

M A R Y L A N D



BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Friday, April 24, 2026, 10am-12pm

*Hosted by the Montgomery County
Department of Transportation*



I. ROLL CALL

STATE AGENCIES:

Kandese Holford, Maryland Department Of Transportation

Guilmate Fuller, 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

Marshall Edwards, Southern Maryland

Ndegwa Kamau, Washington Metropolitan

Andrew Lingelbach, Visually Impaired

Sarah Myers, Western Maryland

Nigel Samaroo, Member At Large

James Titus, Washington Metropolitan

Marian Vessels, Mobility Impaired

Antoine RJ Wright, Member At Large

VACANT, Eastern Shore

VACANT (2), Baltimore Metropolitan

I. WELCOME

New Members:

- Thank you to **Patti Stevens, Matt Hendrickson, and Ali Macstudy (MDH)** for their years of service and leadership
- Welcome back to **Marshall Edwards**, representing Southern Maryland
- Welcome **Guilmate Fuller (MDH)** and **Luke Hollis (MSDE)**

Attendees:

- Introduce yourself in the chat
- Please remain muted and raise your hand to speak
- Members of the public can engage with the Committee during the public comment portion (up to 5 min per person)
- **Only vote if you are an officially appointed MBPAC member**

AGENDA

- I. Roll Call & Welcome
- II. Agenda Review & Approval of Minutes
- III. Montgomery County DOT Vision Zero Presentation
- IV. Statewide Vulnerable Road User Safety Education
- V. MDP Planning Principles Presentation
- VI. Old Business, Public Comment, Engagement Opportunities
- VII. MBPAC Subcommittee Reports
- VIII. State Agency Updates
- IX. MBPAC Procedures Update
- X. Closing Reminders and Adjournment



II. MBPAC MINUTES

- January 16, 2026, Draft Minutes: Emailed on March 24. Edits from Jim Titus incorporated.
 - Highlights: DNR Capital Projects Presentation, 2026 legislative outlook, Bay Crossing Study letter in support of bike/ped path, 2025 annual report review
- March 6, 2026, Draft Minutes: Emailed on March 24. No edits received.
 - Voted to submit comments on the Bay Crossing Study DEIS to MDTA
- Today: Any final corrections & vote

MARYLAND
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Jan 16, 2026
TEAMS and in person meeting
10:00 AM

Meeting Minutes

This meeting was held both online via Microsoft Teams and in person at the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), C-1 Conference Room, 580 Taylor Ave, Annapolis, MD 21401.

Attendees:

Members:

- Ndegwa Kamau
- Cindy Miller
- Kristy Daphnis
- Jon Morrison, Chair
- Ali Macstudy
- Brooks Phelps
- Kandese Holford
- Michael Jackson
- Nigel Samaroo
- Jim Titus
- Antoine RJ Wright
- Sarah Myers
- Bong Delrosario
- Patti Stevens

MARYLAND
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Mar 6, 2026
TEAMS and in person meeting
10:00 AM

Meeting Minutes

This meeting was held online via Microsoft Teams.

Attendees:

Members:

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- Cindy Miller
- Kristy Daphnis
- Jon Morrison, Chair
- Brooks Phelps
- Michael Jackson
- Jim Titus
- Antoine RJ Wright
- Bong Delrosario
- Matt Hendrickson
- Gabriel Rose
- Nigel Samaroo

III. MCDOT VISION ZERO

Presentation by Wade Holland

*Vision Zero Coordinator,
Montgomery County Department
of Transportation*



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VISION ZERO

ZERO TRAFFIC DEATHS IN MoCo

VISION ZERO

Overview for Maryland Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee | April 24, 2026

