

Transportation Vision Statement

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Master Plan (page 97) states, “Additional transportation service in B-CC should be based primarily on an expanded and vigorous program of transit and other mobility services. Use of such services is necessary because of the difficulty of expanding the capacity of many B-CC highways and due to the need to accommodate increased through traffic and the recommended level of development in B-CC.”

Goals and Objectives

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Master Plan (page 19) establishes a transportation goal to “Achieve a significant shift of new travel from auto use to transit and other mobility alternatives.”

Objectives of the goal are to:

- “Provide an expanded and vigorous program of expanded transit and other mobility services and facilities.”
- “Provide only moderate highway improvements, such as redesign of some intersections rather than addition of lanes to roads.”
- “Provide improved access and safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.”

Landscaping

The Bethesda Chevy Chase Master Plan addresses the need to retain and enhance community character by recommending that trees be planted in landscaped buffers between curbs and sidewalks and in the medians of major roads, including the three state highways impacted by the Bethesda BRAC: Rockville Pike (MD 355), Old Georgetown Rd (MD 187), and Connecticut Ave (MD 185). The master plan states:

“Maintain and enhance planting of vegetation along roadsides and in medians of major highway corridors....design guidelines include: placing a landscaped buffer between the curb and relocated sidewalks, placing trees and medians and along curbs, screening of front yard parking and relocating utility poles to allow for optimum tree planting and sidewalks.” (page 30)