



Public Meeting: Lortz Lane Pedestrian Alley and Outdoor Dining Project January 26, 2023



Introductions & Agenda

Planning Team

- Councilman Mark Conway, 4th District
Council Office
- Sandi McFadden, Govans
Elementary School & Mid-Govans
Neighborhood
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McDonnell, Loyola University
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- Will Ethridge, Department of
Transportation
- Marie M. Anderson & Jaffa Weiss,
Department of Planning

Agenda

- Introductions
- Agenda & Meeting Goals Review
- Brief Introduction to INSPIRE &
Origins of Lortz Project
- Review Project Goals
- Share Design Ideas & Gather
Feedback
- Review Alternate Routes
- Next Steps & Data Collection
- Question & Answer

Investing in Schools + Neighborhoods



City Schools, Maryland Stadium Authority, Baltimore City, and the State are investing nearly one billion dollars to renovate or replace schools.

21st Century has 3 goals:

- Transform student opportunities and achievement
- Improve engagement and wellbeing of communities
- Help revitalize neighborhoods and communities



The Planning Department launched the INSPIRE program to focus on the neighborhood immediately surrounding each of the 21st Century schools.

Concentrate improvements around the school:

- Improve the environment and quality of life
- Take concrete action towards the community's long-term vision; guide private investment

REVIEW OF PLANS

THE YORK ROAD CORRIDOR VISION & ACTION PLAN
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND



Urban Design + Commercial Strategies Plan for Baltimore City's York Road Corridor

As Developed by:
York Corridor Collective (YCC)

In collaboration with:
EDSA, Inc.
Valbridge Property Advisors
STV, Inc.

May 2015

A plan for strengthening YORK ROAD's anchor role in our North Baltimore communities!

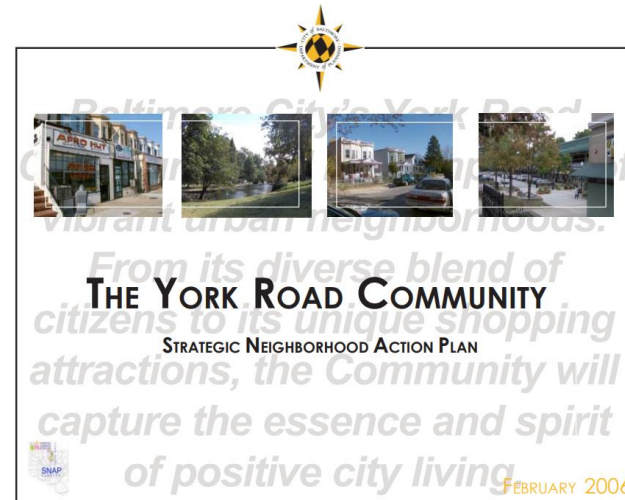
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MID-GOVANS NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE PATHS TO SCHOOL

master plan proposal
Prepared for the Community of Mid-Govans



the
Neighborhood
DesignCenter



THE YORK ROAD COMMUNITY
STRATEGIC NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION PLAN

From its diverse blend of citizens to its unique shopping attractions, the Community will capture the essence and spirit of positive city living.

FEBRUARY 2006

Project Proposal

- Activate the easternmost portion of Lortz, adjacent to Heritage Smokehouse and Nailah's through:
 - Outdoor dining
 - Increased lighting
 - Landscaping to create separation from public right of way
 - Public art to create visual interest and focal point
- Enhance pedestrian safety and connection between York Road commercial corridor and Bellona Avenue.

Goals of the Project

- **Safety**
- **Connection**
- **Commercial Activation**
- **Equity**



Timeline to Now

- **September:** INSPIRE Planning Reengagement
- **October:** Community Walk & Feedback Sessions
- **November:** Strategic Planning
- **December - January:** Individual Residential/Business Conversations & Community Presentations

Feedback

- Fire/Emergency Vehicles access
- Loitering/ Noise from customers
- Traffic/Access to Homeland



THE NEW YORK RD.

