

MARYLAND



BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Friday, January 16, 2026, 10am-12pm

*Hosted by the Maryland Department of
Natural Resources*



I. ROLL CALL

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

Luke Hollis, 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

AGENDA

- I. Roll Call & Welcome
- II. Agenda Review & Approval of Minutes
- III. 2026 Legislative Outlook
- IV. DNR Capital Projects Presentation
- V. Bicycle and Pedestrian Updates in Anne Arundel County
- VI. Old Business, Calendar, & Public Comment
- VII. 2025 Annual Report Review
- VIII. MBPAC Subcommittee Reports
- IX. State Agency Updates
- X. Closing Reminders and Adjournment



II. MBPAC MINUTES

- October 28, 2025, Draft Minutes: Emailed on December 3, 2025 for review. One edit from Jim Titus was incorporated.
- Highlights: DNR Outdoor Recreation Summit presentation, vote to make Trails a permanent standing subcommittee
- Today: Any final corrections & vote



Oct 28, 2025

TEAMS and in person meeting
10:00 AM

Meeting Minutes

This meeting was held both online through Microsoft Teams and in-person at the MTA Office, World Trade Center, Baltimore, 15th Floor, E Pratt St, Baltimore, MD 21202.

Attendees:

Members:

Jon Morrison, Chair
Bong Delrosario
Brooks Phelps
Gabriel Rose
Kandese Holford
Michael Jackson
Nigel Samaroo
Jim Titus
Antoine RJ Wright
Sarah Myers

Absent Members:

Cindy Miller
Ndegwa Kamau
Andrew Lingelbach
Marian Vessels
Matt Hendrickson
Kristy Daphnis
Ali Macstudy

Non-Members:

Aviva Klugh
Joe McAndrew
Omar Saadeh
Jon Korin
Markus Tarjamo
Austin J Merritt
Barry Salisbury
Amissah, Cyril
Jessie Bialek
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Rachael Gilde
Owen Bailey
Tiffany Fitzgerald

Meeting Staff

Meg Young
Quinn Wallace

2026 MBPAC COMMITTEE

**LEGISLATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE PRESENTATION
JANUARY 16, 2025**





MBPAC LEGISLATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE

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.



2026 BILLS

- [SB0059](#) Transportation and Climate Alignment Act of 2026
- [SB0062 \(HB0230\)](#) Transportation - Consolidated Transportation Program - Prioritization (Transportation Investment Priorities Act of 2026)
- [HB0107](#) Motor Vehicles - Intelligent Speed Assistance Pilot Program – Establishment
- [SB0038 \(HB0286\)](#) Vehicle Laws - Ignition Interlock System Program – Required Participation
- [HB0256](#) Motor Vehicles – Speed Monitoring Systems - Safety Corridors (Vulnerable Road User Protection Act of 2026)
- [SB0173 \(HB0249\)](#) Automated Enforcement – Reciprocal Agreements
- [SB0155 \(HB0177\)](#) Vehicle Laws – Bicycles, Play Vehicles, and Unicycles – Crosswalks
- [SB0158](#) Counties - Construction of Sidewalks and Crosswalks - Safe Alternative Routes to Public Schools
- [SB0045 \(HB0055\)](#) Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring Systems - Residential Districts



2026 BILLS

Anticipated Bills

- Contributory Negligence - Carve out for Vulnerable Road Users
- Vehicle Laws - Stopping, Standing, or Parking in a Bike Lane or Bicycle Path – Prohibition

There may be other bills focused on dangerous driving behavior, especially to VRU's, such as speeding, distraction, impairment and recklessness that we would generally support but the above list are priorities focused on safety for people walking and biking.

SB0059 TRANSPORTATION AND CLIMATE ALIGNMENT

ACT OF 2026

- Requires the Department of Transportation, as part of the planning and implementation of certain major highway expansion projects, to perform an impact assessment of the project and develop and implement a corresponding multimodal transportation program.
- Evaluate certain major capital projects for their impact on greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled; requiring, under certain circumstances, the Department to fund offsetting activities to reduce certain project or program impacts on greenhouse gas emissions.
- Offsetting activities required but not limited to are micro-mobility, it includes the use of adaptive and low speed vehicles for people with disabilities, and accessible transportation and pedestrian improvements for people with disabilities.
- Includes pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure.

SB0062 (HB0230) TRANSPORTATION – CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM – PRIORITIZATION (TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT PRIORITIES ACT OF 2026)

- Alters the required elements of the CTP and requires the DOT to develop a certain project-based scoring system, and to publish the scores of certain projects and list of projects that will be included in the CTP only if the project has been evaluated using the project-based scoring system.
- The CTP must include a summary of current/future efforts and plans in consultation with the Director of the Bike/Ped Access and the MBPAC
 - 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

HB0107 MOTOR VEHICLES – INTELLIGENT SPEED ASSISTANCE PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

- Establishes the Intelligent Speed Assistance System Pilot Program and requires certain individuals whose driver's licenses are subject to certain suspension or revocation to participate in the Program.
- Requires the MVA to issue participants a restrictive license requiring the use of an intelligent speed assistance system.
- An individual shall be a participant if the individual has accumulated points in an amount that would result in suspension or revocation of a driver's license.
- Program participation is for one year, if they fail to complete the program, their license will be suspended until they successfully complete the program.
- The pilot is effective for 3 years and 9 months, unless the General Assembly takes action to extend it (ends June 30, 2030, unless General Assembly acts).

SB0038 (HB0286) VEHICLE LAWS - IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM PROGRAM – REQUIRED PARTICIPATION

- Requires an individual to be a participant in the Ignition Interlock System Program as a condition of modification of a suspension or revocation of a license or issuance of a restricted license if the individual violated certain alcohol restrictions.

HB0256 MOTOR VEHICLES – SPEED MONITORING **SYSTEMS – SAFETY CORRIDORS (VULNERABLE ROAD** **USER PROTECTION ACT OF 2026)**

- Authorizes the State Highway Administration to implement a program of safety corridor speed monitoring systems for use in areas determined to be of high risk to vulnerable road users and authorizing a local jurisdiction to use speed monitoring systems in safety corridors.
- Authorizes SHA to install ASE in safety corridors that are on state highways.
- Authorizes local jurisdictions to install ASE in safety corridors on state highways in its own jurisdictions.
- ASE camera placement based on generally accepted traffic engineering practices and in consultation with the local jurisdiction.