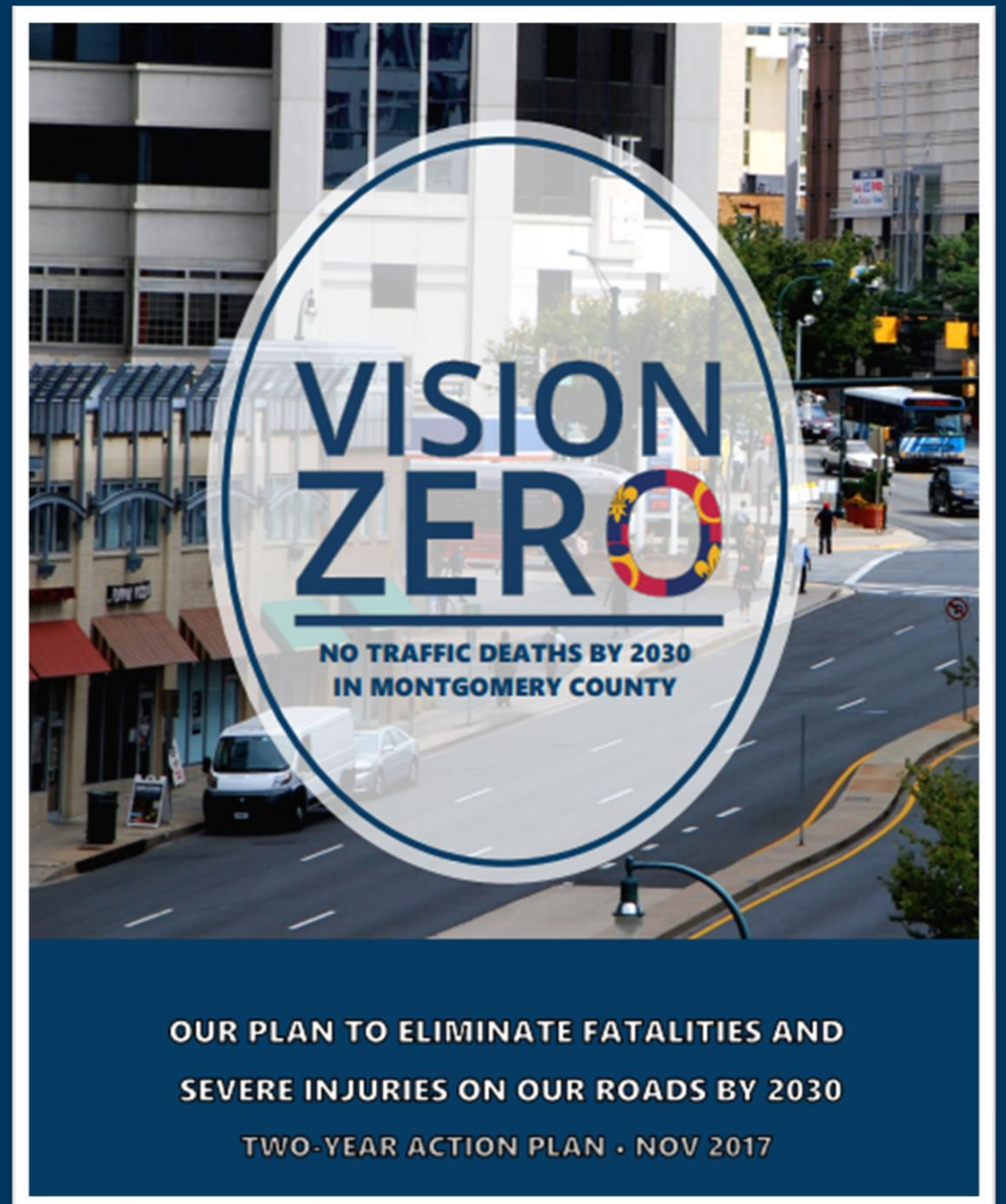


Local Roadway Safety Action Plan

2018-2019 Action Plan

What does Vision Zero look like in a suburban county?

- Building on the success and dedicated funding from the Pedestrian Safety Initiative.
- Created a High Injury Network for prioritizing corridors with elevated serious and fatal crash risk.
- Developing a new Complete Streets Design Guide, roadway classification, and design standards.
- Updating functional master plans – bikeway, highways and transitways.



