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## BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

*Friday April 25, 2025*  
*9:00-11:00 am ET*



# Agenda

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- I. Welcome & Roll Call
- II. Agenda Review and Approval of Minutes
- III. Federal Funding and Policy
- IV. State Agency Updates
- V. Old Business, Engagement Opportunities,  
& Public Comment
- VI. MBPAC Subcommittee Reports
- VII. Closing Reminders and Adjournment



# I. ROLL CALL & NEW APPOINTEES

## STATE AGENCIES:

Kandese Holford, Maryland Department Of Transportation

Ali Macstudy, Maryland Department Of Health

Lt. Laura Beck, Maryland State Police

**Cindy Miller, Department Of Tourism**

Brooks Phelps, Maryland Department Of Planning

Gabriel Rose, Maryland State Department Of Education

Sandi Olek, Maryland Department Of Natural Resources

Bong Delrosario, Maryland Department Of Disabilities

Michael Jackson, Maryland National Park & Planning Commission

## CITIZENS:

Jon Morrison, Chairperson

Kristy Daphnis, Member At Large

Matthew Hendrickson, Baltimore Metropolitan

Ndegwa Kamau, Washington Metropolitan

Andrew Lingelbach, Visually Impaired

Sarah Myers, Western Maryland

Nigel Samaroo, Member At Large

Patti Stevens, Eastern Shore

James Titus, Washington Metropolitan

Marian Vessels, Mobility Impaired

Antoine RJ Wright, Member At Large

**VACANT, Baltimore Metropolitan**

**VACANT, Southern Maryland**

## II. MBPAC Minutes

- Draft Minutes from January 10, 2025 meeting emailed on April 16, 2025 for review.
- Highlight: Annual Report Adopted

### 2025 Focus Areas

For 2025, MBPAC will continue to collaborate with State agencies by providing informal technical and stakeholder advice on the many issues concerning bicycle and pedestrian safety and access. In some cases, those efforts will rise to the level of providing formal advice from MBPAC to specific agencies. In other cases, MBPAC will facilitate comments from its individual members, improving the addressable bandwidth of the State and partner agencies to consider and implement sustainable outcomes through targeted recommendations and insights. Many of the topics addressed in 2024 will continue in 2025.

The Committee is especially concerned about state and local budget and resource challenges, which may blunt the effectiveness, or timeliness, of upcoming legislation or improvements which are already underway. Nevertheless, we are excited to support the efforts to increase accessibility and usability of the state's transit resources. Filed and under-consideration bills such as Bikes on Sidewalks, Bicycle Safety Yield, Vulnerable Road User (VRU) Enhanced Penalty, and SHA Urban State Highway Speed Limit point to success in such awareness. We look forward to additional discussion and advisement towards bills relating to e-bike rebates, the Transportation and Climate Alignment Act, SHA Sidewalk Maintenance, and more in 2025.

The Committee will continue to push for *"Active Participation for Active Transportation"* by committee members in 2025. For citizen representatives, we encourage all citizen members to join at least one of the subcommittees and to identify important stakeholders in their geographical area to share updates from quarterly meeting. For state agency representatives, we encourage each representative to give at least one presentation about their agency's work, to join a sub-committee, and to consider hosting a meeting as we return to hybrid meeting locations. This will further MBPAC's awareness and ability to give voice to active transportation efforts around the state.

## II. MBPAC Minutes

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- Today – Any final thoughts & vote

### Meetings

Join online with Microsoft Teams: 214 763 079 596 | Code: RAZ65N | Join by Phone: 443-409-5228 | Phone Conference ID: 570 996 722#

- Friday, January 26, 2024, 9 AM | [Agenda](#) | [Minutes](#)
- Friday, May 3, 2024, 9 AM | [Agenda](#) | [Minutes](#)
- Friday, July 26, 2024, 9 AM | [Agenda](#)
- Friday, October 25, 2024, 9 AM | [Agenda](#)

### Past MBPAC Meetings

- Friday, January 27, 2023: 9 AM | [Agenda](#) | [Minutes](#) | [Bikeways Presentation](#) | [Public Engagement Plan](#)
- Friday, April 27, 2023: 9 AM | [Agenda](#) | [City of Frederick MBPAC Presentation](#) | [2050 Maryland Statewide Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan Presentation](#) | [Minutes](#)
- Friday, July 28, 2023: 9 AM | [Agenda](#) | [Bike AAA Presentation](#) | [Minutes](#)
- Friday, October 27, 2023: 9 AM | [Agenda](#) | [BPMP Draft Outreach](#) | [MDOT Complete Streets](#) | [Fatal Crash Infrastructure Reviews](#) | [Minutes](#)

[2023 MBPAC Annual Report](#)

[2022 MBPAC Annual Report](#)

[2021 MBPAC Annual Report](#)

[2020 MBPAC Annual Report](#)

[2019 Meeting Minutes](#)

[2018 Meeting Minutes](#)

[2017 Meeting Minutes](#)

# III. Federal Updates – Grants



- Actions:

- [EO 14154 Unleashing American Energy](#)
- [OMB M-25-13 Temporary Pause of Agency Grant, Loan and Other Financial Assistance](#)
- [USDOT Memo Implementing Executive Orders Addressing Energy, Climate, Diversity and Gender](#)
- [USDOT Memo Ensuring Reliance Upon Sound Economic Analysis in DOT Policies and Programs](#)
- [USDOT Internal Grant Guidance](#)
- [FRA Grant Terms](#) and [FTA Grant Terms](#)

- Results

- General hold on advancing awarded grants without agreement to obligation.
- General hold on new Notices of Funding Opportunities and new amendments to existing.
- Potential amendments to existing and future grant agreements.
- Changes to benefit-costs analysis used to support discretionary grant applications.
- Changes to USDOT priority considerations.