SB0173 (HB0249) AUTOMATED ENFORCEMENT – **RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS**

- Alters the policy of the State regarding reciprocal vehicle registration agreements, arrangements, and declarations.
- The administrator may make an agreement, an arrangement, or a declaration with the authorized representative of any other jurisdiction to provide for reciprocal enforcement of violations recorded by traffic control signal monitoring systems and speed monitoring systems between this state and the other jurisdiction.

SB0155 (HB0177) VEHICLE LAWS – BICYCLES, PLAY VEHICLES, AND UNICYCLES – CROSSWALKS

- Also called the “Bicycle Safety Start” with respect to a “leading pedestrian interval”.
- Authorizes a person operating a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle at an intersection who is facing a red signal to enter the intersection to cross the highway in the direction of a pedestrian control “walk” signal; and generally relating to the operation of bicycles, play vehicles, and unicycles at crosswalks.



Cyclists proceeding alongside pedestrians at an LPI on Atlantic Avenue. Photo: Doug Gordon

SB0158 COUNTIES - CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS AND CROSSWALKS - SAFE ALTERNATIVE ROUTES TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- Requiring a county board of education each year to prepare and post to the county's website a report that identifies pathways that public school students, who are ineligible for transportation services, may use to travel to school using only safe alternative routes under certain circumstances; requiring the governing body of a county each year to review a certain report and construct any sidewalks and crosswalks necessary to create safe alternative routes for public school students.
- Safe alternative routes includes: a road with a sidewalk and at intersections, a crosswalk, foot paths and bike paths.

SB0045 (HB0055) VEHICLE LAWS – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

- Would apply statewide certain provisions of law authorizing the use of speed monitoring systems in certain residential districts.
- A speed monitoring system may not be used by 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.

VEHICLE LAWS - NO STOPPING, STANDING, OR PARKING IN A BIKE LANE OR BICYCLE PATH – PROHIBITION

- 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. Other local jurisdictions have adopted a similar measure.
- The bill has not been filed so far this year, but the subcommittee is supportive of this.
- In 2025, this bill passed the House 120-15 with amendments but did not receive a vote in Judicial Proceedings.
- Proposal to make this a statewide initiative with the option for jurisdictions to opt out.

CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE CARVE OUT FOR VRU'S

- Delegate Embry has indicated a willingness to re-file the 2025 bill.
- 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 vulnerable individuals.
- 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.

WHAT NEXT?

The MBPAC Legislative Subcommittee recommends the MBPAC Committee support the bills presented.

THANK YOU



IV. DNR CAPITAL PROJECTS

Presentation by Eric Luedtke

Director of Capital Projects, DNR





*An all-volunteer 501c3 promoting
safe cycling for transportation & recreation for
all ages and abilities*

MBPAC

January 16, 2026
Annapolis - MD DNR

www.bikeaaa.org





- Partnerships
- Volunteers
- Donations
- Clients
- Future





Cycling Without Age



Children's Bike Safety Parks & Programs

Bacontown Park, Laurel



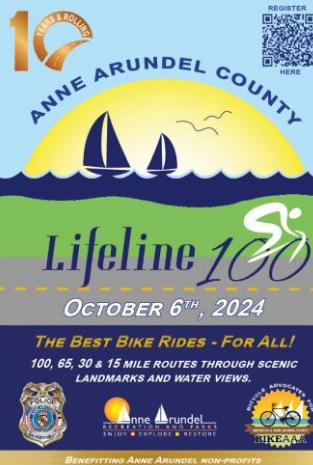
Lindale MS, Linthicum



Seven Oaks, Odenton



Lifeline100 Community Bicycle Event For All Ages & Abilities!



Oct. 5, 2025 11th Annual Event

All ages, all abilities

> 810 Registrants

100 Volunteers!

>25 Sponsors!

MRPA Event Award

>\$450,000 for county non-profits!

