

Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Area (BPPA)



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BPPA Origin

- The Maryland General Assembly created the BPPA designation as a tool to facilitate the coordination of planning of bicycle and pedestrian facilities in areas with a high potential for bicycling and walking.
- Maryland Annotated Code §8-204 (c)(1)(ii)(1.) allows for the creation of BPPA Plans (BPPAPs) under SHA's guidance.

BPPA Designation Purpose

- To align local agency and State Highway Administration bicycle and pedestrian connectivity goals.
- Development of the BPPAP is a collaborative approach to help state and local transportation agencies overcome impediments to bicycle and pedestrian travel within a designated BPPA without the barriers of facility ownership.

Local Agency's Role

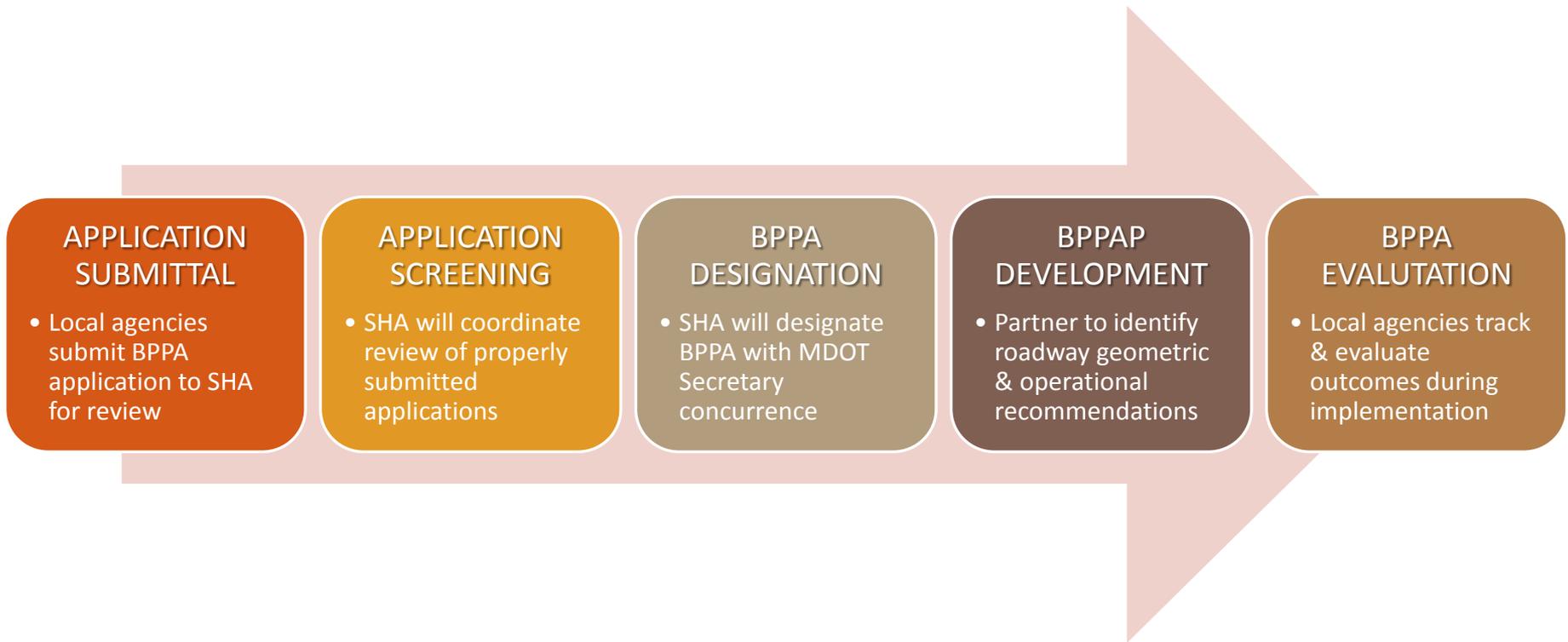
1. Apply for a BPPA designation;
2. Demonstrate local support for bicycle and pedestrian mobility;
3. Participate in state/local workgroups for each designated BPPA;
4. Engage and lead coordination with local community stakeholders and advocacy groups; and,
5. Monitor and evaluate outcomes as recommendations are implemented.