# Thank You!

## Questions and Discussion



## IV. Agency Updates

- **Maryland State Department of Education** – no updates
  - **Maryland State Police** – no updates
  - **Maryland Department of Planning** – no updates
  - **Maryland Department of Natural Resources** – no updates
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# IV. Agency Updates

## Department of Tourism and Commerce:

- New appointee Cindy Miller!

## Maryland National Park and Planning Commission:

- In February we released [Go Prince George's](#), our preliminary master transportation plan update.
- Hosting a pit stop at Oxon Hill/National Harbor for Bike To Work Day on May 15th.

## Maryland Department of Disabilities

- Working with MTA on a new Travel Training curriculum for Mobility users, including bike/ped topics and a marketing campaign

## Maryland Department of Health

- Held kick-off meeting for Washington County's SRTS project, featuring walking audits.
- Drafting a grant guidance for 4-5 additional Local Health Departments for small SRTS projects, hope to release in May

# IV. Agency Updates

## Maryland Department Of Transportation

### State Highway Administration

- BPPA Designations announced: Elkridge (designation with SHA plan) & Catonsville (designation)
- Bicycle Facility Design guidelines update:
  - SHA is in the process of updating the SHA Bicycle Policy and Design Guidelines by December 2025 to align with the MDOT Complete Streets Policy and the latest industry standards for bicycle design, including references to the AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition.
  - We are currently reviewing the AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, which was released in December 2024, and evaluating the level of adoption, in whole or in part as SHA's primary source for bicycle design guidance and minimum requirements.
  - The AASHTO Bike Guide provides comprehensive best practice guidance for the planning, design, and operation of bikeways along roadways in various contexts. The content in the guide was developed based on the latest research in the field of bicycle design and provides industry best practice guidance in the areas of bicycle planning, bicycle facility design, shared-use path design, separated bikeway design, and bike lane design.

# IV. Agency Updates

## Maryland Department Of Transportation

### Grant Applications Open!

- April 1-30 - Transportation Alternatives and Recreational Trails Programs
- April 14- May 26 – Kim Lamphier Bikeways Network Program – *New Eligibility and project types*

### Maryland Highway Safety Office

- Strategic Highway Safety Plan in development

### Complete Streets

- Implementation plan available on [www.mdot.Maryland.gov/completestreets](http://www.mdot.Maryland.gov/completestreets)
- Complete Streets Leadership Academy report released by Smart Growth America and MDOT for 2024 quick build projects in Howard County, Hagerstown, and Bel Air
- Launching an educational series about multimodal projects: MDOT in Motion. May's webinar is focused on Bike Month and Commuter Choice Maryland



## WEBINAR SERIES



### **MDOT in Motion: Bike Month and Commuter Choice Maryland Webinar on May 8 at 12:00 p.m.!**

MDOT in Motion is a series of webinars, interactive sessions, and educational opportunities offered by the Maryland Department of Transportation's (MDOT) Office of Active Transportation and Micromobility. The series highlights multi-modal projects and programs that are designed to get Marylanders moving safely, and to connect them to opportunities and to each other. In Maryland, Complete Streets is the deliberate approach to planning and designing streets for all users, MDOT in Motion aims to make options like walking, biking, and transit more accessible.

The May 8 webinar will highlight national Bike Month and Commuter Choice Maryland, programs with widespread participation to encourage mode shift. Attendees will hear about the fun events, incentives for multimodal commuting, and about MDOT's programs which are strategically investing to improve connectivity and safety for people walking and biking to access activity centers.

Presenters: Kandese Holford, Meg Young, Nikki Trasmonte, Jaime McKay,

# V. Old Business, Engagement, & Public Comment

## **MBPAC Inbox**

- Questions for the Trails Sub-committee

## **Open Seats**

- Awaiting Governor's Appointments Office, post legislative session (April- May)
  - Baltimore Metropolitan Area -Three applicants
  - Southern Maryland - Two applicants

# V. Old Business, Engagement, & Public Comment

## MBPAC Calendar

The Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee calendar is a place for events and meetings related to walking, biking, and rolling in Maryland:

- State and local agencies are invited to share public engagement opportunities
- MBPAC citizen members and participants are invited to share events open to the public

*All events submitted are subject to review by MDOT staff and the MBPAC Chair*

The screenshot shows the MDOT website header with navigation links: Home, Business, Careers, Programs, About MDOT, and Quick Links. Below the header is a banner image featuring a car, a train, a truck, and a plane. The main content area is titled "MBPAC Calendar of Events" and "Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee". A blue banner below the title reads: "Make sure to double check details with the organizers of events listed on our calendar." On the left is a sidebar menu with categories: Planning and Programming, Long-Range Planning, Regional Planning, Capital Programming, Commuter Choice, Rail and Intermodal Freight, Federal Grants, Transit Oriented Development, Active Transportation, Walk Maryland, Climate Change, Electric Vehicles, and Environment Overview. The main area displays a calendar for April 2025. The calendar shows events on Tuesday, April 1st (4 PM Garret), Thursday, April 10th (9:30 AM Trai, 10 AM Majo), Friday, April 11th (9 AM Vision), and Saturday, April 12th (9 AM Maryli). The current date shown is Thursday, April 17th, with a 9:00 AM event titled "Vision Zero Virtual - MI".

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# V. Old Business, Engagement, & Public Comment

## MBPAC Calendar

- Create a calendar event with time, location, links, and any relevant information. *Meeting “organizer” is not displayed so any contact information should be put in the meeting text box*
- Invite [mbpac@mdot.Maryland.gov](mailto:mbpac@mdot.Maryland.gov) to the calendar event
- *All events submitted are subject to review by MDOT staff and the MBPAC Chair*

## MBPAC Calendar of Events

### Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Make sure to double check details with the organizers of events listed on our calendar.