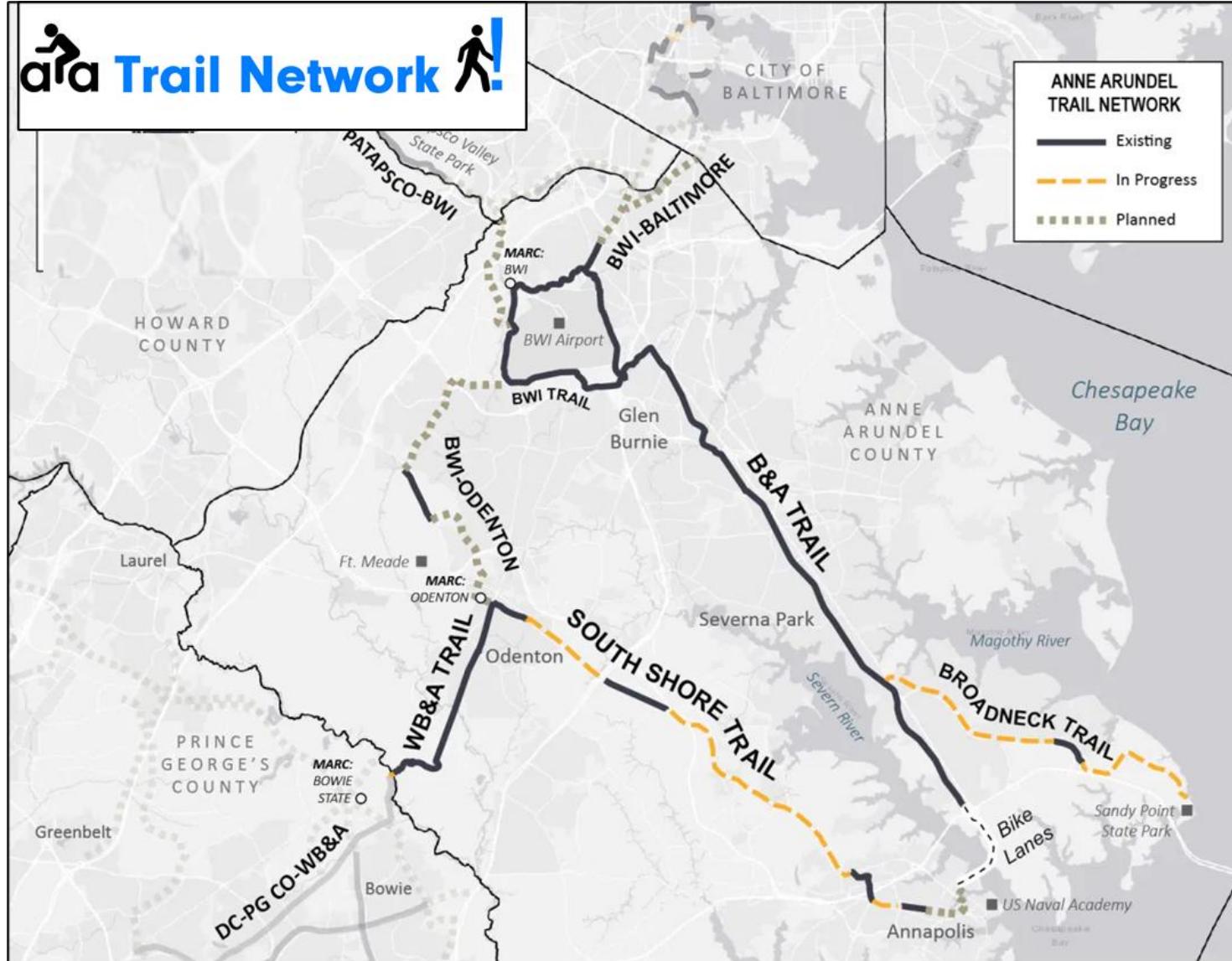
12th Annual on Oct. 4, 2026



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Anne Arundel Trail Network





ANNAPOLIS BIKE NETWORK PRIORITY CONNECTORS



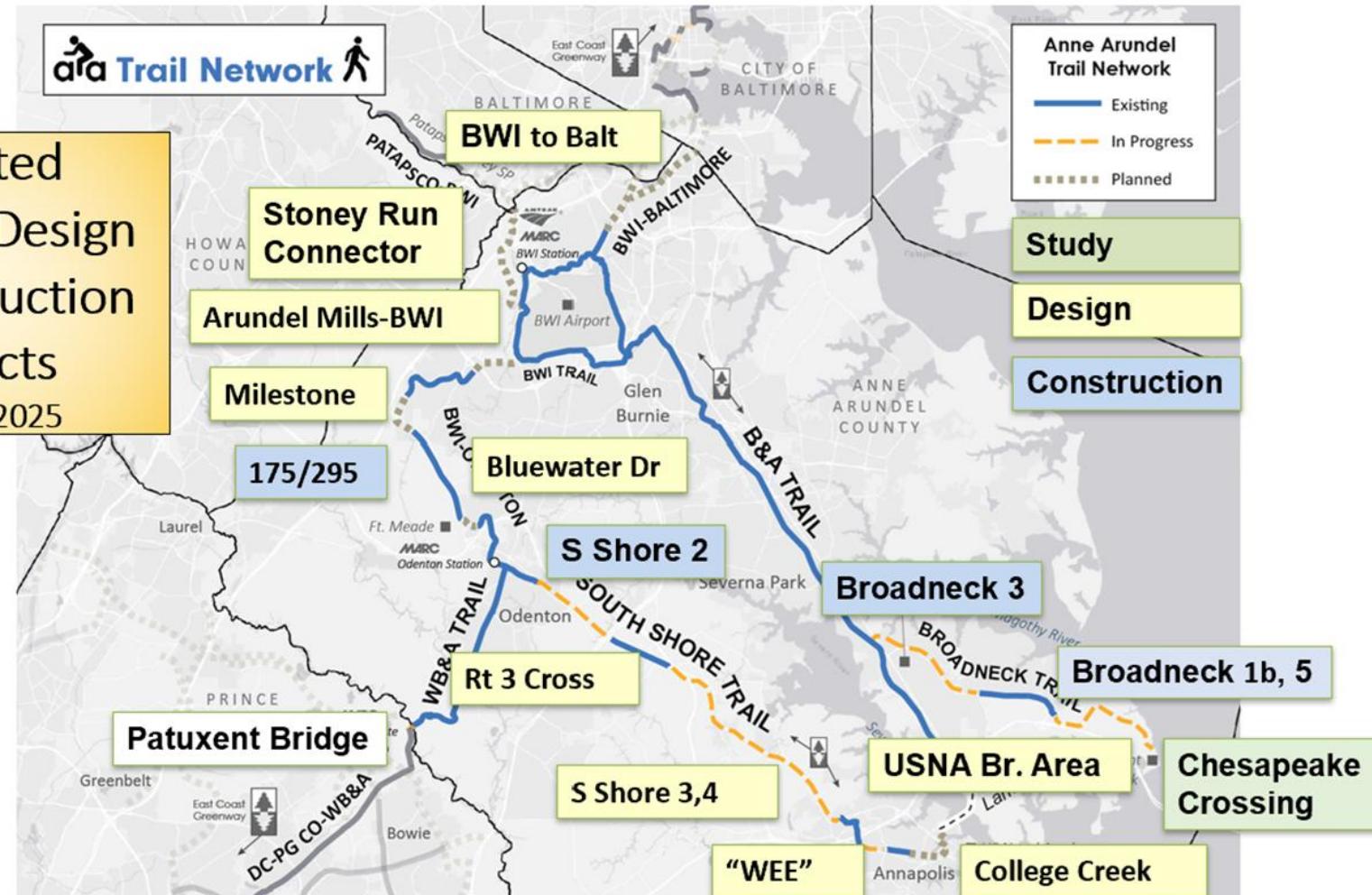
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Anne Arundel Trail Network