Alignment with Other Plans & Guidance

1

Maryland Strategic Highway Safety Plan,
Pedestrian Safety Action Plan, and
Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment

2

General, Functional, and Community Master
Plans

3

Montgomery County Climate Action Plan

4

Complete Streets Design Guide

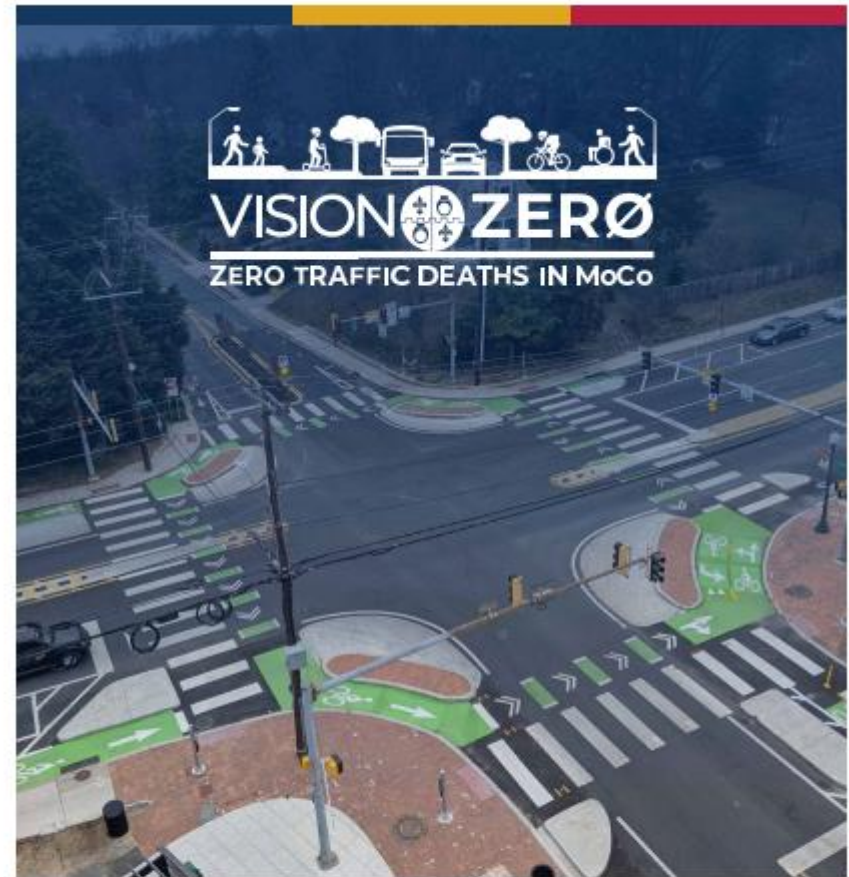
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National Roadway Safety Strategy and Plan
Requirements to be eligible for Safe Streets
and Roads for All funding

2030 Action Plan

Building on what works and Aligning Plans

- Adopting the Safe System Approach into the plan's hierarchy.
- Created 45 long-term action items with annual or biannual work plans under each action item.
- Prioritized the action plan with 10 priority action items.
- Updated to reflect the Complete Streets Design Guide.
- Set timelines for action plan and work plan updates.



OUR PLAN TO ELIMINATE FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES ON OUR ROADS BY 2030