5800 YORK RD.



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Heritage Smokehouse
Barbecue



5800

Lortz Ln

410

Lortz Ln



BGE Govans Substation

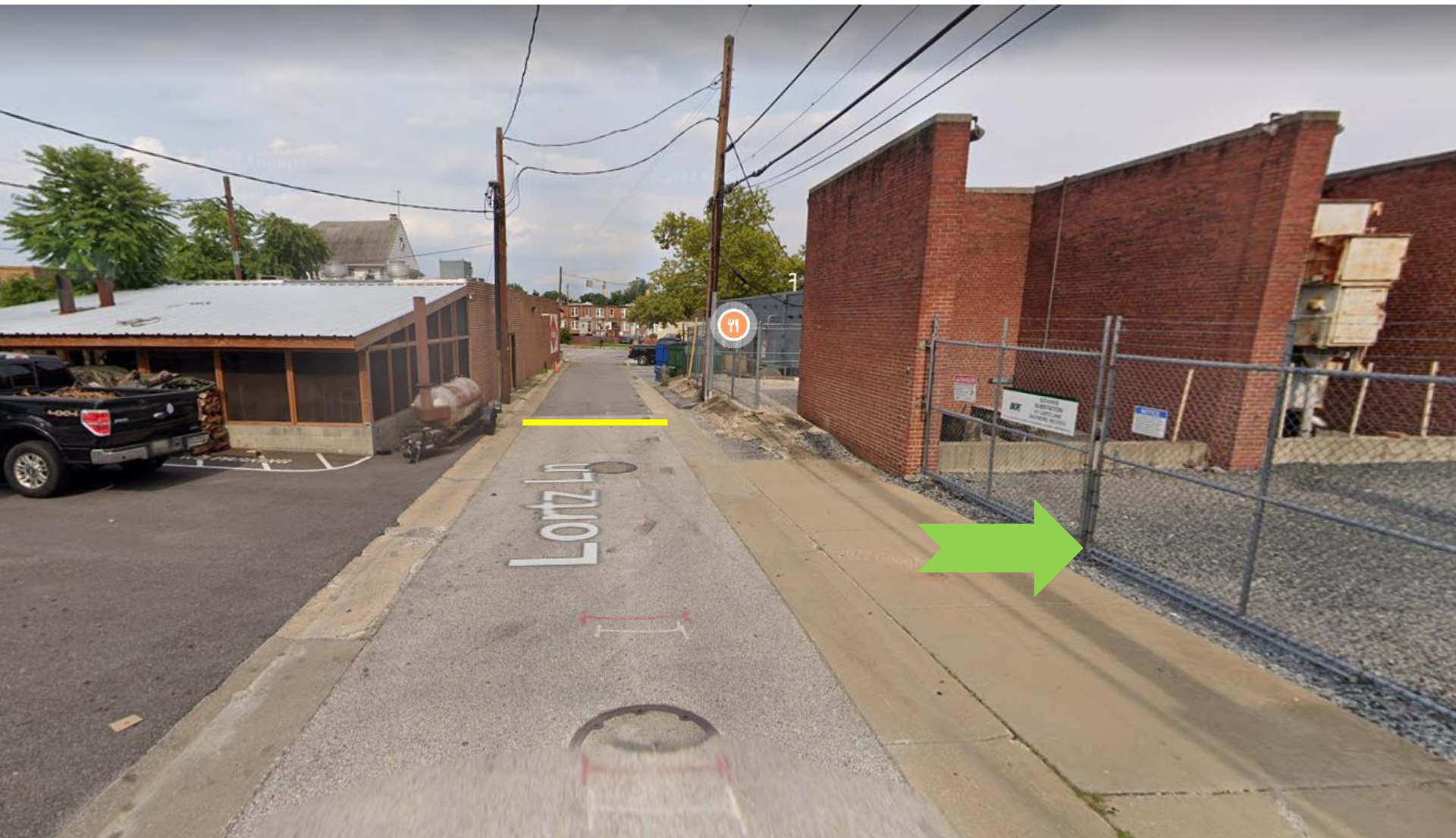


Fresh Out The Kitchen
West African • \$\$

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Yellow horizontal line on the road surface.

Lortz



NO PARKING
IN FRONT OF
BUSINESS

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Funding

Loyola University received Federal Earmark funding for York Road commercial corridor improvements. These funds must be used by September 2023.



- **Available Funding for this Project:**
 - \$30,000 for public art
 - \$20,500 for lighting, outdoor furniture, and landscaping
- **Contractors:**
 - Graham Projects LLC

Design Idea



Design Idea 2





Feedback

What design aspects should be considered for the space?



