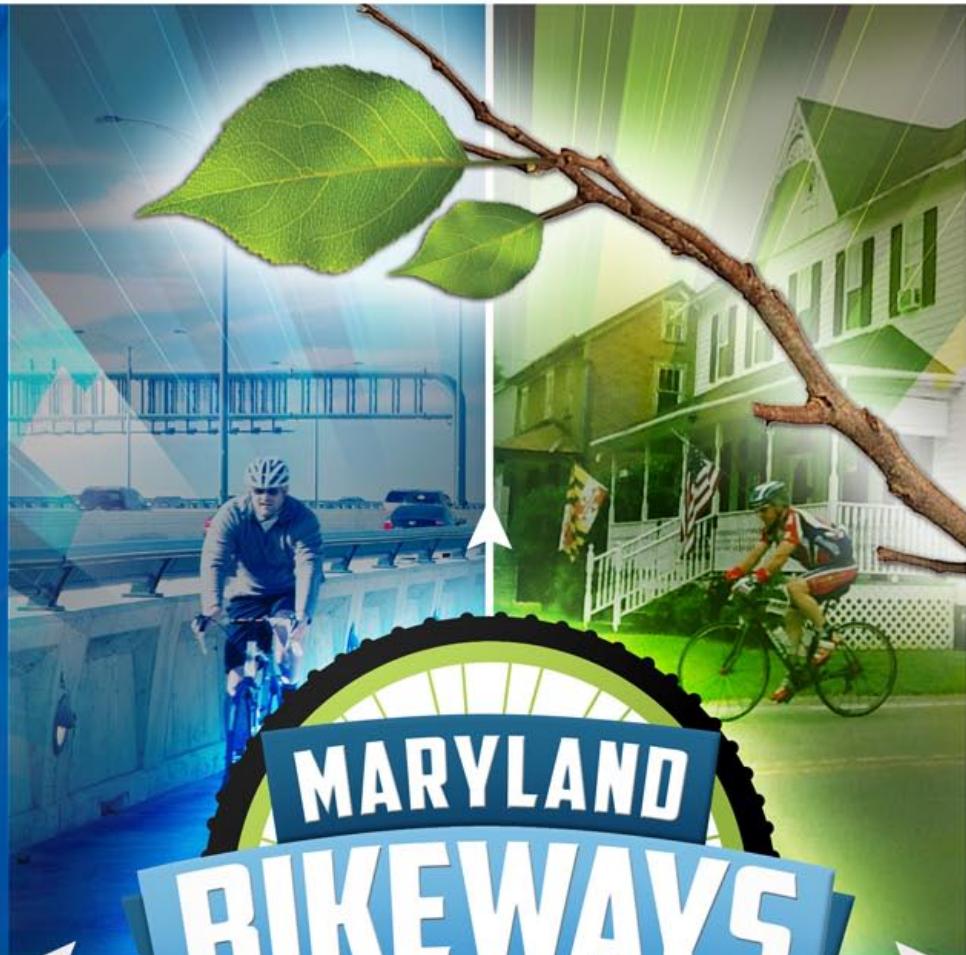


“By getting out and taking a bike ride, we can learn to enjoy more of Maryland’s natural treasures, help reduce the impact on the land, improve our fitness and well-being, and enhance our quality of life.”

- Martin O’Malley, Governor



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Connecting Maryland by Bike

The Maryland Bikeways Program is a Cycle Maryland initiative to support planning, design and construction of projects that create and improve bicycle connections in Maryland. The objective of this program is to facilitate travel by bicycle in Maryland, by better connecting communities with key destinations, like work, school and shopping.

What is a Bikeway?

Bikeway is a general term for transportation infrastructure that is designated for bicycle travel. A bikeway may be designed for the exclusive use of bicycles or for shared use with other transportation modes. The Maryland Bikeways Program will support the provision and upgrade of many types of bicycle facilities, including: Transportation Trails (Shared-Use Paths), Cycle Tracks, Bicycle Lanes, Shared Lanes and Designated Bike Routes.

What is the Bikeways Program?

The Maryland Bikeways Program will support plans and projects that maximize the use of Maryland's existing bicycle facilities, make needed connections and support Maryland's bike sharing efforts. The Program will: complement existing state, local and federal programs; address key funding gaps for bicycle projects; and increase the number of bicycle projects advancing to construction. Program flexibility will help ensure that the best possible bicycle routes can be developed, by utilizing local and state roads, off-road trails, parks and other available pathways.

How Does the Bikeways Program Help Maryland?

The Maryland Bikeways Program presents a unique opportunity to support Maryland's economy, environment and quality of life. Through strategic investment in the bicycle network, the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and our partners hope not only to stimulate the economy, but also to achieve cost-savings for households and government agencies. This program also promotes the health and well-being of Maryland residents and protects the environment.

The Bikeways Program was designed to help implement the *Statewide Trails Plan: A Greener Way to Go* and the *Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Access Master Plan*, by providing funding for projects that strategically link destinations around the state. The Maryland Bikeways Program supports Maryland's Smart, Green & Growing initiative, by enhancing Maryland's bicycle network, supporting sustainable communities and creating transportation alternatives for Maryland residents. In addition, the program supports the Governor's *Cycle Maryland* initiative to promote biking as a fun, healthy transportation alternative that is great for our environment.

What Kinds of Activities are Eligible for Support?

The Bikeways program is intended to provide technical assistance and grant support for:

- creation or update of a bicycle plan or feasibility study;
- design and construction of infrastructure to better connect communities to transit and other destinations;
- linkage of a local bike route to a state bike facility; and
- minor retrofits, signing, striping or grate replacement to enhance use and visibility of on-road bike facilities.

Bikeways Partners

The vision for a connected system of bikeways has evolved through strong inter-agency partnerships across federal, State and local levels, which will continue to be critical to program success. In addition to input from county and municipal governments, the program will be supported by input and coordination with State agencies, regional organizations, transit entities and advocacy organizations. Building on the success of Cycle Maryland events programming, www.cycle.maryland.gov will provide a one-stop web portal for information about cycling infrastructure, plans, funding opportunities and events.

Where do I find more information on the Bikeways Program?

Further information regarding Maryland's Bikeways Program will be available on the program website: www.cycle.maryland.gov. For more information please contact the MDOT Office of Planning and Capital Programming by e-mail at MDBikeways@mdot.maryland.gov or phone (410) 865-1277.