****If no State roads are within a BPPA, the local agency leads BPPAP development.***

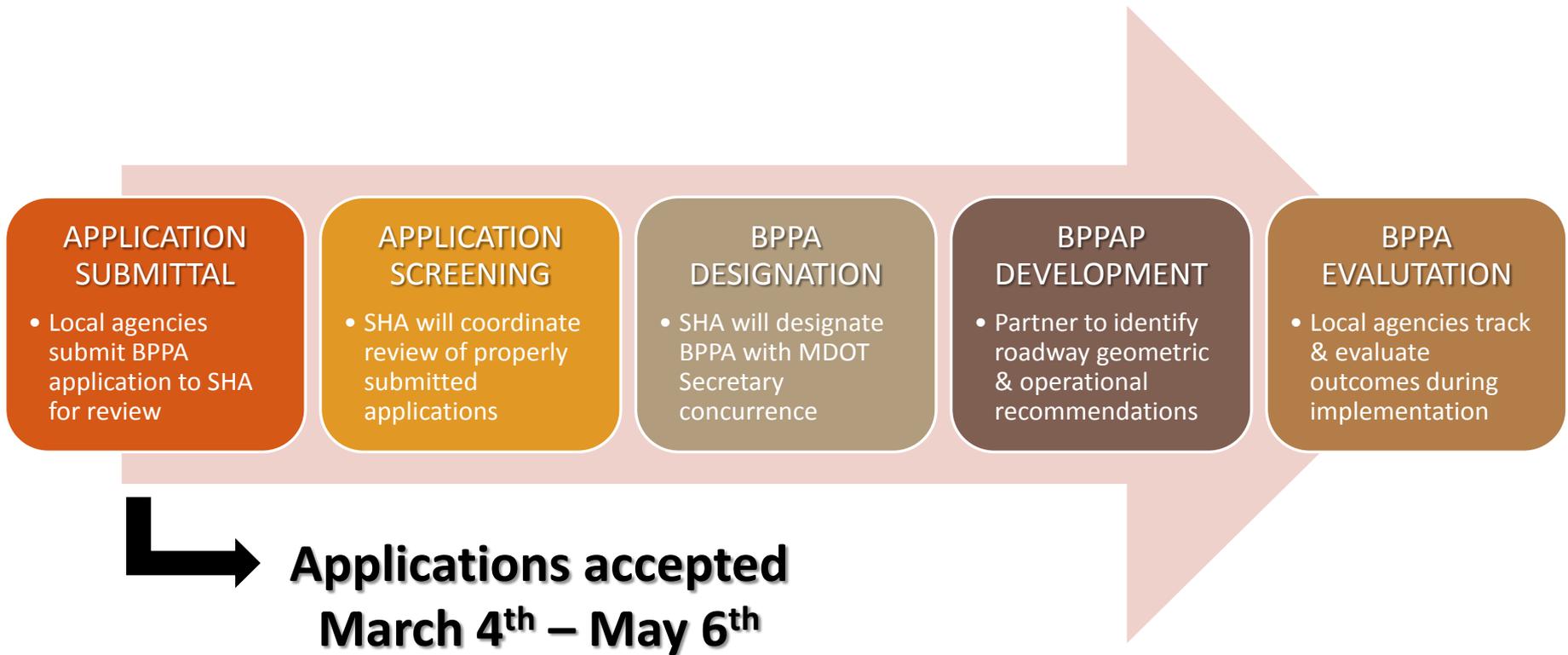
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WHAT BPPAs DO	WHAT BPPAs DO NOT DO
Facilitate coordination between state, local, and private stakeholders	Provide State funding for capital improvement projects
Align state and local planning goals	Replace existing transportation plans and/or goals
Provide for potential use of innovative bicycle and pedestrian treatments	Supersede existing bicycle and pedestrian design guidelines