- **Seating**
 - What types of seating should be available?
 - What considerations to take for seating?
- **Lighting**
 - What considerations should we make for lighting?
 - Are there examples of lighting elsewhere that might be beneficial for this space?
- **Public Art & Landscaping**
 - Recommendations for types of plants/styles
 - What do we want the space to say about our community?

What other considerations should we be thinking about?

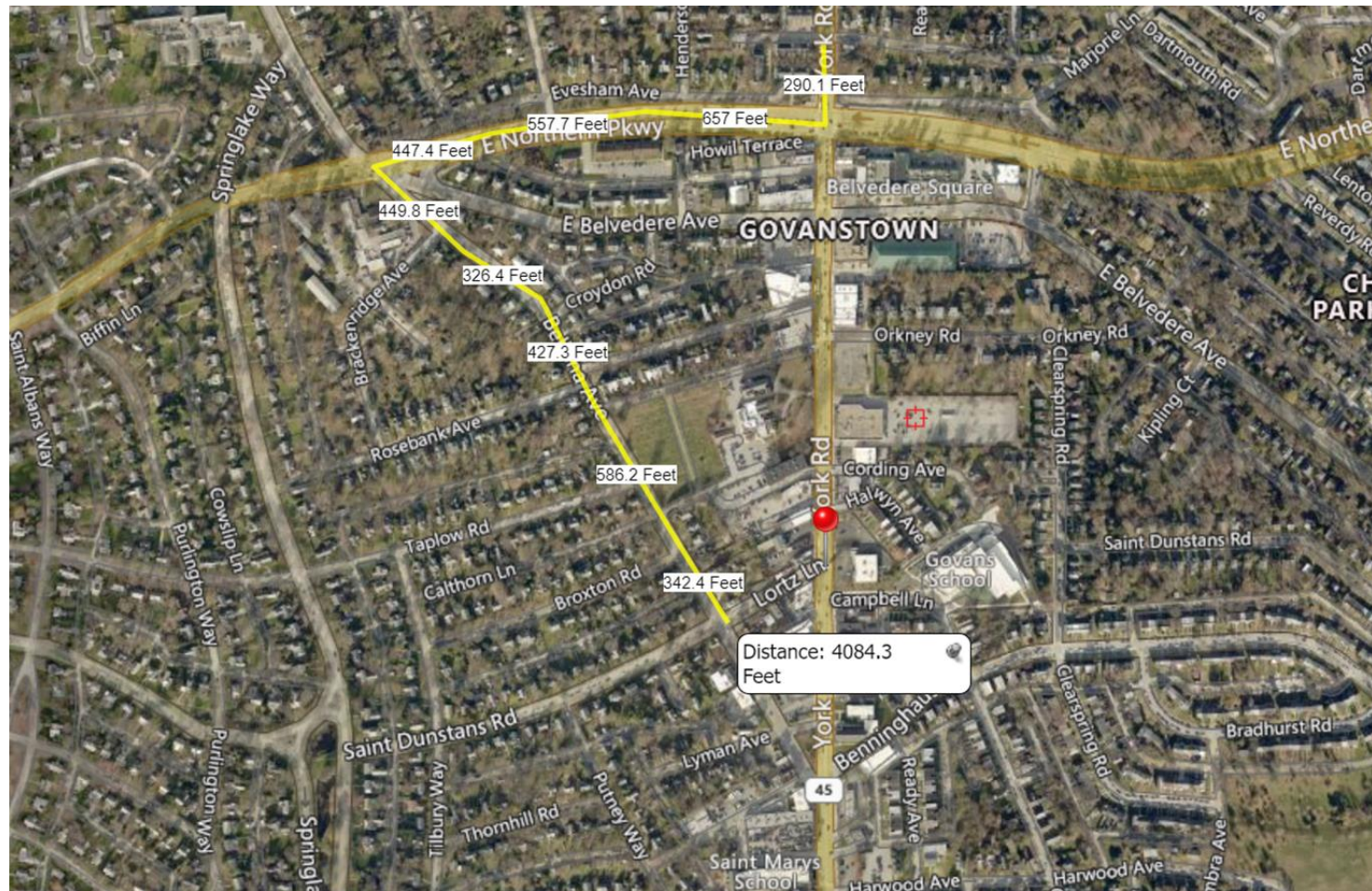
Proposed Alternate Routes

Alternate Route Option 1: Lyman Avenue (1,172 ft/.02 mile)



