

# 2035 Maryland Transportation Plan

Moving Maryland Forward

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## MTP Update

Welcome to the first issue of the 2035 Maryland Transportation Plan (MTP) newsletter! Every five years the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) updates the MTP, which outlines the State's 20-year vision for transportation in Maryland, including transportation goals, policies, and priorities, and helps guide statewide investment decisions across all modes of transportation. In a companion effort, MDOT is also updating the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, which establishes a 20-year vision to support cycling and walking as integral modes of transportation in Maryland.

The MTP update is being guided by a steering committee comprised of representatives from each of MDOT's modal agencies and the Maryland Transportation Authority, as well as a governor-appointed Advisory Committee representing a wide range of stakeholder interests.

This newsletter provides information on activities MDOT is undertaking as it updates the MTP and provides details on how you can get involved!

Thank you for your interest in Maryland's transportation future.

## Schedule

Fall 2012/ Winter 2013	Initiate Public Outreach Activities* Assess Current Conditions, Trends and Issues Develop Goals, Objectives, and Performance Measures
Winter 2013	Assess Needs and Financial Resources
Spring 2013	Develop Alternative Investment Scenarios
Summer 2013	Develop Implementation Strategies
Fall 2013	Prepare Draft 2035 MTP
January 2014	Release 2035 MTP

\*Public outreach activities continue throughout year

## Developing Maryland's Transportation Vision and 2035 MTP Goals

The proposed goals of the 2035 MTP have been developed from a combination of inputs, including the goals and objectives of prior transportation plans, steering committee input, public workshop discussions, and Advisory Committee review. As additional stakeholder input is obtained, the proposed goals may be refined.

### Six Proposed Goals of the 2035 MTP

Maintain & Enhance Quality of Service	Enhance Transportation Safety & Security	Preserve & Maintain Existing Systems & Assets	Support Environmental Stewardship	Enhance Community Vitality	Support Economic Prosperity
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*Transportation investments across all modes deliver broad, substantial, and lasting benefits to Maryland's economy.*



## Forums for Public Input

In support of its efforts to update the MTP, throughout the month of January, MDOT conducted roundtable workshops in four locations across the State—Chestertown, Frederick, Greenbelt, and Hanover—and collected input from citizens and transportation stakeholders.

Nearly 200 participants from private sector firms, advocacy organizations, local, state, and federal government entities, non-profits, universities, as well as individual citizens took part in the roundtables. Participants shared their ideas and opinions to help identify the most important transportation issues facing the State in the coming decades, as well as potential strategies to address these issues.

### Interactive Format

- Breakout groups, one for each of the MTP's six proposed goal areas, discussed strategies to achieve goals
- Breakout groups shared their top three strategies with all attendees
- Participants voted on the top strategies across all of the goal areas
- Input gathered will be used by MDOT and its modal agencies!

### Common Themes

- Advance multi-modal connections to meet mobility needs
- Use technology to meet a broad spectrum of future needs
- Identify additional and sustainable financial resources
- Improve coordination among levels of government, private sector, and the general public
- Focus investment on getting maximum value from existing infrastructure and better coordinate land use and transportation investment
- Target infrastructure investment to maximize economic return
- Apply planning techniques to ensure long-term viability of infrastructure

### Thanks to Participants!

MDOT is grateful for the contributions of the roundtable participants. The input will inform the MTP development and will be shared with MDOT's modal agencies for consideration in their strategic and business planning efforts.

Additional information from the stakeholder roundtables can be found on the project website at: [www.mdot.maryland.gov/MTP](http://www.mdot.maryland.gov/MTP)



## Get Involved!

What's your vision for Maryland's transportation future? Get involved in the 2035 MTP process, sign up for email alerts and take the stakeholder survey! A few minutes of your time could help us make a better future for Maryland.



### To Take the Stakeholder Survey:

- All Maryland residents and businesses are encouraged to take the survey to help identify the most important transportation issues; visit: [www.mdot.maryland.gov/MTP](http://www.mdot.maryland.gov/MTP)
- Visit your local library or library website. Most public libraries are hosting the Stakeholder Survey on their web portals
- Also take the Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan Survey: [www.mdot.maryland.gov/bikewalk/survey](http://www.mdot.maryland.gov/bikewalk/survey)

### Additional Information

2035 MTP Website  
[www.mdot.maryland.gov/MTP](http://www.mdot.maryland.gov/MTP)

Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Website  
[www.mdot.maryland.gov/BikeWalkPlan](http://www.mdot.maryland.gov/BikeWalkPlan)

Direct comments and questions to:  
[MDOT2035Plan@mdot.state.md.us](mailto:MDOT2035Plan@mdot.state.md.us)

### Next Steps

- Review and incorporate survey responses
- Convene meetings with MTP Advisory Committee
- Develop investment scenarios
- \* Look for Newsletter Issue 2 in the Spring for more updates