#### MD 414 (St. Barnabas Road) Safety Project Public Informational Workshop

Tue 4/29/2025 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

2411 Owens Road, Oxon Hill, Maryland, 20745; Multipurpose Room

#### MD 414 (St. Barnabas Road) Safety Project Public Informational Workshop

The State Highway Administration will hold a public informational workshop, 5 - 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at Barnaby Manor Elementary School, to gather community input on the proposed pedestrian safety improvements along the MD 414 corridor. The workshop will provide attendees an opportunity to view project details on maps and displays. The maps, displays and other information also will be available on the Project Portal page following the workshop.

At the workshop, State Highway Administration representatives will be available to listen to your feedback and answer project-related questions. This information is important and will be taken into consideration to advance and improve project development. There will be no formal presentation. You may arrive at any time during the workshop hours and view the displays at your own pace.

More information about the project is available here: [MDOT SHA MD414 Virginia Ln to Clifton Rd PGA435176](#)





# V. Old Business, Engagement, & Public Comment

## **MBPAC Calendar**

April 29 – Maryland Highway Safety Summit

## **May is Bike Month!**

May 7 – Bike & Roll to School Day

May 8 – MDOT in Motion Webinar

May 12-16 – Bike to Work Week

September 6 – Maryland Cycling Classic



# V. Old Business, Engagement, & Public Comment

- Public Comment - Up to 5 minutes per person



# VI. Subcommittee Membership, Schedule, Report Out

Eastern Shore Subcommittee – Patti Stevens Chair, Heather Grant reporting

## **MESTN Celebrate Trails Day Events:**

- [Oxford Day \(1 p.m. – 3 p.m.\)](#) Talbot Thrive and Eastern Shore Land Conservancy will be doing a guided walk at the Oxford Conservation Park
- [Naylor Mill Forest Trail Walk \(9 a.m. – 12 p.m.\)](#) at Naylor Mill Forest Trails (in the City of Salisbury)
- Tuckahoe State Park (3 p.m. – 5 p.m.) Meet at 12282 Eveland Rd. in Ridgely

**MESTN Recently completed a Strategic Plan** and a printed tri-fold brochure (attached) to be used at events all over the Eastern Shore (next slide)

## **Talbot Thrive Highlights**

- First meeting of the Talbot County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee will take place on April 29 with the intention of completing a Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
- The Town of Easton, with Talbot Thrive's help, will be tackling their own Complete Streets Safety Action Plan with the help of a Safe Streets 4 All Grant
- We are hosting two more Rolling Rodeos in May and the 4th Annual Tour de Talbot will take place on June 14 - riders and volunteers welcome!

# The Facts

The Eastern Shore is



And has over  
**7.5 Million**  
Annual Visitors

**BUT**



**Of the state's 1,235  
miles of road-  
separated trails.**

## Who Are We?

The **Maryland Eastern Shore Trail Network (MESTN)** is a coalition established in response to a shared regional need, recognized by the communities of the Eastern Shore, to improve the number of and access to multi-use trails across the region.

## Next Steps

- Volunteer to help organize by becoming a member of our coalition!
- Visit [MESTN.org](http://MESTN.org) and leave us your email so we can keep you up to date on our progress

**Visit [MESTN.org](http://MESTN.org)**

## MESTN Partners

- Beach to Bay Heritage Area
- Caroline County Economic Development
- Caroline County Office of Tourism
- Cecil County
- Dorchester County
- Eastern Shore Land Conservancy
- Kent County
- MoveSBY
- Somerset TrailMix
- Queen Anne's County Bicycle And Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Stories of the Chesapeake Heritage Area
- Shore Strategies LLC
- Talbot Thrive
- Worcester County Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition



The dream that all people throughout the Maryland's Eastern Shore are connected through a safe and sustainable trail network, from the shores of the Chesapeake to the beaches of the Atlantic, through the towns, fields, and forests in-between.



## Why Trails?

### Health and Wellness

#### Safe, accessible and connected trails:

- Encourage physical activity for all ages
- Reduce stress and improve mental health
- Increase active lifestyles
- Provide safe, accessible outdoor spaces
- Enhance quality of life through nature exposure

### Environmental Benefits

#### Supporting sustainable transportation, trails:

- Promote conservation of natural areas and wildlife habitats
- Reduce carbon emissions with eco-friendly transportation options
- Improve air and water quality
- Encourage sustainable land use and green infrastructure

### Economic Impact

#### Boosting local economies through increased tourism, trail construction can:

- Increase tourism and local business revenue
- Boost property values near trails
- Create jobs through trail construction and maintenance
- Attract businesses seeking active, vibrant communities

### Community Connectivity:

#### Enhancing social cohesion and providing safe, recreational spaces for all ages, trials will:

- Link neighborhoods, parks, schools, and workplaces
- Foster social interactions and community engagement
- Provide equitable access to recreational opportunities
- Enhance safety with well-designed, shared outdoor spaces
- Build a sense of pride and identity within communities

## MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE TRAILS

### EXISTING TRAILS

- Existing Trails (Paved)
- Existing Trails (Unpaved)

### FUTURE TRAILS

- Documented / Planned Trails**  
Grants awarded, feasibility study complete, and/or in plans
- Trail Corridor Opportunities**  
Railbanked or Inactive Rail Corridors, Connections identified by jurisdictions or planning organizations, but not in documented plan