2030 Action Plan • FY 24-25 Work Plan • July 1, 2023



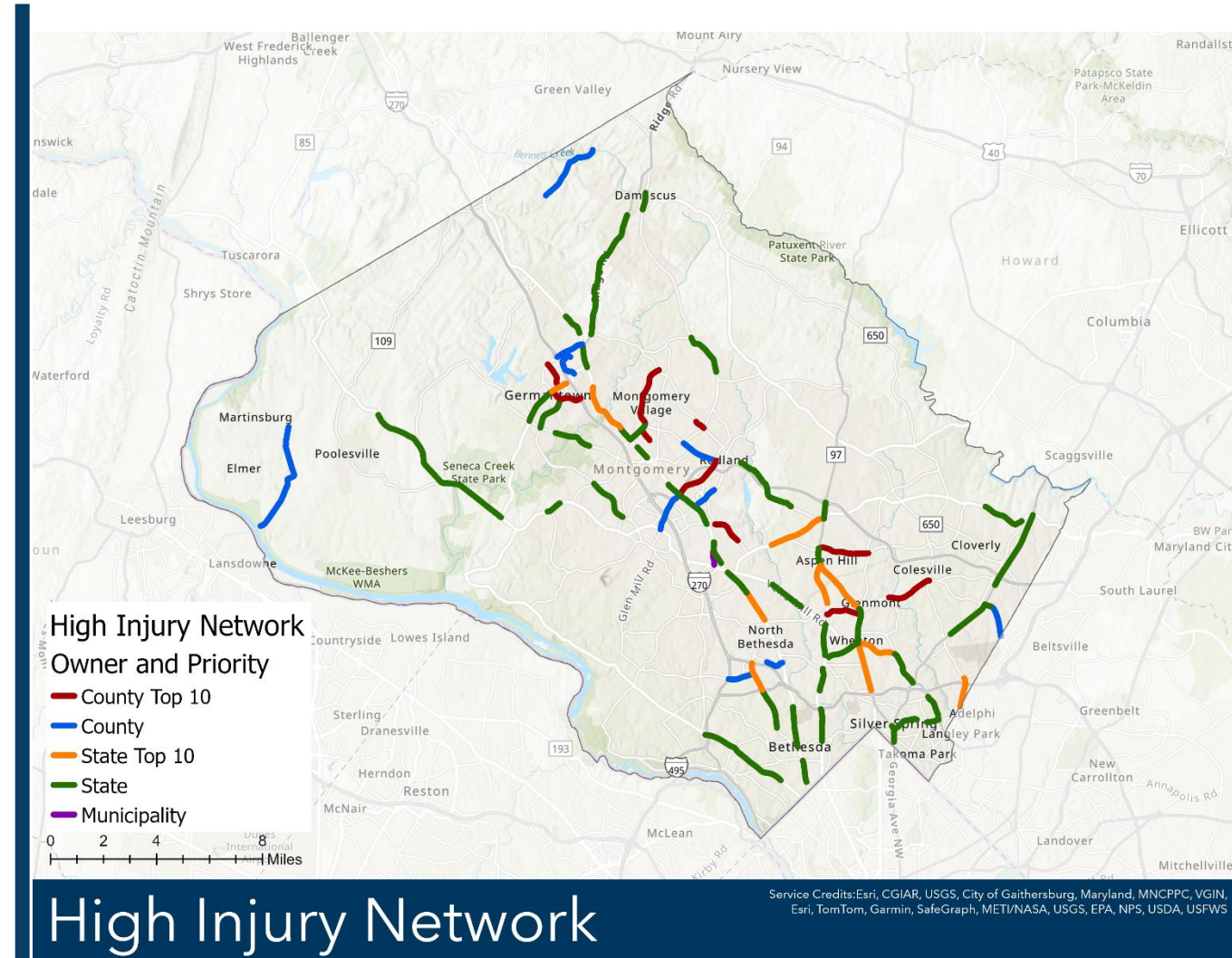
MC DOT

Implementing Safety Projects

High Injury Network (HIN) Studies and Design

Audits of top 10 County routes completed.

- [Bel Pre Road](#) from Georgia Avenue to Layhill Road.
- [Cherry Hill Bikeway](#) from E Randolph Road to FDA Boulevard.
- Crystal Rock Drive from Father Hurley Blvd to Germantown Road
- [Montgomery Village Avenue and Midcounty Highway \(MD 124\)](#) (by SHA as part of Pedestrian Safety Action Plan)
- [Piney Branch Road](#) from Sligo Creek Trail at the western limits to New Hampshire Avenue (MD650)
- [Randolph Road from Connecticut Ave to Georgia Ave.](#)
- [University Blvd W](#) (by SHA as part of Pedestrian Safety Action Plan) from Georgia Avenue to Colesville Road.



High Injury Network (HIN) Construction

Advancing designed improvements.

- [Montgomery Village Avenue](#) from Midcounty Highway (MD 124) to Wightman Road.
- [New Hampshire Avenue](#) from University Boulevard to Powder Mill Road (by SHA as part of Pedestrian Safety Action Plan).
- [Veirs Mill Road Bicycle & Pedestrian Improvements](#) from Robindale Drive to Galt Avenue.



New Traffic Signals and Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons

68 installed with 40+ planned

- Goal in Vision Zero Action Plan is creating more protected crossings (all-way stop control, traffic signal, or pedestrian hybrid beacon) on 3-6 lane roads.
- One of the County's largest Vision Zero related annual expenditures with larger signal projects costing over \$500,000.
- Installations can come from proactive safety reviews, community safety concerns, and development projects.



Bikeways and Shared Use Paths

28 bikeway and shared use path projects under study, design, and construction in FY26.