**Selected
Studies, Design
& Construction
Projects**
August, 2025



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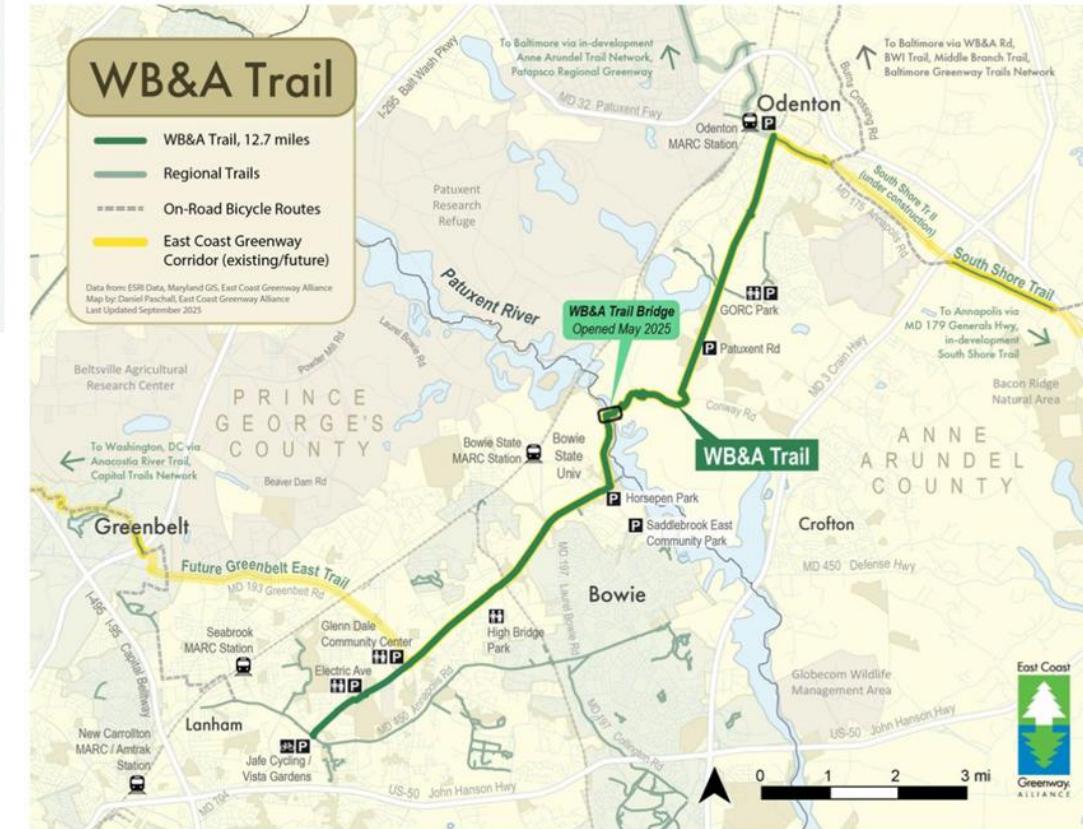
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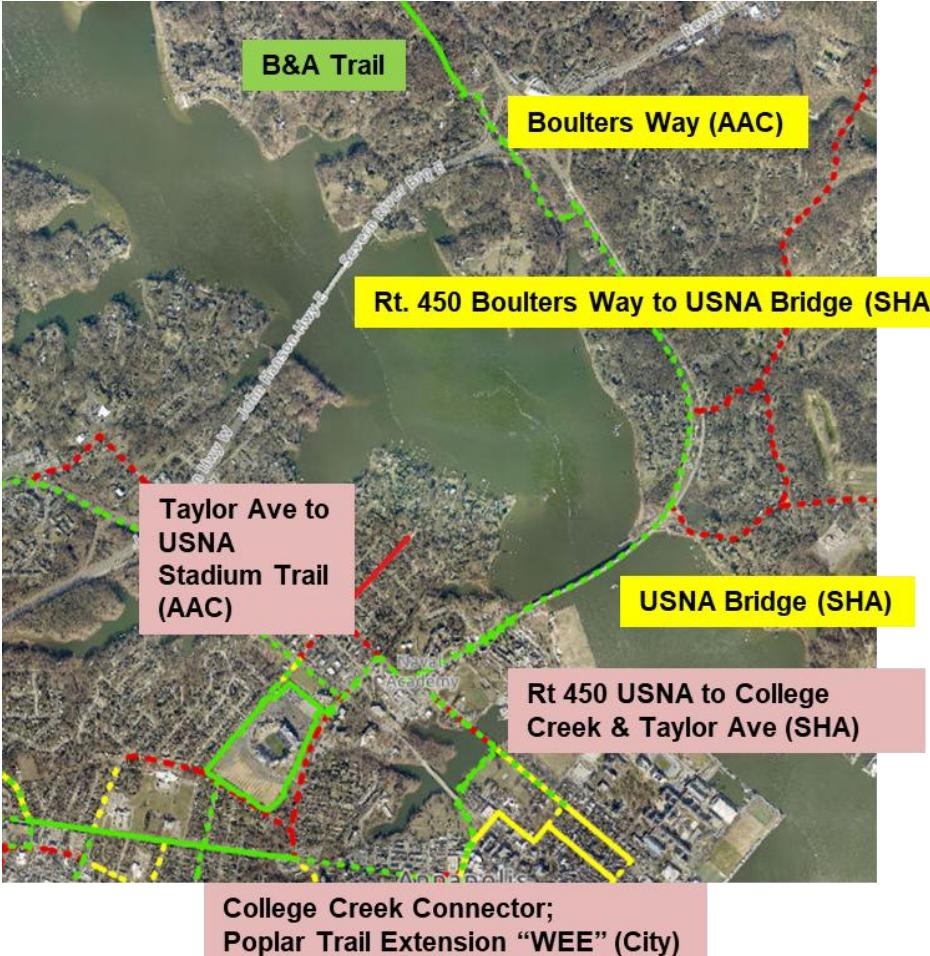
WB&A Trail Bridge

Ribbon-cutting Sept. 16 10:30AM





B&A Trail to Annapolis



Goal: Continuous Shared Use Path from the B&A Trail into and through Annapolis and on to the South Shore Trail

Base Map: AAC Bike GIS

Existing SUP
Existing Bike Lane
No Facility

Facility Type - Status
— Standard Bike Lane, Existing
◆ Standard Bike Lane, Programmed
● Standard Bike Lane, Planned
— Protected Bike Lane, Existing
◆ Protected Bike Lane, Programmed
● Protected Bike Lane, Planned
— Shared Road Lane, Existing
◆ Shared Road Lane, Programmed
● Shared Road Lane, Planned
— Shared-use Path, Existing
◆ Shared-use Path, Under Construction
● Shared-use Path, Programmed
— Shared-use Path, Planned

Shared Use Path

✓ RETAINED FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION

- The MDTA will consider the safe inclusion of a shared use path along a new bridge.
- A shared use path across a new Bay Bridge would be:
 - a two-way ped/bike facility, and
 - separated from travel lanes/shoulders by a physical barrier with a fall protection system.
- A shared use path could span the full length of the bridge or only partial length from one shore.

