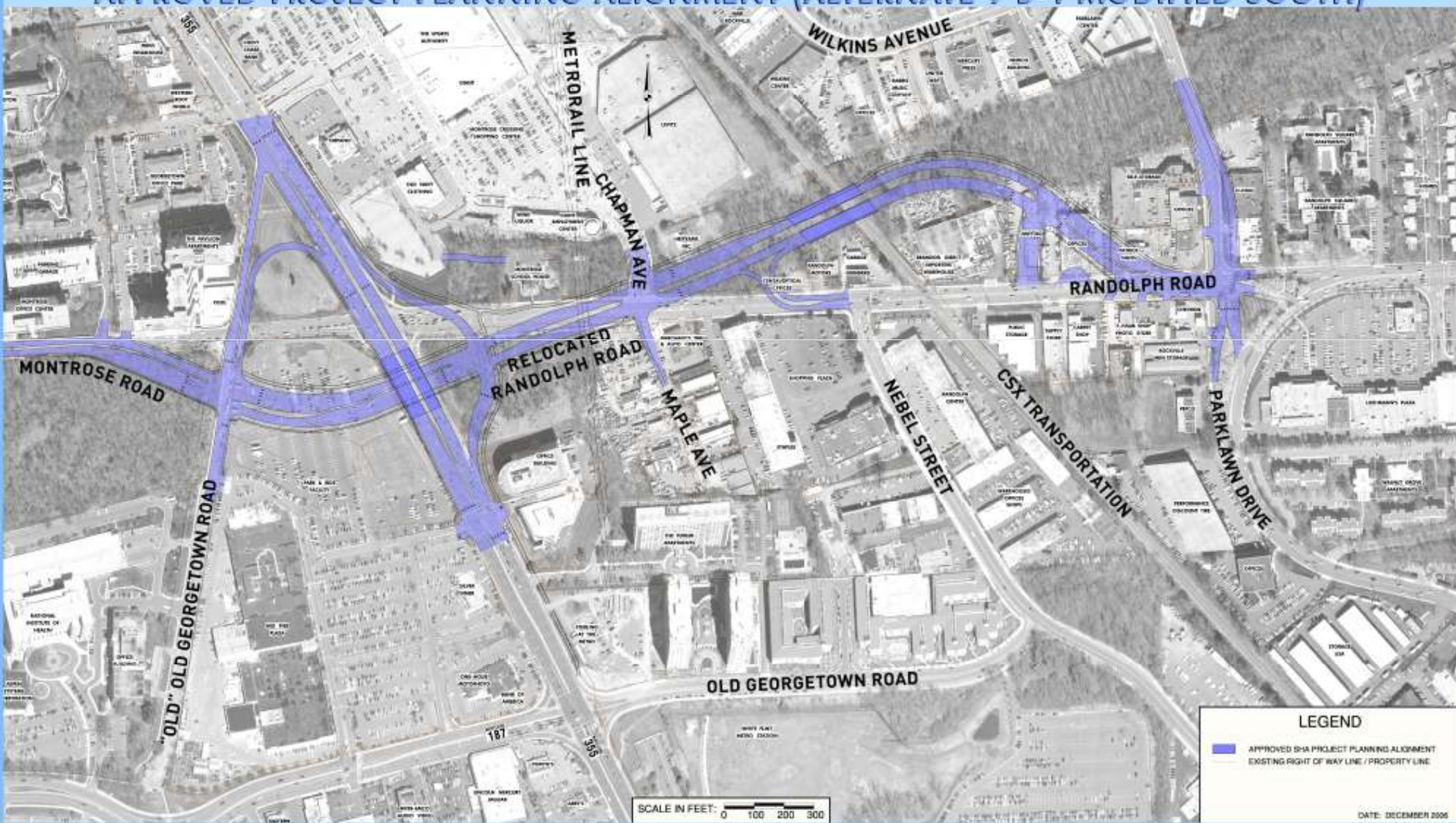
**-Excerpt from the North Bethesda/Garrett Park Master Plan
Adopted on July 1992, page 155**

Why is the project called MD 355 Phase 2?