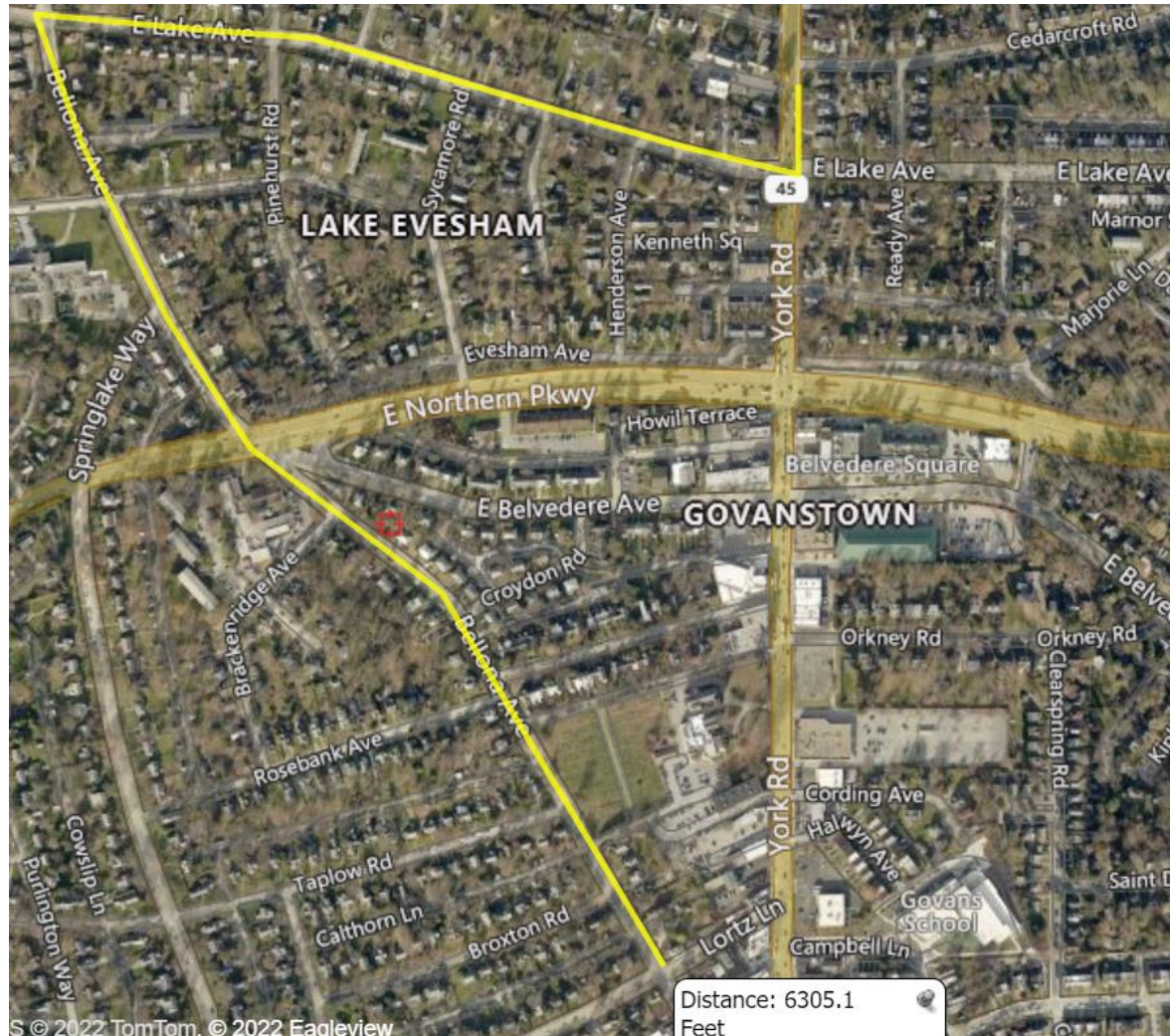
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Alternate Route Option 2: Northern Parkway to Bellona (+4,084 ft./ .75 mile)