### STATE PARKS / NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AREAS (Larger parks labeled)

### NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES / FEDERAL PARKS (Larger areas labeled)

### MUNICIPALITIES



### Counties with a Trail Master Plan

- Queen Anne's County

### Towns with a Trails Master Plan

- Galena
- Queenstown
- Salisbury
- Snow Hill



**Dive into the Maryland Eastern Shore Trail Network with our state-of-the-art GIS map!**



# VI. Subcommittee Membership, Schedule, Report Out

## Pedestrian Subcommittee – Bong Delrosario, *new chair!*

- **Mission:** Promote pedestrian access, welcome guest speakers on pedestrian focused projects and research
- **Schedule:** Quarterly meetings with guest presentation, month before MBPAC meeting.
  - Last meeting March 2025: included
  - Next Meeting: June 27, 2025

*About Bong: Currently I serve as the Director of Transportation Policy and Programs, for the Maryland Department of Disabilities. I have been with MBPAC since 2022. I used to Chair the Disability Sub-Committee for MBPAC.*





# **2025 MBPAC COMMITTEE**

**LEGISLATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE  
2025 LEGISLATIVE RECAP**

**APRIL 25, 2025**





## **Main Focus: Bicyclist, Pedestrian and VRU Safety**

### **Also focused on:**

#### **Speed and Safe Driving In General**

While not directly or exclusively focused on VRU's, we recommend support for measures that reduce speed and other unsafe driving practices.

#### **Budget**

In this challenging fiscal year, we support allocation of transportation budget to address VRU safety and infrastructure to encourage mode-shift and improve safety for people walking and rolling.





## 2025 BILLS

### Primary Focus

Bikes on Sidewalks (**HB0375/SB392**)

Vehicle Laws - Bicycles - Operation at Intersections (**HB0007/SB627**)

Vehicle Laws - Injury or Death of Vulnerable Individual – Penalties (**HB0234**)

Civil Actions – Motor Vehicle Accidents Involving Vulnerable Individuals – Comparative Negligence (**HB594**)

Bicyclists and Leading Pedestrian Intervals - Bicyclist Safety Start (**HB422**)

Vehicle Laws - Stopping, Standing, or Parking in a Bike Lane or Bicycle Path – Prohibition (**HB0178/SB133**)

Motor Vehicles - Speed Monitoring Systems – Penalties (**HB0182/SB118**)

### Secondary Focus

Urban State Highways – Speed Limits – Exemptions (**HB780**)

E-Bike Rebates (Del. Lewis)

Sidewalks and Bicycle Pathways – Construction and Reconstruction (**HB628**)

Transportation – Major Highway Capacity Expansion Projects and Impact Assessments (Transportation and Climate Alignment Act of 2025) (**HB0084/SB395**)

Transportation Investment Priorities Act of 2025 (**HB0020**)(**SB0198**)

### Bills we opposed:

Vehicle Laws - Electric Bicycles - Certificate of Title, Registration, and Insurance (**SB0014**)

## BICYCLES, PLAY VEHICLES, AND UNICYCLES - AUTHORIZATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS (HB375/SB392)

- Authorizes a person to ride a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area unless prohibited by local ordinance. This bill flips the state's default to permit bikes on sidewalks statewide unless prohibited by local ordinance
- The bill also requires people on bikes to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and people using mobility devices on sidewalks and in crosswalks.
- Local jurisdictions have the right to prohibit such as by designated area or device.

**This Bill successfully passed and will be sent to the Governor for signature**

## VEHICLE LAWS

### INJURY OR DEATH OF VULNERABLE INDIVIDUAL – PENALTIES (HB0234)

- Would amend the current VRU Law to add that a person in violation of the VRU law would be subject to imprisonment not exceeding 60 days or a fine not exceeding \$2,000, or both.
- Correct an inconsistency in existing laws
  - Sarah Debbink Langenkamp Law
  - Pedestrians in a crosswalk
  - Under the existing VRU Law, any VRU outside of a crosswalk or bike lane who is caused harm by a driver who is convicted of causing that harm would not be subject to the up to 60-day incarceration penalty.
- *This passed the House with amendments 137-0, but despite being on the voting list for Judicial Proceedings, it did not receive a vote*

## VEHICLE LAWS

### BICYCLES - OPERATION AT INTERSECTIONS (HB0007/SB627)

- Authorizes a person operating a bicycle that is approaching a stop sign at an intersection on a highway with two or fewer lanes for moving traffic to cautiously make a turn or proceed through the intersection without stopping if the person reduces the speed of the bicycle to a reasonable rate and yields the right-of-way to certain vehicles under certain circumstances.
- This bill was presented during the 2024 session, passed 119-13 in the House, did not get a vote in JPR.
- *This year it passed the House 126-11, but failed in Judicial Proceedings Committee 3-8*