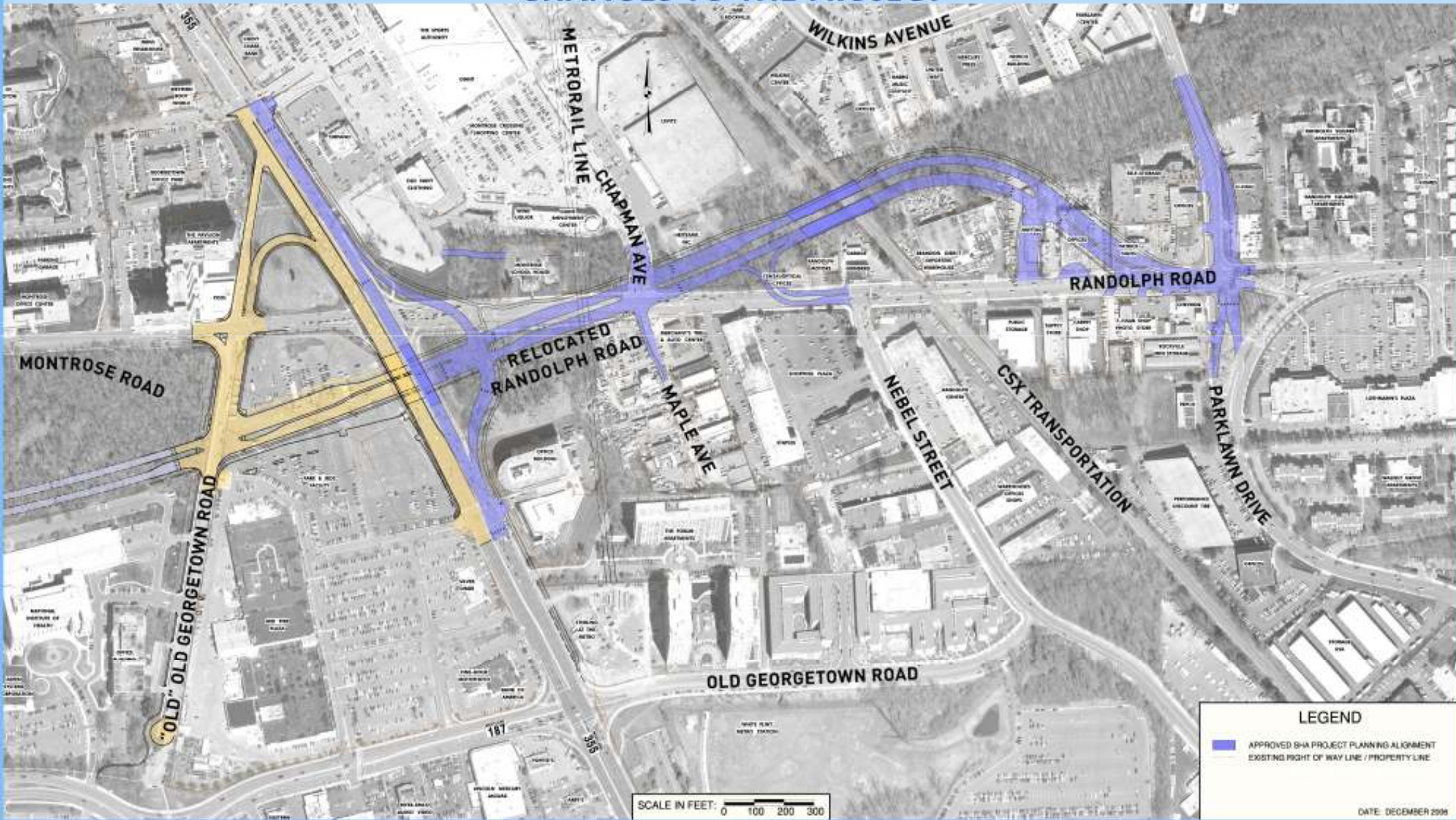
- **The original design for the MD 355 Phase 2 planned to Relocate Randolph Road.**
- **This was gradually changed in order to include construction of the Montrose Parkway connection between MD 355 and Parklawn Drive.**

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APPROVED PROJECT PLANNING ALIGNMENT (ALTERNATE 9 B-1 MODIFIED SOUTH)

