

MARYLAND BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN

WHAT IS THE BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN

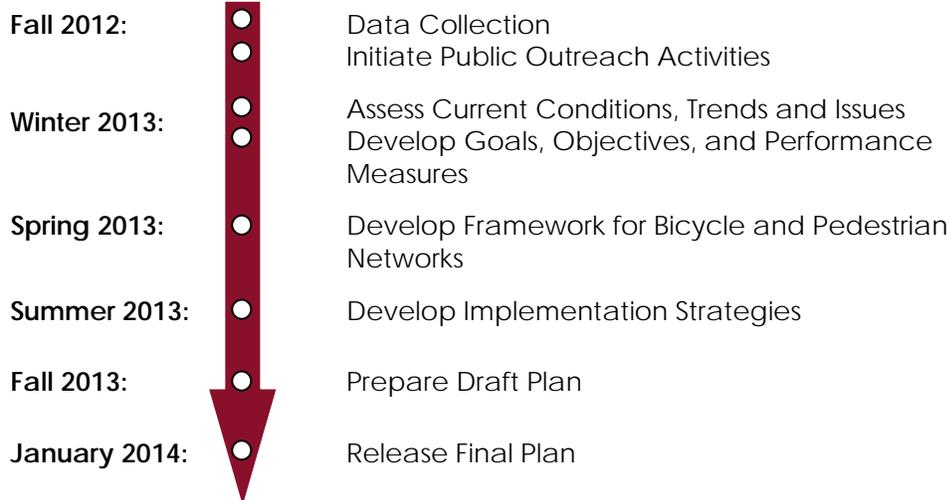
The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) is leading an update of the current Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, which was adopted in 2002. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan establishes a 20-year vision to support cycling and walking as modes of transportation in Maryland. The Plan will provide guidance and investment strategies to support cycling and walking, both on-road and off-road, as part of Maryland's multimodal transportation network.

STATEWIDE & FEDERAL PLANNING COORDINATION

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan will be coordinated with the Maryland Transportation Plan, or "MTP", and other key statewide planning efforts. It will also address recently enacted federal transportation legislation, "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century." The federal legislation, known as "MAP-21", introduced changes in federal funding opportunities for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, and introduced new requirements for performance measurement.

WHAT ARE THE UPCOMING KEY MILESTONES

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan is being updated on the same schedule as the [MTP](#), in accordance with recent changes to State law. Both plans will be completed by January 2014.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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GET INVOLVED

To sign up to receive newsletters and learn about more ways to get involved with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update process, please visit our project website at www.mdot.maryland.gov/bikewalkplan

Bicycle and Pedestrian Priorities Survey. As part of this effort, MDOT will be soliciting input through a public survey. The survey is scheduled to be available by January 2013. Please go to the Get Involved tab on our website to join our mailing list for the survey and other plan related news.

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WHY WE ARE UPDATING THE PLAN

State and local stakeholders have made significant progress in implementing the 2002 Plan. However, it is time to reassess user needs and refine our strategies in order to make Maryland a truly bike and pedestrian friendly state. In addition, State law requires the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan be updated to remain consistent with the MTP.

We Have New Tools and Policies –

New State and federal programs and policies call for new strategies and criteria to help identify and select projects.

Updates of national traffic design manuals provide much greater detail and guidance regarding the planning and design of bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

New GIS and internet technologies allow for easier collaboration among state and local planning agencies, citizens and public officials.

The Maryland Trails Plan offers new data about off-road transportation trails.

Attitudes are Changing –

Many communities in Maryland and across the country are making a shift to prioritize biking and walking as important aspects of a complete transportation system.

Biking and walking allow citizens to live a more healthy lifestyle and can support the economic vitality of a community.

Biking and walking can help reduce household transportation spending, which is particularly important as fuel prices rise.

When safe and convenient facilities are present and conditions are favorable people are choosing to walk and bicycle.

WHAT THE PLAN WILL DO

- o Give planners and elected officials a better understanding of user needs and opportunities for change
- o Support key connections between communities, employment, trails and transit
- o Develop strategies for targeting and prioritizing investments to best utilize limited resources and support a broad range of users
- o Support creating cleaner, greener transportation options and healthy, active lifestyles
- o Recommend performance measures for tracking progress in bicycle and pedestrian transportation
- o Coordinate State, regional and local plans and initiatives, and share best practices from around the State and beyond

WHAT THE PLAN WILL NOT DO

- o Result in a specific list of capital investment projects for the State or local agencies to build
- o Dictate a one-size-fits-all solution for Maryland's diverse communities