Mario Cuomo (Tappan Zee) Bridge (NY)



Oakland Bay Bridge (San Francisco-Oakland Bay, CA)



Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge (MD)





BICYCLE ADVOCATES FOR ANNAPOLIS AND ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

BIKEAAA IS A 501C3 ADVOCATING SAFE CYCLING IN ANNAPOLIS AND ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

HOME/NEWS ABOUT ANNUAL EVENTS CALENDAR CONTACT US GET INVOLVED PROGRAMS RESOURCES 



56 Organizations Insist on a Bike/Ped Facility on New Chesapeake Bay Bridge

<https://bikeaaa.org/2025/06/12/56-organizations-insist-on-a-bike-ped-facility-on-new-chesapeake-bay-bridge/>



QUESTIONS ABOUT E-BIKES?





E-BIKE

E-Bikes are bicycles equipped with operable pedals and an electric motor of 750 watts or less.

CLASS 1
PEDAL ASSIST ONLY
SPEEDS UP TO 20 MPH

CLASS 2
THROTTLE OR PEDAL ASSISTED
SPEEDS UP TO 20 MPH

CLASS 3
PEDAL ASSIST ONLY
SPEEDS UP TO 20 MPH
(Must be 16 or older to operate on roadway)



E-SCOOTER

E-Scooters are two-wheeled devices with handlebars, a floorboard for standing, and an electric motor.

They are limited to 20 mph on level ground and may be used on roads with a speed limit of 50 mph or less.

E-Scooters may be allowed on shared-use paths where bicycles are permitted unless posted otherwise. Sidewalk use is generally permitted unless prohibited by local ordinance.



E-MOTOS

Electric motorcycles or mopeds (E-Motos) exceed the power and speed limits of E-Bikes and are treated as standard motorcycles or mopeds under Maryland law. May not have operable pedals.

They require a valid license, registration, and insurance. Helmets are mandatory for all riders and passengers.

E-Motos are not allowed on bicycle or multi-use trails. They must follow all laws, including lighting and safety requirements.

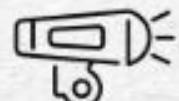
Anne Arundel County permits Class 1, 2, & 3 E-Bikes, and E-Scooters on paved trails such as the B&A, BWI, and Broadneck Trails.

Trails are for both recreation and transportation. Riders must yield to pedestrians, announce when passing, and stay to the right.

All trail riders must obey the posted 15 mph speed limit.

E-Bikes & E-Scooters are allowed on most roads and trails where bicycles are permitted. Riders must obey all traffic laws and follow posted signs.

E-Motos are prohibited on trails. Valid license, registration and insurance are required for road use.



Front and Rear Lights



RECOMMENDED SAFETY EQUIPMENT

*NTA 8776 certified helmets are recommended for greater protection when operating an E-Bike.

**Helmets are required by law for riders under 16.



Audible Bell or Horn

VI. OLD BUSINESS, CALENDAR, & PUBLIC COMMENT

MBPAC Inbox

- MBPAC appointment coordination
- Skewed angle light-rail crossing in Prince George's County (to be revisited)