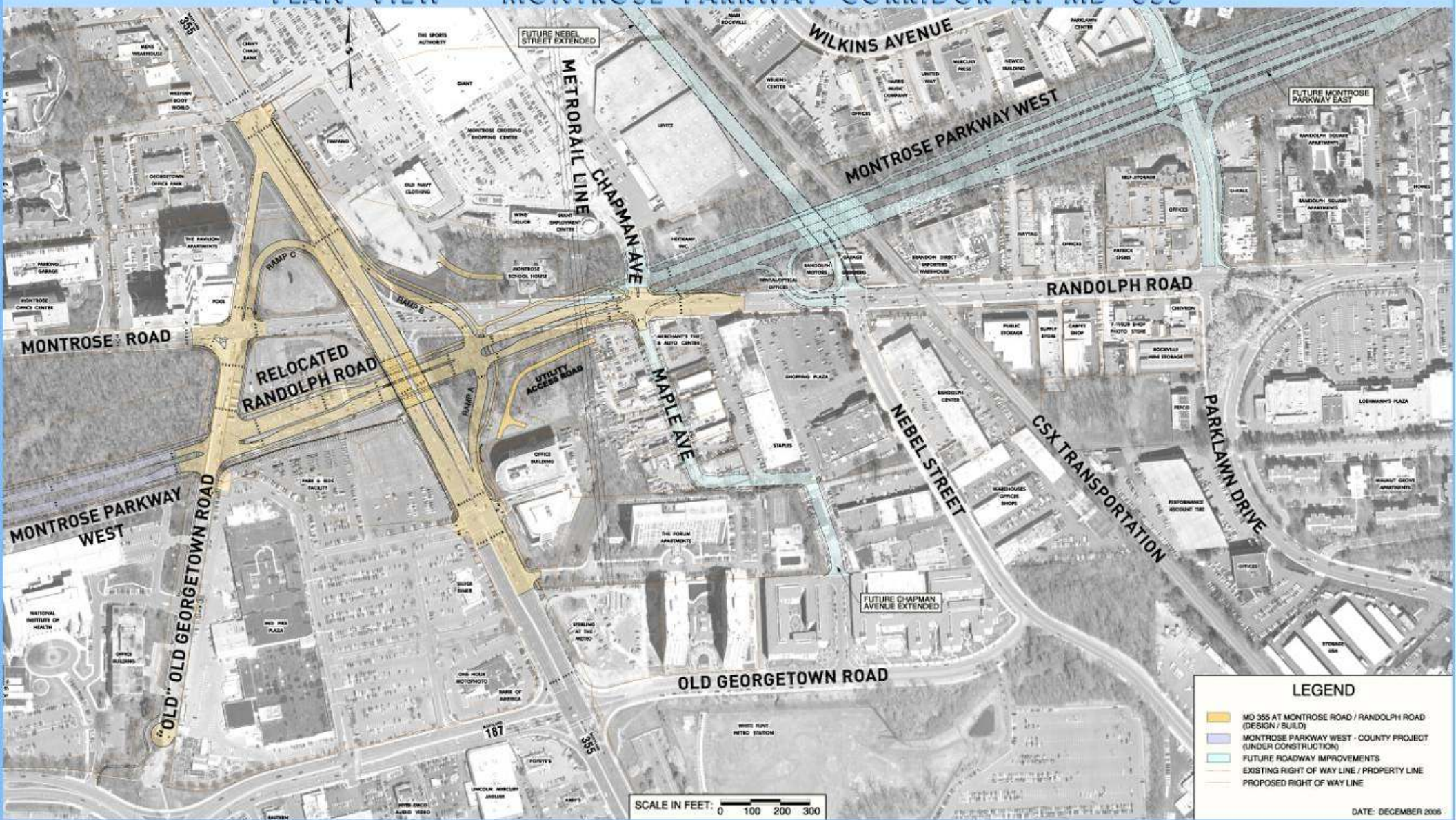


CHANGES TO THE PROJECT



MD 355 PHASE 2 - MONTROSE PARKWAY

PLAN VIEW - MONTROSE PARKWAY CORRIDOR AT MD 355



MD 355 Phase 1 & 2 History

- **In 1998, we began the project planning phase**
- **December 2001 - Last Public Meeting (Location/Design Public Hearing)**
- **January 2003 - Location/Design Approval Received**
- **February 2003 - Finding of No Significant Impacts Signed**

STATUS OVERVIEW (Continued)

- In 2006 the project was divided into two separate phases
- Due to funding constraints Phase 2 was put on hold.
- In Fall 2010, Phase 1 finished construction and was open to traffic.

PHASE 1



STATUS OVERVIEW (Continued)

- In May 2011 Phase 2 Design was restarted.
- In December 2012 Phase 2 reached 30% completion.
- Two alternates have been developed.