Complete: Marinelli Road bikeway, Phase 1

Currently under construction:

- Capital Crescent Trail along Purple Line
- McComas Avenue Neighborhood Greenway
- MD 355 Grosvenor Shared Use Path
- Metropolitan Branch Trail, Phase 2A



Purple Line and Bikeway Projects

Building connections in East County

Purple Line Construction as of 1/31/26

- Overall, 89% complete with service starting winter 2027.
- Utility relocations 99% complete.

Bikeways and Shared Use Path Connections

- Capital Crescent Trail 63% complete and opens fall 2026 while Purple Line is undergoing testing.
- Metropolitan Branch Trail Phase 2a under construction with final paving underway.
- Flower Ave Separated Bike Lanes advancing from 65% design.
- Carroll Ave Separated Bike Lanes at 65% design.
- Piney Branch Road Separated Bike Lanes passed 30% design and advancing.



Image by [Purple Line](#).

Bus Rapid Transit and Bikeway Projects

Building new transitways and better pedestrian/ bicycle connections.

Dedicated Bus Lanes

- University Boulevard – March 2024.
- Georgia Ave – pilot from June to December 2024. Lanes made permanent and operational during AM/PM rush hours.
- Shady Grove / Darnestown – September 2024.

Design of Bus Rapid Transit

- Veirs Mill Road BRT and BiPPA – design finalized and now moving utilities and acquiring property.
- MD 355 Central – final design in 2026-2027 with construction 2028-2031.
- US29 Flash Phase 2 – completing 35% design.



Walkability Studies

Systematic Review of Walking Area

- 10 – 20 walkability studies completed each fiscal year. 15 are [planned for FY26](#).
- Through end of FY25, 58% of MCPS schools with walksheds and outside municipalities have a completed study. 100% of schools in Equity Emphasis Areas (EEAs) complete.
- Examine the designated walking area for sidewalks, curb ramps, crashes, conflicts at intersection, etc.
- Studies include intensive review of the existing infrastructure plus on-site review of operations during school arrival and dismissal.
- Coordination with school staff and crossing guards.
- Improvement recommendations developed for short-, medium-, and long-term.



FY26 Walkability Studies

10 Elementary, 3 Middle, and 2 High.

Elementary Schools

- Ashburton
- Bells Mill
- Cold Spring
- Dr. Charles R. Drew
- Flower Hill
- Glenallen
- Ronald McNair
- William B. Gibbs, Jr.
- William T. Page
- Wilson Wims

Middle Schools

- Francis Scott Key
- Hallie Wells
- Parkland

High Schools

- Walter Johnson
- Winston Churchill





Let's Learn

- ✓ Helmet and Bike Fitting
- ✓ Course Walkthrough
- ✓ ABC Spin Check
- ✓ Games and Activities
- ✓ Breakdown and Closure
- ✓ Rules of the Road

Countywide Safety Campaigns

School Engagement and Education



Walking Wednesdays

Walking Wednesdays are designed to encourage students (and parents) to get to school by walking instead of by car - in conditions where it is safe to do so.



Bike Rodeos

One-time or multi-day training to educate elementary school students on general bike safety, best practices, and transportation safety through interactive events.



Guidance

Resources to empower school parents, students, and staff. For example, step-by-step guidance for starting and maintaining walking school bus.



Youth Ambassadors

Five-month program emerging high school students in Vision Zero and the Safe System Approach with capstone project "Safety Day."