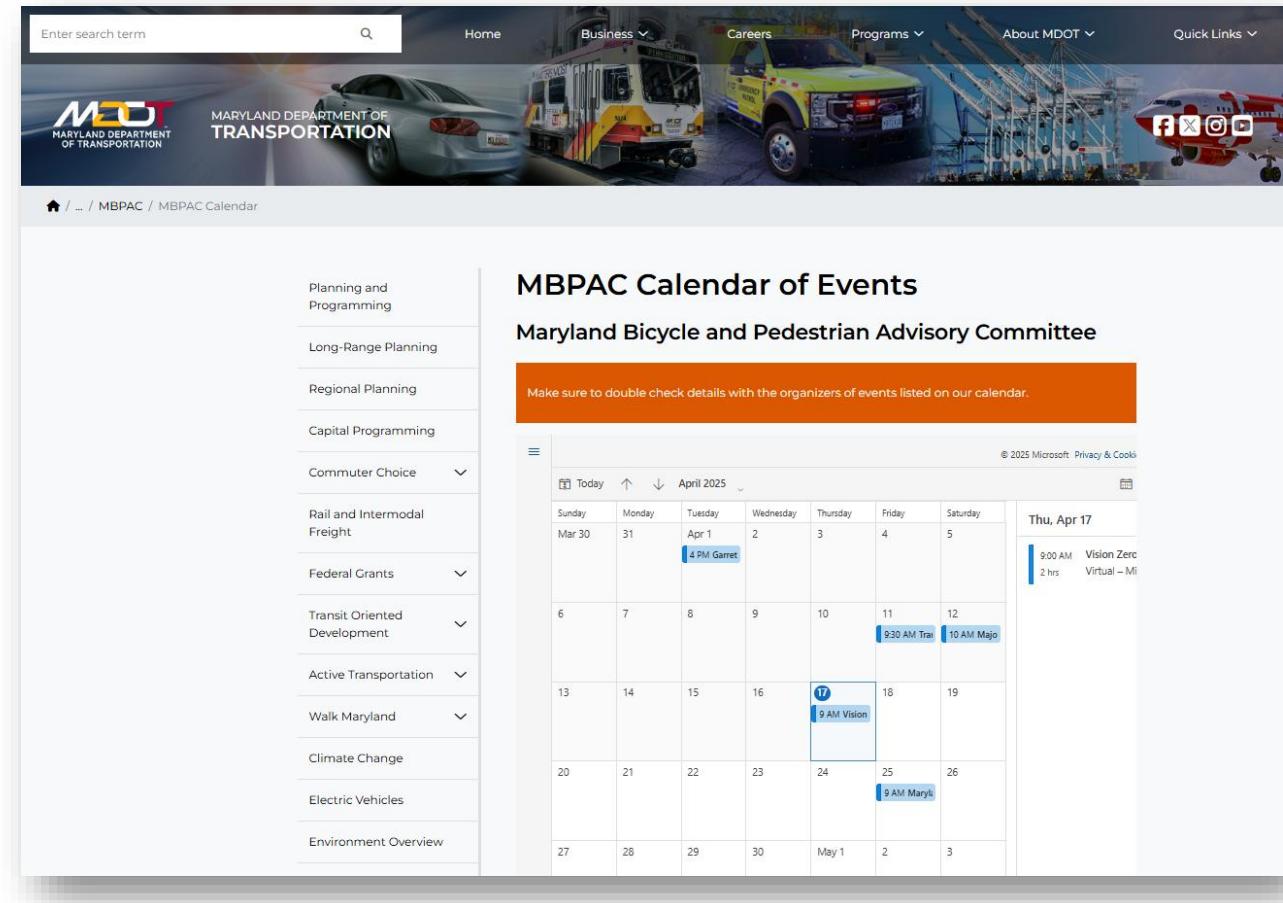
Open Seats

- Thank you to everyone who applied or reapplied!
- Reviews underway at the Governor's Appointments Office

VI. OLD BUSINESS, CALENDAR, & 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 with a search bar and navigation links for Home, Business, Careers, Programs, About MDOT, and Quick Links. The main content area features a banner with images of a car, a bus, a truck, and an airplane. Below the banner, the title 'MBPAC Calendar of Events' and 'Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee' is displayed. A note says 'Make sure to double check details with the organizers of events listed on our calendar.' The calendar for April 2025 shows several events: '4 PM Garret' on April 1, '9:30 AM Trail' and '10 AM Major' on April 11, '9 AM Vision' on April 17, and '9 AM Mary' on April 25. The bottom right corner of the calendar area includes a link to '© 2025 Microsoft Privacy & Cookies'.

VI. OLD BUSINESS, CALENDAR, & PUBLIC COMMENT

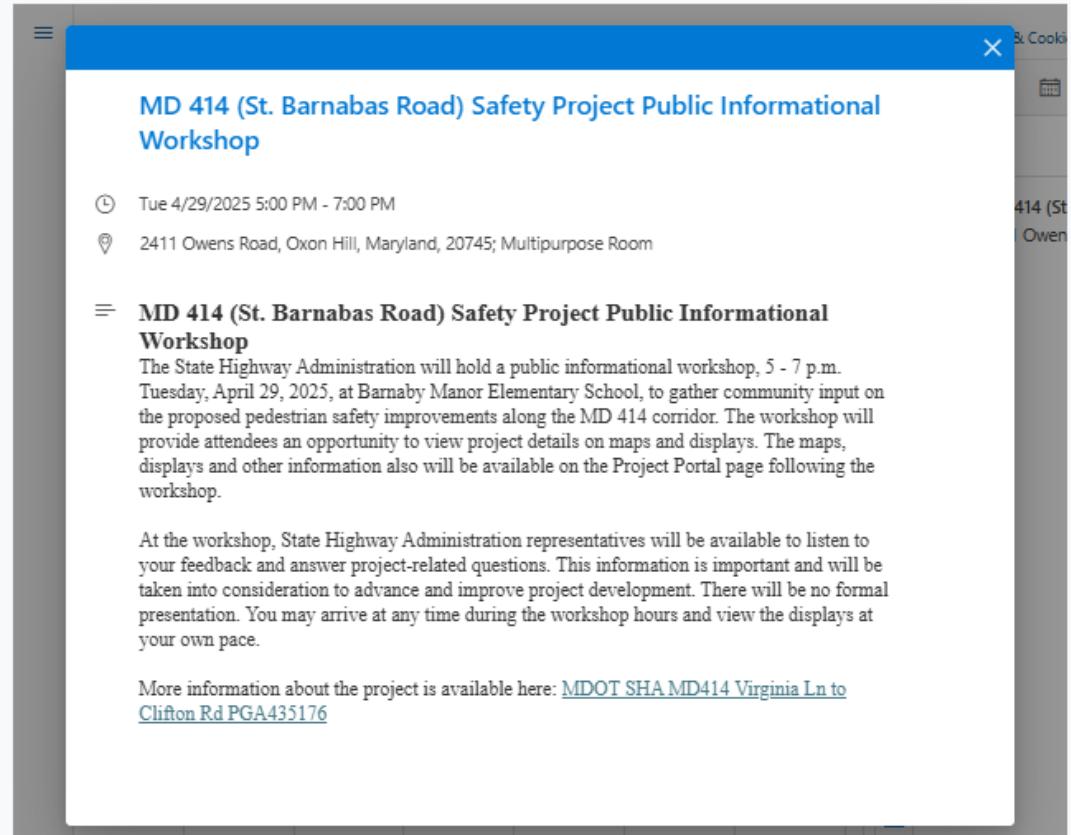
• MBPAC Calendar

- 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 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

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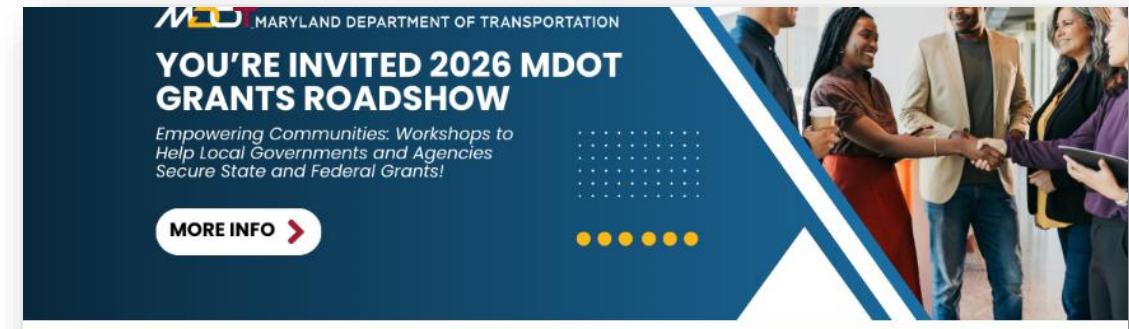


The screenshot shows a details view of an event in a calendar application. The title is "MD 414 (St. Barnabas Road) Safety Project Public Informational Workshop". The date is listed as "Tue 4/29/2025 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM" and the location as "2411 Owens Road, Oxon Hill, Maryland, 20745; Multipurpose Room". The event description states: "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." Below the description, a note says: "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." At the bottom, a link reads: "More information about the project is available here: [MDOT SHA MD414 Virginia Ln to Clifton Rd PGA435176](#)".