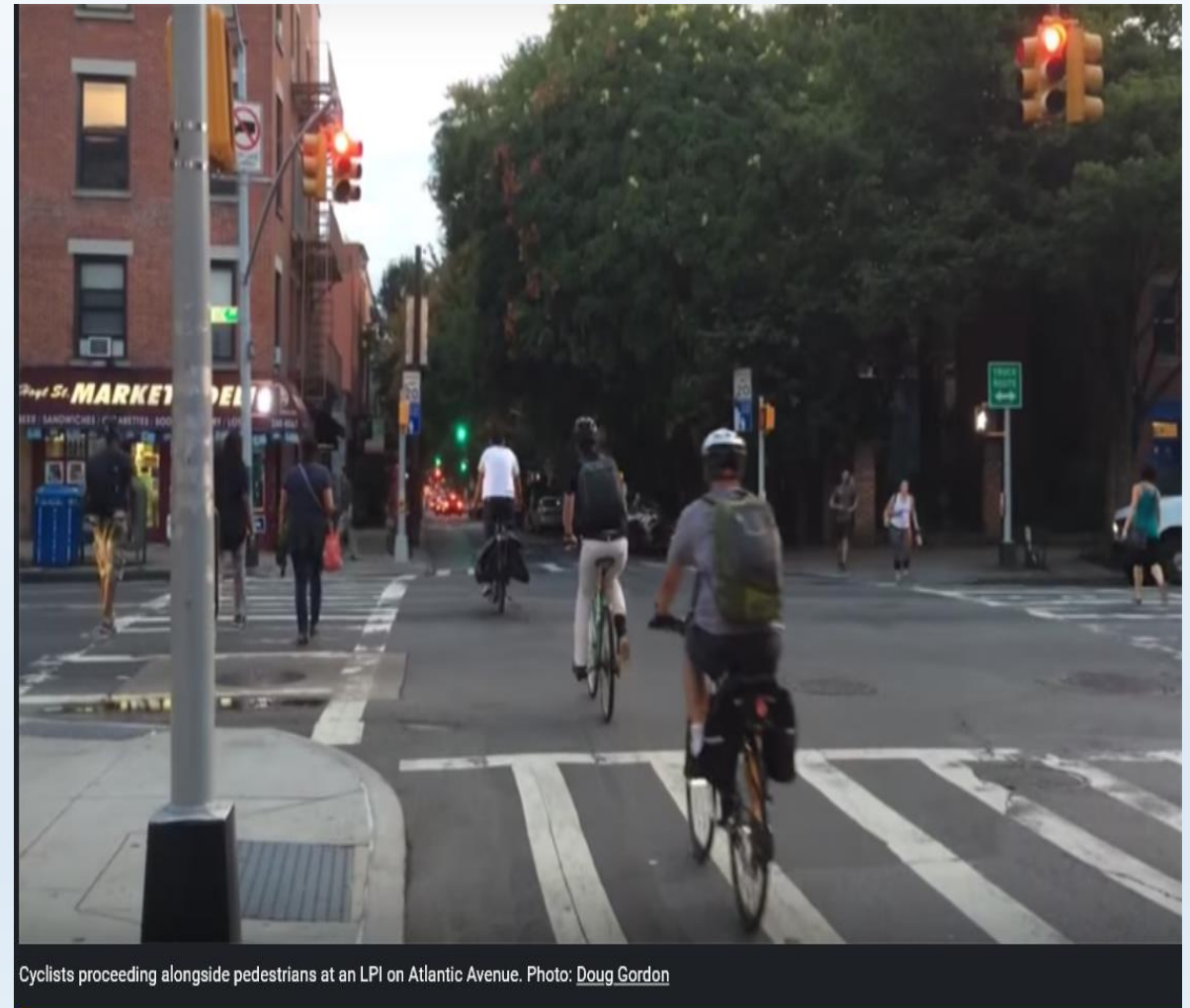
## CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE CARVE OUT FOR VRU'S CIVIL ACTIONS – MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS INVOLVING VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS – COMPARATIVE NEGLIGENCE (HB594)

- Last introduced in 2018, “Prohibiting recovery by a certain plaintiff from being barred in a certain civil action due to the plaintiff's negligence, except under certain circumstances; requiring any damages awarded under the Act to be diminished in proportion to the amount of negligence attributed to the plaintiff...”
- Applies to pedestrians and bicyclists (2018).
- Would provide comparative negligence benefit to VRU's as implemented in D.C.
- Provides equitable relief to victims and deterrence to dangerous driving.
- Recommended by the 2017 Maryland Bicycle Safety Task Force
- *This bill was presented in the House Judiciary Committee but did not receive a vote*



# BICYCLISTS MAY PROCEED ON A LEADING PEDESTRIAN INTERVAL - BICYCLIST SAFETY START (HB422)

- “Except where prohibited by a sign directing persons operating bicycles to follow a specific traffic control signal, a person operating a bicycle, after yielding the right-of-way to any vehicles, pedestrians, or bicyclists lawfully using the intersection, cautiously enter an intersection to cross the roadway in the direction of a pedestrian control signal when the pedestrian control signal displays a “walk” or “walking person” signal.”
- *The House passed the bill 133-0, because it was passed after Crossover Day, it did not proceed any further*



Cyclists proceeding alongside pedestrians at an LPI on Atlantic Avenue. Photo: [Doug Gordon](#)



## VEHICLE LAWS

### STOPPING, STANDING, OR PARKING IN A BIKE LANE OR BICYCLE PATH – PROHIBITION (HB0178/SB133)

- Would amend current law (Maryland Transportation Article 21-1003) to add a provision that a person may not stop, stand or park a vehicle in a bike lane or bicycle path.
- Baltimore City Code already prohibits parking or standing in a marked bike lane. State legislation would extend this protection to other jurisdictions with bike lanes or bicycle paths.
- *The bill passed the House 120-15 with amendments, it did not receive a vote in Judicial Proceedings*

# MOTOR VEHICLES SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – PENALTIES (HB0182/SB118)

- Alters the penalties for a civil citation issued as a result of a recorded image produced by a speed monitoring system; and generally relating to speed monitoring systems.
- A speed monitoring system may not be used in a local jurisdiction under this section unless its use is authorized by the governing body of the local jurisdiction by local law enacted after reasonable notice and a public hearing.
- Applies to certain locations in the State.
- Unless the driver of the motor vehicle received a citation from a police officer at the time of the violation, the driver of a motor vehicle is subject to a civil penalty if the motor vehicle is recorded by a speed monitoring system.
- Amount of fine is dependent on how much the speed limit is exceeded by
  - If the driver exceeded the speed limit between 30-39 mph, the fine is \$180
  - If the driver exceeded the speed limit by 40 mph or greater, the fine is \$350