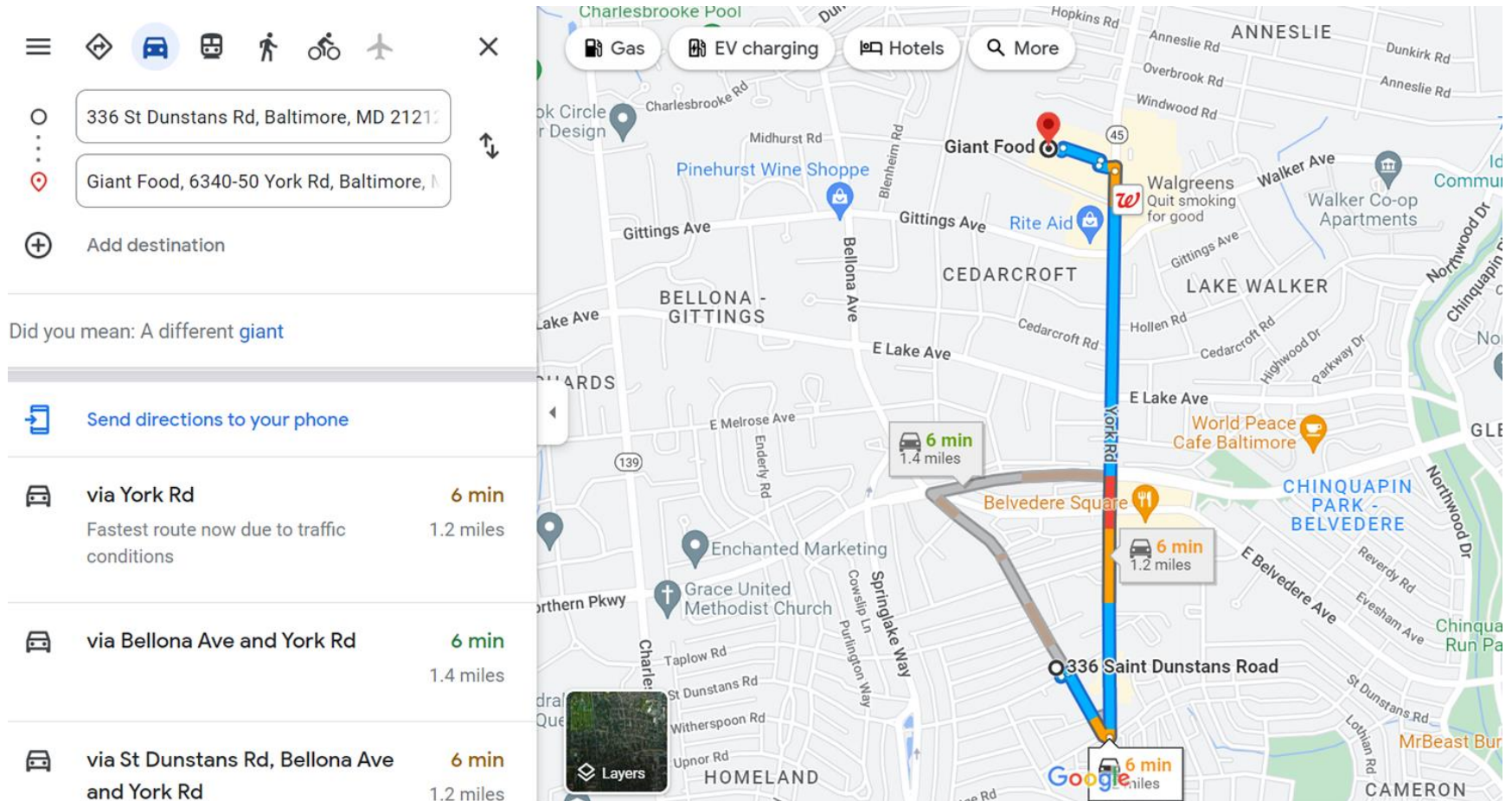
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Alternate Route Option 3: Lake Avenue to Bellona (+6,305 ft./ 1 mile)