Alternates Considered

- **Alt 1 – Closes Randolph Road at the CSX Crossing**
- **Alt 2 – Maintains the Randolph Road CSX crossing open to traffic.**

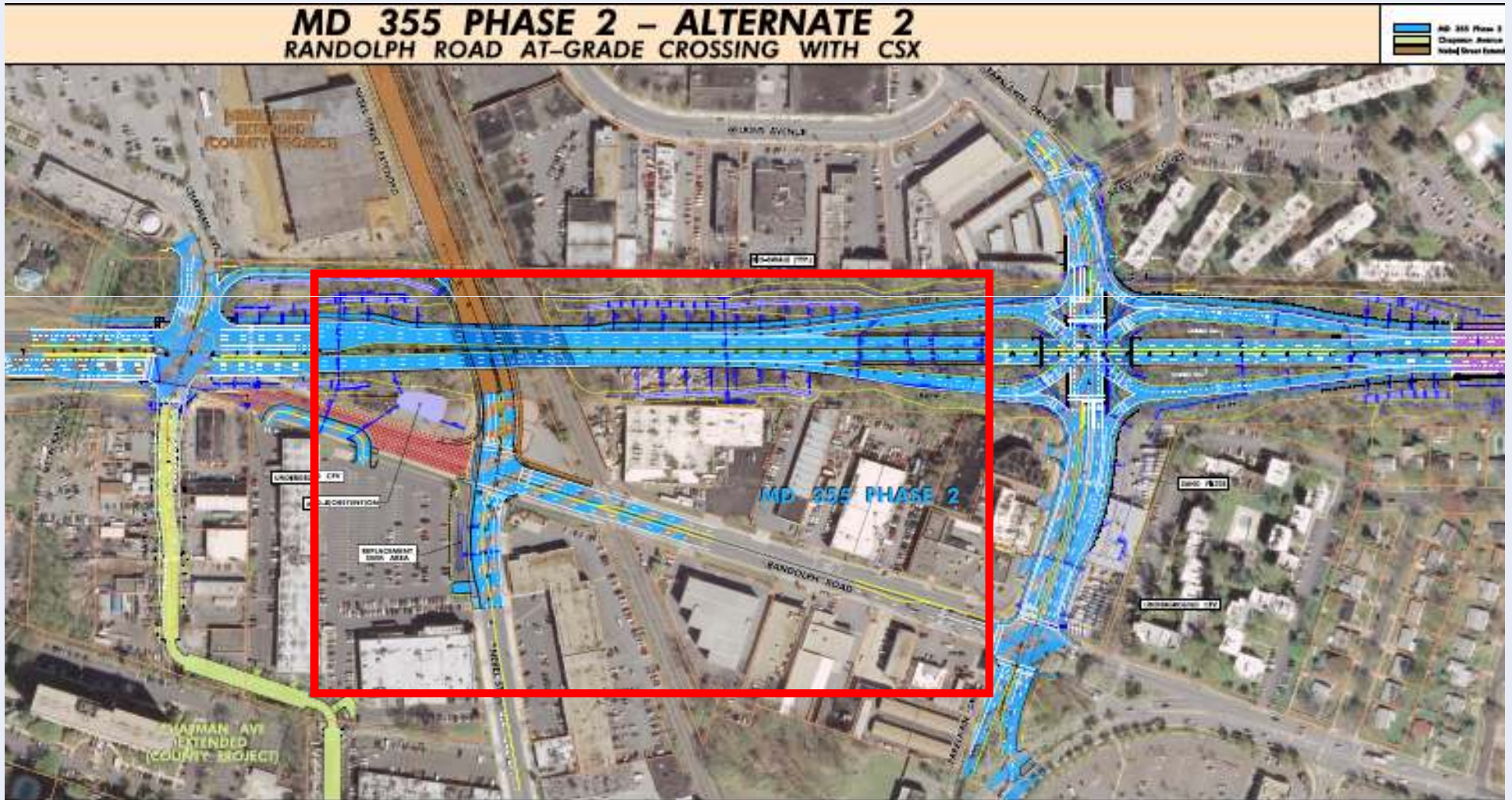
Alt 1 Overview

MD 355 PHASE 2 – ALTERNATE 1 RANDOLPH ROAD CLOSURE AT CSX

MD 355 Phase
Clearway Area
Intersect Street Line



Alt 2 Overview



Alternates Considered

- **Reasons for Considering a Closure alternate for the CSX Crossing?**
 - **The Federal Railroad Administration's accident prediction model indicates that out nearly 700 crossings in the State of Maryland this is the 4th crossing (as of 2011) with the highest predicted chance for a highway/rail collision.**
 - **Residents in the area have requested the establishment of a quiet zone in this area.**

Questions & Comments



Thank you!



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NEED INFORMATION / HAVE QUESTIONS

**MD 355 Phase 2 – Montrose Parkway from
Chapman Avenue to Parklawn Drive**

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