<https://www.ghsa.org/resources/md-workzones16>

**This Bill successfully passed and will be sent to the Governor for signature**

## SHA URBAN STATE HIGHWAYS SPEED LIMITS

### URBAN STATE HIGHWAYS – SPEED LIMITS – EXEMPTIONS (HB780)

- Authorizing the State Highway Administration to decrease the maximum speed limit by 5 miles per hour on urban State highways without an engineering and traffic investigation.
- Presumably, the same bill that was presented last year, have not seen the new bill that is to be filed this session.
- *The House passed the bill with amendments 101-33. The bill was referred to the Senate Judicial Proceedings committee, but did not receive a committee vote.*

## E-BIKE REBATES

- Delegate Lewis may or may not file this proposed bill
- *This bill was not filed*

## SIDEWALKS AND BICYCLE PATHWAYS – CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION (HB628)

- The bill requires Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT ) State Highway Administration (SHA) to prioritize projects on, or along, streets subject to a complete streets policy or a similar Vision Zero program when determining funding for the construction and reconstruction of sidewalks and bicycle pathways in certain priority areas. Additionally, in those priority areas, the bill authorizes MDOT SHA to fully fund the cost to acquire the necessary rights-of-way for sidewalks or bicycle pathways projects, where MDOT SHA finds a substantial public safety risk or significant impediment to pedestrian access.

**This bill passed and will be sent to the Governor for signature**

## TRANSPORTATION AND CLIMATE ALIGNMENT ACT OF 2025 (HB0084/SB395)

- Purpose to ensure Maryland's transportation projects in the future align with the state's climate goals in terms of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, expand equitable and affordable transportation options and prioritize spending on projects that makes progress towards the state's climate targets.
- *The bill passed the House 102-37 with amendments. The bill was referred to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, but did not receive a committee vote.*

# TRANSPORTATION – CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM – PRIORITIZATION (TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT PRIORITIES ACT OF 2025) (HB0020/SB0198)

- The CTP requires a summary of current efforts and future plans, prepared after consultation with the Director of Bicycle and Pedestrian Access and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee established under § 2–606 of this title
  - to develop and promote bike/ped transportation
  - work together with local jurisdictions, to accommodate in a safe and effective manner pedestrians and bicycles within a reasonable distance for walking and bicycling to rail stops, light rail stops, and subway stations
  - A listing of all bicycle and pedestrian transportation projects expected to use State or federal highway funds
- *This bill did not pass the House or the Senate*



## VEHICLE LAWS - ELECTRIC BICYCLES - CERTIFICATE OF TITLE, REGISTRATION, AND INSURANCE (SB0014)

- Requires an electric bicycle to be titled and registered by the Motor Vehicle Administration; requiring an application for a certificate of title and registration for an electric bicycle to be submitted electronically; requiring an owner of an electric bicycle to maintain certain security; authorizing an insurer to exclude certain benefits from a policy for electric bicycles; and generally relating to the titling and registration of, and insurance for, electric bicycles
- OPPOSE
- *This bill was withdrawn by the sponsor*

## WHAT NEXT?

- We plan to meet later this summer to begin planning for the 2026 Legislative Session
- We continue to seek members to join the Legislative Subcommittee who have an interest in pedestrian focused legislation
- We would also like to ask members of the MBPAC that if they become aware of any safety legislation the Subcommittee should be looking at, to please reach out and let us know.
- We are also considering looking at other legislation that could potentially affect bike/ped in areas such as technology, for e.g., automated enforcement, autonomous vehicles, technology that connects vehicles, intelligent speed assist, etc.