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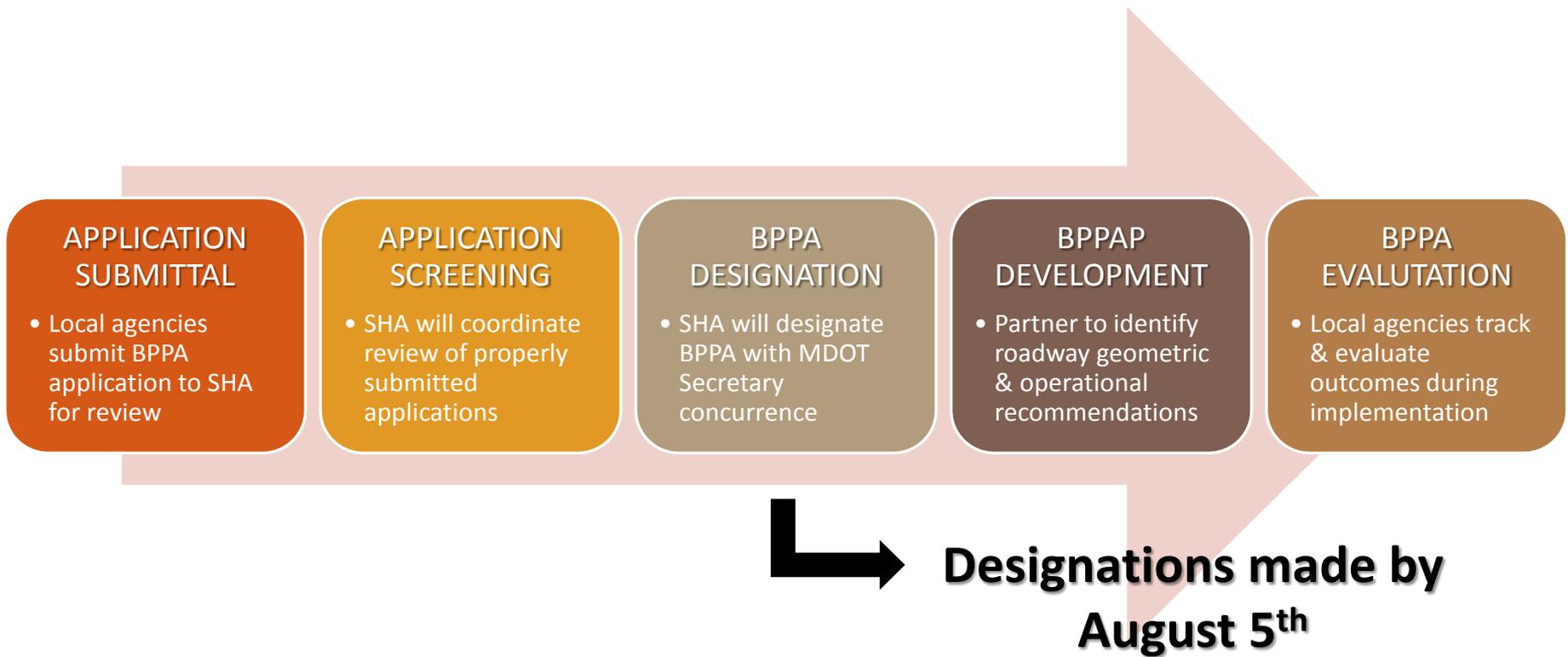
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BPPA Application Screening

1. Urban areas, main streets, and/or tourist centers with high potential for bicycling and walking as transportation modes;
2. Focused area (< 0.5 mile radius);
3. Areas with known obstacles to bicycling and walking and/or safety concerns;
4. Areas that emphasize multi-modal transportation; and,
5. Local commitment supporting bicycling and walking and demonstrated consistency with local plans.