VI. OLD BUSINESS, CALENDAR, & PUBLIC COMMENT

MBPAC Calendar

- PSAP meetings
- Grants!
 - Maryland Heritage Area Grants – intent to apply required by February 2, grant due March 31
 - TPB Grants – Transportation Land-Use Connections Program or the Regional Roadway Safety Program – Open now through February 27
 - MHSO Safety Grants – Open now through February 28
 - March Grants Roadshow:
 - March 3 (Cambridge), March 10 (Waldorf), March 17 (Bel Air), March 26 (Williamsport)



MDOT MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
YOU'RE INVITED 2026 MDOT GRANTS ROADSHOW
Empowering Communities: Workshops to Help Local Governments and Agencies Secure State and Federal Grants!

[MORE INFO ➤](#)

MDOT Grants Roadshow 2026

You're Invited - 2026 MDOT Grants Roadshow Regional Events

MDOT is inviting you to join us on the road at one of four regional Grants Roadshow workshops we're hosting in March 2026.

All workshops will have grant presentations from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., followed by individual technical assistance sessions from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Registration is required to join us on the road in March:

- March 3 - Cambridge, MD
- March 10 - Waldorf, MD
- March 17 - Bel Air, MD
- March 26 - Williamsport, MD

VI. OLD BUSINESS, CALENDAR, & PUBLIC COMMENT

*Public Comment - Up to 5 minutes
per person*



*Annapolis West-East Expansion Ceremonial Dedication
Photo Credit: Quinn Wallace (MDOT)*

VII. 2025 ANNUAL REPORT REVIEW

*Presentation by Antoine Wright,
MBPAC Member*



*Patuxent Bridge Opening – September 2025
Photo Credit: Antoine Wright*

VII. 2025 ANNUAL REPORT REVIEW

Looking ahead to 2026

Advising State agencies on active transportation issues and capital projects, particularly given budget and resource challenges

Agency representatives' involvement through presentations, subcommittee participation, and hosting meetings

Safety presentations to the MBPAC

- Received 10 virtual safety listening session comments, briefly summarized below:
 - Enforcement on the 3-foot law (Maryland State Police)
 - Comparing transportation cost savings with multimodal investments (MDOT OPPPD Chapter 30)
 - VRU crash data inputs and Vision Zero update (Maryland Highway Safety Office)
 - State resources for crash data and roadway improvements (SHA Office of Traffic Safety)
 - Local Complete Streets policies, challenges to implementation, local safety campaigns, and MBPAC engagement opportunities (local presentations, perhaps tied to meeting location)

VIII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT OUT

Eastern Shore Subcommittee – Patti Stevens, Chair

Mission: Support the planning, promoting, advocating for, and implementing a diverse system of accessible trails and safe crossings across the region

Meeting Schedule:

- Last meeting: November 4, Maryland Eastern Shore Trails Network Regional Workshop
- Next meeting: January 27

Recent Updates:

MESTN selected a Board of Directors and officers to lead the transition from planning to implementation:

- Chair: Sue Simmons (Caroline County)
- Vice Chair: Owen Bailey (Kent County)
- Secretary: Saraleigh Monroe (Salisbury/Wicomico County)
- Treasurer: Bob Zillig (Queen Anne's County)
- Communications: Heather Grant (Talbot County)

VIII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT OUT

Eastern Shore Subcommittee – Patti Stevens, Chair



VIII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT OUT

Pedestrian Subcommittee – Bong Delrosario, Chair

Mission: Advises on measures to provide pedestrians of all ages and abilities, safe, accessible, comfortable, and connected pathways (sidewalks, paths, and trails) to residences, businesses, mass transit, recreation, and goods and services using the vision in the Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

Meeting Schedule: Quarterly meetings with guest presentation, month before MBPAC meeting

- Last meeting: December 18, 2025
- Next meeting: TBA

VIII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT OUT

Legislative Subcommittee – Nigel Samaroo, Chair

Mission: Reviews relevant pieces of legislation impacting bicyclists, pedestrians, and other vulnerable road users (VRU) and advises MBPAC on what recommendations it makes to the Administration

Meeting Schedule:

- Last meetings: December 18, January 12
- Next meeting: April (TBA)



VIII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT OUT

Trails Subcommittee – Meg Young, Chair

Subcommittee officially established in October 2025, mission, goals, and workplan to be adopted at first meeting.

Email mbpac@mdot.maryland.gov to join mailing list

Proposed Committee Mission: Support the development and use of trails, including building support, advising agencies on implementation policies, and celebrating the operations and programming on existing trails. The Committee will specifically support the implementation of MDOT's 2025 *Maryland State Transportation Trails Strategic Plan* and as adopted by the Committee, may support any other state agency proposed trail initiative(s).

Proposed Committee Goals: The following goals are developed based on recommendations (Table 1) from MDOT's 2025 *Maryland State Transportation Trails Strategic Plan*. Note: The Committee may vote to adopt other goals which support participating state agencies.

- Build support for trails and trail networks by coordinating a centralized list of **resources**, tools, and events related to trails, as well sharing these with stakeholders statewide.
- Lead the **partnership** for the designation of Maryland Destination Trails and advise state agencies and partners on policies and programs which support them.
- Advise state agencies on their trail-related **programs** via routine updates on agency standards, plans, projects, and resources related to trails across Maryland.