THANK YOU





# VI. Subcommittee Membership, Schedule, Report Out

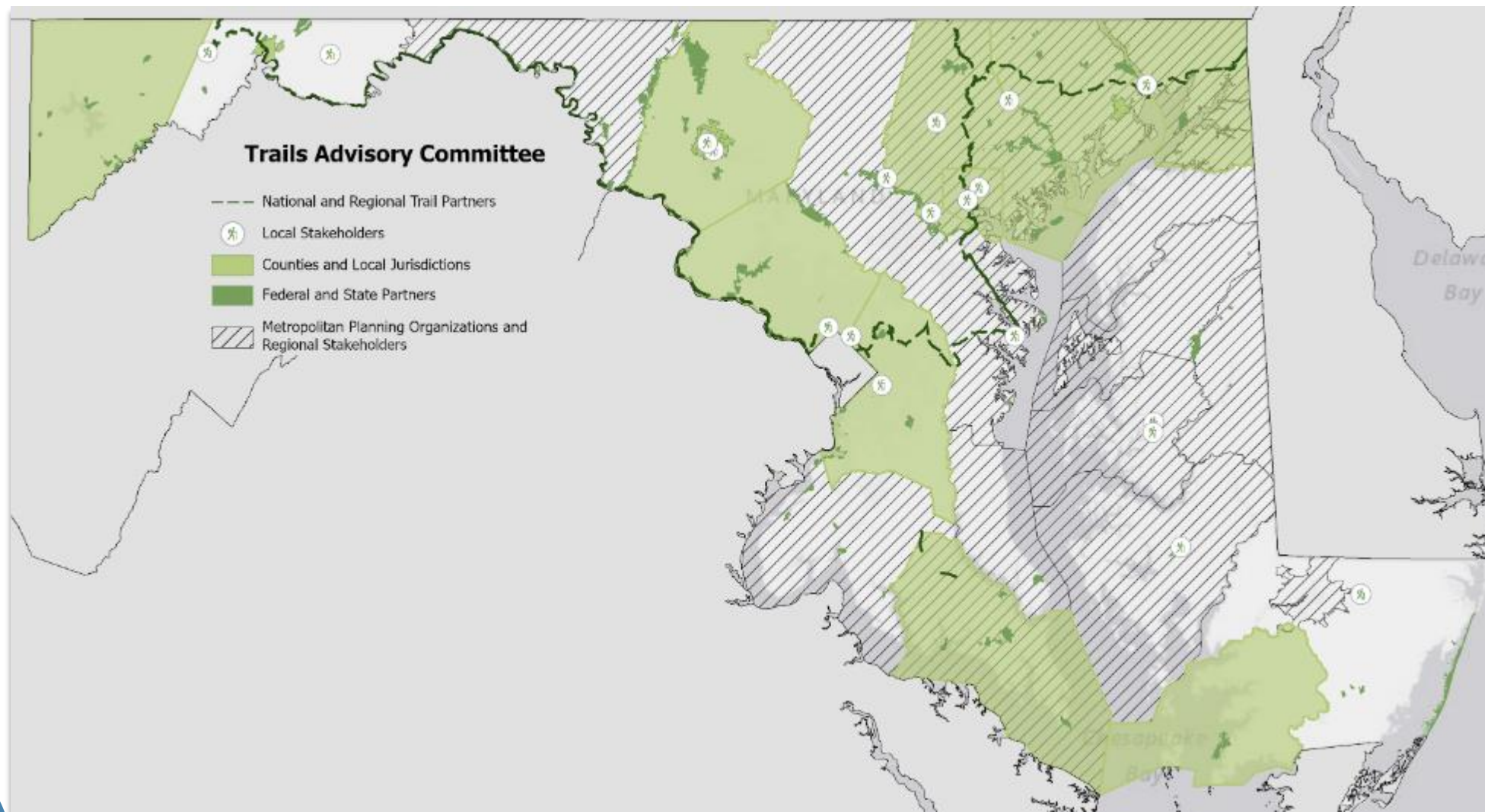
## Trails Subcommittee – Meg Young

- **Mission:** Advise on the MDOT Strategic Trails Plan and support trail projects across the state
- **Membership:** 74 members, statewide coverage, representatives for major trail projects, local and national advocates
  - Past Meetings: September 13, October 9, December 13, February 7, April 11
  - Next meeting: July 11, 2025



*Photos: Secretary Wiedefeld Announcing the Trails Plan, Kickoff event in Easton, and View from first TAC meeting in Havre de Grace*

# TAC MEMBERS (to date)



# Maryland State Transportation Trails Strategic Plan Development Timeline

## Part 1: Plan Development

Fall and Winter 2024/2025

- ☒ Existing conditions analysis
- ☒ Shared-use path database development
- ☒ Website development

## Part 2: Plan Implementation

Spring 2025

- ★ Public trails survey
- ☒ 1 public webinar (*topic: draft plan*)
- ★ Listening sessions for toolkits
- ★ Draft Final Plan

## Part 3: Final Plan and Map

Summer 2025

- ☐ 1 public webinar (*topic: final plan*)
- ☐ Final Plan published



# Existing Conditions

- Final draft completed in April
  - Now available on [MDOT Trails website](#)
- Additional comments to be considered in the Draft Plan
  - Forward-looking recommendations
  - Case study suggestions



# Webinar Debrief

- Over 100 attendees!
- Great Q&A topics including:
  - Connections to school programs such as Safe Routes to Schools
  - Stakeholder coordination around utilities in ROW of potential trails
  - Application of Complete Streets Policy to transportation trails
  - Integration of outreach from previous planning efforts (BPMP, MTP)

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**MARYLAND STATE  
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TRAILS PLAN WEBINAR**

**Thursday, April 3**  
12 noon - 1 p.m.  
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\*The webinar will be recorded and shared  
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# Maryland Transportation Trails Survey

**Goal:** To get information and feedback from our trails plan partners and the general public to inform our toolkits for implementation

## Survey Overview:

- Trail Usage
- Trail Implementation
- Mapping Exercise
- Demographics (*optional*)

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**Maryland Transportation Trails Survey**

Thank you for participating in the Maryland Transportation Trails Survey! This survey is part of the development of the Maryland Department of Transportation's Maryland State Transportation Trails Strategic Plan and will be used to gather feedback on transportation trail use and implementation. The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. For more information, visit [www.mdot.maryland.gov/trailsplan](http://www.mdot.maryland.gov/trailsplan).

This survey is formatted to be accessible on a mobile device, but it is recommended to use a desktop computer for the mapping exercise that requires looking at an online map.

Please email [mbpac@mdot.maryland.gov](mailto:mbpac@mdot.maryland.gov) with any questions.

Thank you for your feedback and participation!

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**TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!**