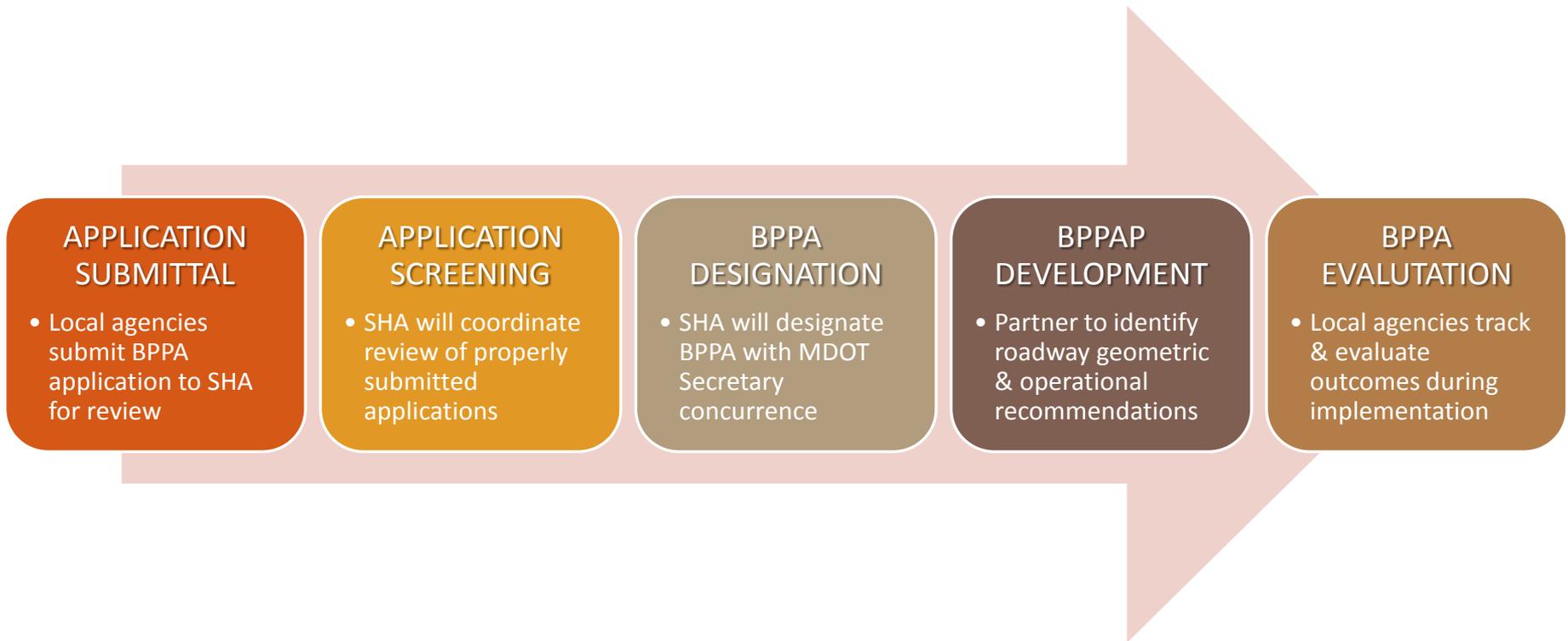
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BPPAP Development

- BPPAP development will include identifying roadway geometric and operational recommendations to better align state and local bicycle and pedestrian planning by:
 - Facilitate state, local, and stakeholder coordination;
 - Establish a process and working group for planning and prioritizing bicycle and pedestrian improvements;
 - Draft a plan for implementing bicycle and pedestrian treatments that align of state, local, and stakeholder goals to expand on existing or planned bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure; and,
 - Estimate construction costs for typical proposed bicycle and pedestrian treatments.

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BPPA Webpage & Resources

Please visit the Bicycle & Pedestrian Priority Area webpage for more information:

www.roads.maryland.gov/Index.aspx?PageId=693



A screenshot of the Maryland State Highway Administration website. The browser address bar shows the URL 'www.roads.maryland.gov/Index.aspx?PageId=693'. The website header includes the Maryland State Highway Administration logo and a search bar. A navigation menu is visible with links for HOME, BUSINESS, PROJECTS, COMMUTER, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT, and INFO CENTER. The main content area is titled 'Environment & Community' and features a list of links: 'Cleaner, Greener Practices & Initiatives', 'Community Improvement', 'Hikers and Bicyclists', 'Protecting & Enhancing the Natural Environment', and 'SHA and You'. The page is currently displaying the 'Bicycle & Pedestrian Priority Areas (BPPA)' section, which includes a 'PROGRAM SUMMARY' heading and a paragraph of text describing the program's goals and objectives.

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