2026 Meeting Schedule: February 13, May 8, August 14, November 13

VIII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT OUT

Trails Subcommittee – continued

Proposed Workplan:

The trails committee workplan is centered around resources, partnership, and programs, as well as the implementation of MDOT's *Maryland State Transportation Trails Strategic Plan*. Standard agenda items and topics eligible to be submitted by committee members include, but are not limited to:

- **Partnerships:** Round robin updates, Subcommittee member review, event outreach
- **Programs:** Agency presentations, funding opportunities, important upcoming dates
- **Resources:** Guided discussion, review and additions to MDOT's trail toolkits

In support of MDOT's *Maryland State Transportation Trails Strategic Plan*, the Committee will assist with adding to and updating the trails plan interactive website. This includes recurring presentations, resource and trail updates, and guided discussions from MDOT on the following topics:

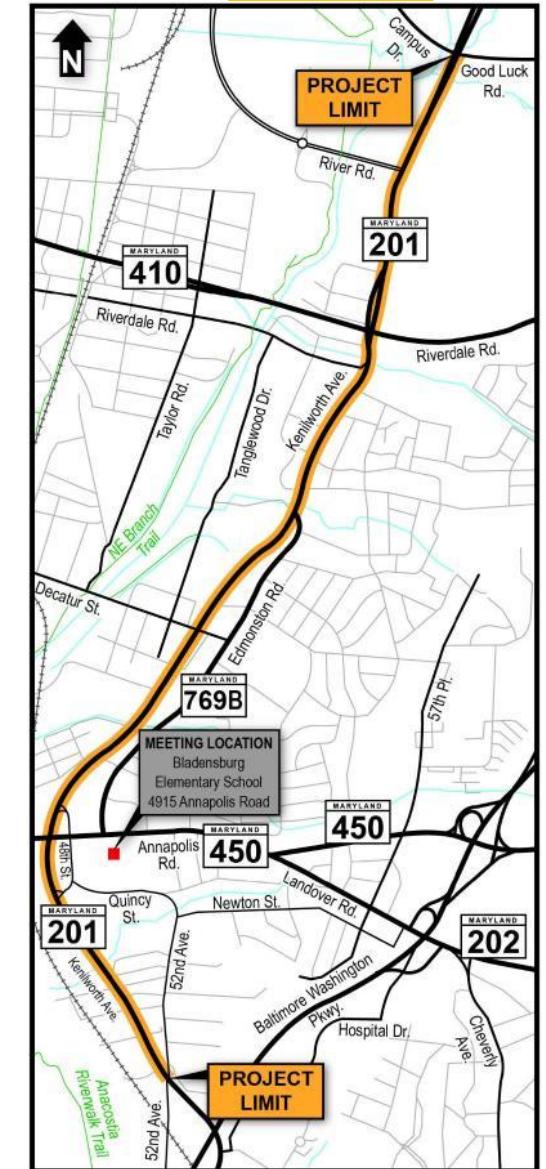
- **Call to Action:** Toolkit resource updates and/or funding opportunities (*quarterly*)
- **MDOT Tracked Projects:** Updates and discussions (*twice annually*)
- **MDOT Policy Recommendations Implementation:** Updates and discussions (*twice annually*)
- **Call to Action:** Review of Subcommittee members (*twice annually*)
- **Call to Action:** Updates on newly adopted local plans and updates to the Transportation Trails Database (*annually*)
- **Call to Action:** Destination Trail Nominations (*annually*)

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IX. AGENCY UPDATES

MDOT SHA

- Updating bike/ped guidelines – keep an eye out for these soon!
- 2 PSAP public workshops
 - [MD 214 on 1/13/2026 at Central High School \(5-7\)](#)
 - [MD 201 on 1/27/2026 at Bladensburg Elementary School \(5pm-7pm\)](#)
- Tracked trail projects stakeholder meetings
 - In November- Susquehanna River Crossing (Havre de Grace to Perryville)
 - TBA soon- Frederick Douglass Rail Trail (Easton to Tuckahoe State Park)



IX. AGENCY UPDATES

MDOT Highway Safety Office

- [General Safety Grants & Funding Opportunities - Zero Deaths MD](#)
 - The application period is open until February 28, 2026
- LifeSavers will be in Baltimore. Registration is open. April 19th – 21st, 2026
 - [Home - Lifesavers Conference on Roadway Safety](#)
- Next PBEAT meeting to be held on Monday, February 2nd, 2026 at Montgomery County DOT
- Updated Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) coming out soon



Image Source: Lifesavers Conference

IX. AGENCY UPDATES

MDOT Office of Active Transportation and Micromobility

- Safe Routes to School Coordinator Pilot launched in 2025, seeking new counties to join in 2026
- Micromobility one-pager developed and safety campaign being developed with PBEAT in 2026
- Grants roadshow resources now [online](#), “on the road” in March
 - Kick-off event held at MDOT HQ January 12. *Pictured to right: 2026 grants roadshow presentations, attendees, and materials.*
 - March Dates on MBPAC calendar
- Bikeways 2025 Annual Report now [online](#)
 - More annual reports to be announced through our upcoming MDOT in Motion newsletter release!



IX. AGENCY UPDATES

Maryland-National Capital Planning and Parks Commission, Prince George's County

- NEW Trail Finder web / phone application (Soft Launch now with ability to comment on tool <https://historicvenues.pgarks.com/all-new-trail-finder>)
- Report that, on our Transportation Trails, we are experiencing increased use of high speed, high powered (>500 watt / >20 mph) bicycles and motor bikes, and motorcycles (gas and electric), especially on the Anacostia River Trail System and the WB&A Trail. We have not yet developed a strategy for addressing the potential threat these bring to our intended non-motorized bicycle and pedestrian trail users. We are interested in hearing what others are experiencing around the state, and what they may be doing to address the potential negative effects.
- We have A) 4 staff working exclusively on our Trails Program in the Park Planning and Environmental Stewardship Division, and are hiring at least one more, B) each of our three maintenance divisions have trail maintenance teams, and C) our Natural and Historic Resource Division manages our natural surface trails with a 3 person team doing construction and rehabilitation, and select Park Rangers for added support.

IX. AGENCY UPDATES

No updates:

- Maryland State Police
- Department of Health
- Department of Education
- Department of Disabilities
- Department of Tourism
- Department of Planning

X. CLOSING REMINDERS AND ADJOURNMENT

Next Meetings:

Pedestrian Subcommittee: February/TBD

Eastern Shore Subcommittee: January 27

Legislative Subcommittee: April (TBA)

Trails Subcommittee: February 13

Next Full Committee Meeting: April 24, 2026

Join Jon Korin (Bike AAA) for a local walk or ride! (Weather permitting)