**MARYLAND STATE TRANSPORTATION TRAILS STRATEGIC PLAN**

**MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION TRAILS SURVEY**

**Open through Friday, May 9**

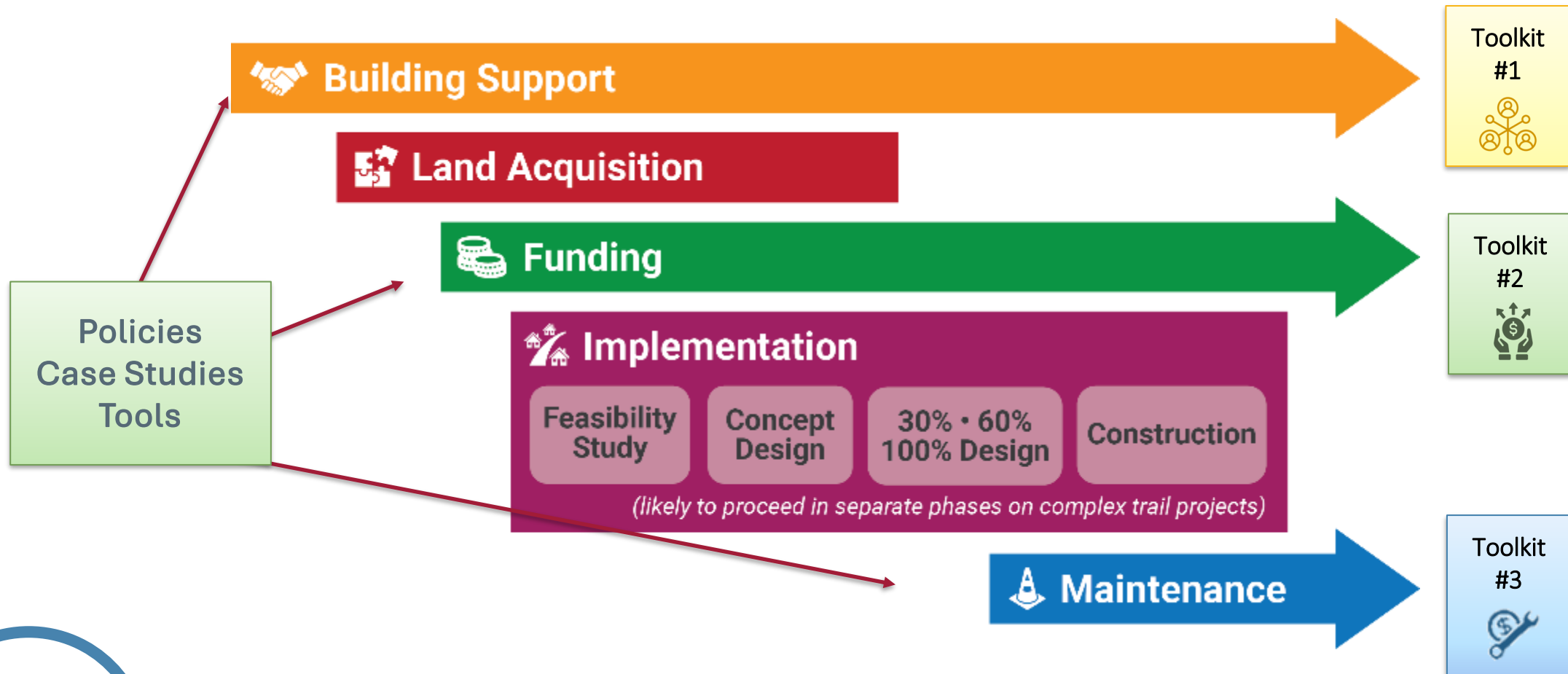
- 15 minutes or less to complete!
- Mobile + Desktop-Compatible Survey Available (desktop preferred due to mapping exercise)

**Click here to take the survey.**

**Questions?**  
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# Trail Project Lifecycle Analysis



# Toolkits for Transportation Trails



## **“Making the Case: Building Support”**

Identifying important planning steps, outline potential allies, and case studies and resources that convey the economic benefits of transportation trails



## **“Aligning Funding Opportunities”**

Tips to leverage local, state, and federal funding and technical assistance opportunities to execute transportation trail projects



## **“Maintaining Transportation Trails”**

Including strategies, costs, examples from Maryland, and best practices for maintenance of transportation trails



# Frederick Douglass Rail-Trail Project



The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is launching a project in Spring 2025 to design a 10-mile section of the proposed Frederick Douglass Rail-Trail between Tuckahoe State Park and Black Dog Alley near Easton, MD.



Above Right: Statue of Frederick Douglass in Easton, MD.

Below Right: Project Location Map

The project will be conducted by the State Highway Administration (SHA) under the umbrella of MDOT which is the trail sponsor for this rail-banked railroad corridor. The trail will pass through Talbot County in proximity to the birthplace of Frederick Douglass, famed orator, writer and advocate for liberation, human rights, and universal suffrage.

The former Maryland & Delaware railroad corridor is owned by the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) and has been entirely without railroad service since 1998. In 2013, the corridor was rail-banked and earmarked for future trail projects. Many locations along this line already have rail-trail projects in place, including in the towns of Easton, and Ridgely. The proposed trail project would include the removal of the railroad tracks, and the installation of a paved shared use path with a minimum width of 10 feet. Where roadways cross the corridor, the trail would include roadway treatments such as crosswalks and intersection improvements where necessary. Priority locations suitable for trail access will be identified as part of this project.



## Project Benefits:

- Will improve access for people walking, biking, and rolling to Tuckahoe State Park, and will reconnect Queen Anne to Tuckahoe State Park by bridging over MD 404
- Will connect towns like Queen Anne, Cordova, and lead to better connections for people walking, biking and rolling to Easton and Ridgely
- Will connect schools, fire stations, and employers to populated areas
- Will improve the aesthetic and safety of the railroad corridor, which is overgrown
- Will improve the function of former rail bridges by refurbishing or replacing them for modern vehicular needs
- Will provide a safe alternative and recreational benefit with off street infrastructure for walking, biking, and rolling



Above: Examples of completed rail-trails in Easton, MD and Cambridge, MD.



Left: Freight trains in Talbot County circa 1880's.

As the design project begins, more information will be made available about schedules, public meetings, and design configurations. Be sure to subscribe to the [MDOT Office of Active Transportation and Micromobility newsletter](#) and check the [MDOT Office of Rail and Intermodal Freight webpage](#) for updates.



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# IX. Closing Reminders and Adjournment

## **Next Meetings:**

Pedestrian Committee: June 12, 2025

Eastern Shore Committee:

Legislative Committee: XXX

Trails Committee: July 11, 2025

**Next Full Committee Meeting: July 25, 2025**