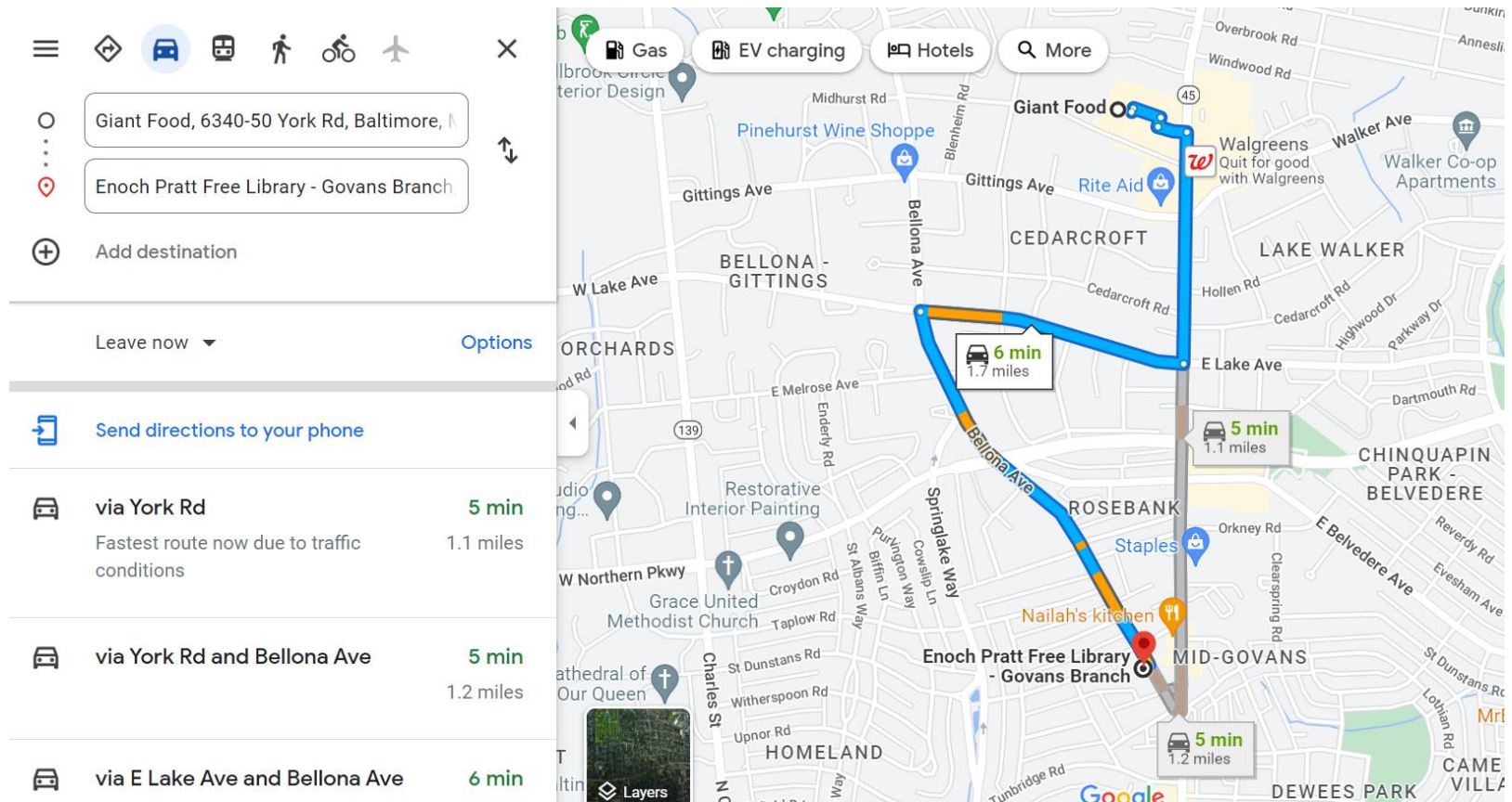
Proposed Alternate Routes

Southbound Travel Length Comparison of Routes 1 & 2: Relatively Equidistant & Same Amount of Time



Proposed Alternate Routes

Southbound Travel Length Comparison of Routes 1 & 3:
.05 miles Difference & Same Amount of Time



Check out www.streetsofbaltimore.com to learn about the York Road corridor study



Next Steps

- **Temporary Closure**
 - Beginning early February to March 2 for observation and study
 - DOT will install water filled barriers at Lortz and York Road
- **Designs**
 - Taking feedback and considerations from this meeting and adjacent property owners, to share with Graham Projects LLC will begin working on the public engagement timeline for public art and seating portions of the design
- **Approvals & Problem Mitigation**
 - Public can reach out via the DOP and the Council Office to help mitigate issues that arise

Next Public Meeting will be March 2nd at 6:00pm

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