BIKE RODEOS AND LEARN TO RIDE CLASSES



Automated Enforcement Expansion Plan

More sites and new technology

Recent Expansions

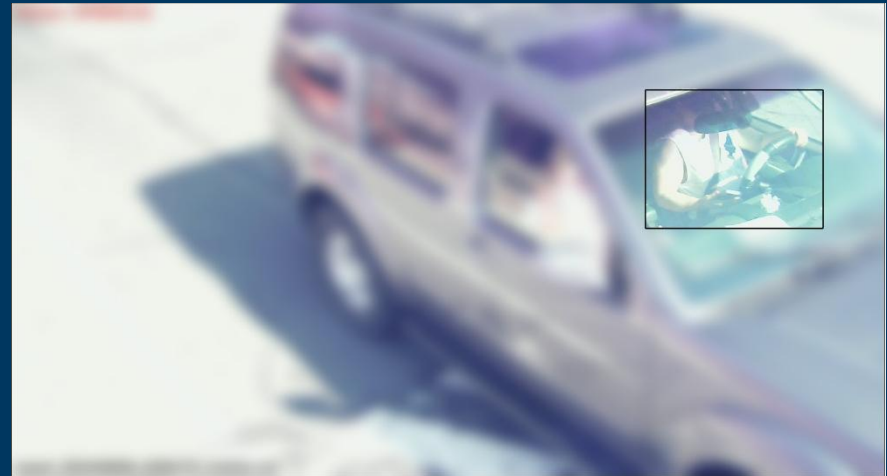
- New vendor coming online to provide 140 speed and 76 red-light cameras.
- Permitted to use bus lane cameras. Pilot started with WMATA.

New laws active as of October 1, 2025

- Allowing speed cameras on High Injury Network.
- Graduated fine schedule for speed camera violations based on the violator's speed.

Needing State Law changes

- Using new technology for enforcing seatbelts, mobile phone use, crosswalks, move over law, HOV.



Examples of mobile phone use captured by distracted driving cameras. At pilot sites, 20% of drivers were detected using a mobile phone.

Holiday Alcohol Task Force

Promoting Safe Rides Home

- Task force from November 26 – January 11. Made 393 traffic stops with 40 driving under the influence arrests in first two weeks.
- Outreach to bars and restaurants with safety messages.
- Promote [Safe Ride Home page](#) to provide one stop shop for finding sober ride options in Montgomery County.





Stay Safe with Zeal.

Safe Routes to School MCDOT

Stay Safe with Zeal.

Safe Routes to School MCDOT



SAFETY DAY



Safe Routes to School

Vision Zero Youth Ambassadors



Photo credit: [Nina Giraldo/The Banner](#)

Challenges in Implementation

Implementation Challenges

- Available resources, while much higher than peer counties, does not match the amount of work needed to make roadways safer by design by 2030.
- Community opposition and systems designed to deny/delay projects.
- Major capital projects delayed due to permitting, utility coordination, coordination with State Highway Administration, or changes in scope/budget.
- Increase in community driven safety complaints post-COVID that are majority on local, low-stress roadways.
- Need for additional staff and contractor training on updated guidance and standards.
- Police staffing challenges leading to significant drop in contacts for traffic offenses.
- Continued skepticism by State Delegates and Senators for automated traffic enforcement expansion.

Vision Zero Implementation Review

1. Create updated High Risk Network and crash profiles.
2. A “Vision for Zero.”
3. Improve workflows, communication channels, and shared data platforms.
4. Continue automated traffic enforcement programs and explore emerging technologies.
5. Work with Public Schools on enhancing formal safety education initiatives.
6. Create large scale safety awareness campaign that brings existing campaigns under one Vision Zero umbrella.
7. Share messaging and data on crash reductions to highlight value.
8. Maintain centralized traffic unit structure with continued use of crash risk data and coordination with other law enforcement partners.
9. Establish measures of program and project effectiveness.
10. Identify opportunities for less complex safety project approaches to avoid utility and right-of-way impacts.
11. Prioritize safety interventions in underserved communities.
12. Develop a comprehensive prioritization process.



THANK YOU!

Wade Holland, Vision Zero Coordinator

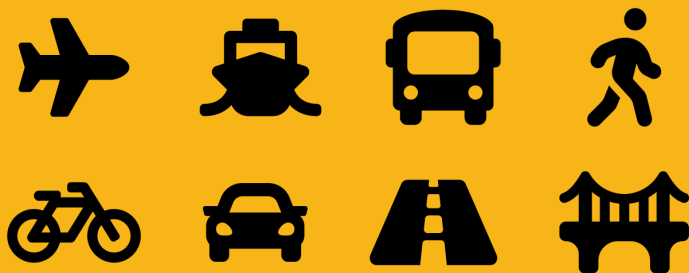
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MDOT State Highway Administration

Vulnerable Road User Safety

Molly Porter



Safe System Approach

- Reaching zero deaths and serious injuries requires the implementation of a Safe System Approach.
- The Safe System Approach acknowledges that humans make mistakes, and those mistakes should never lead to death.

THE
**SAFE
SYSTEM**

APPROACH

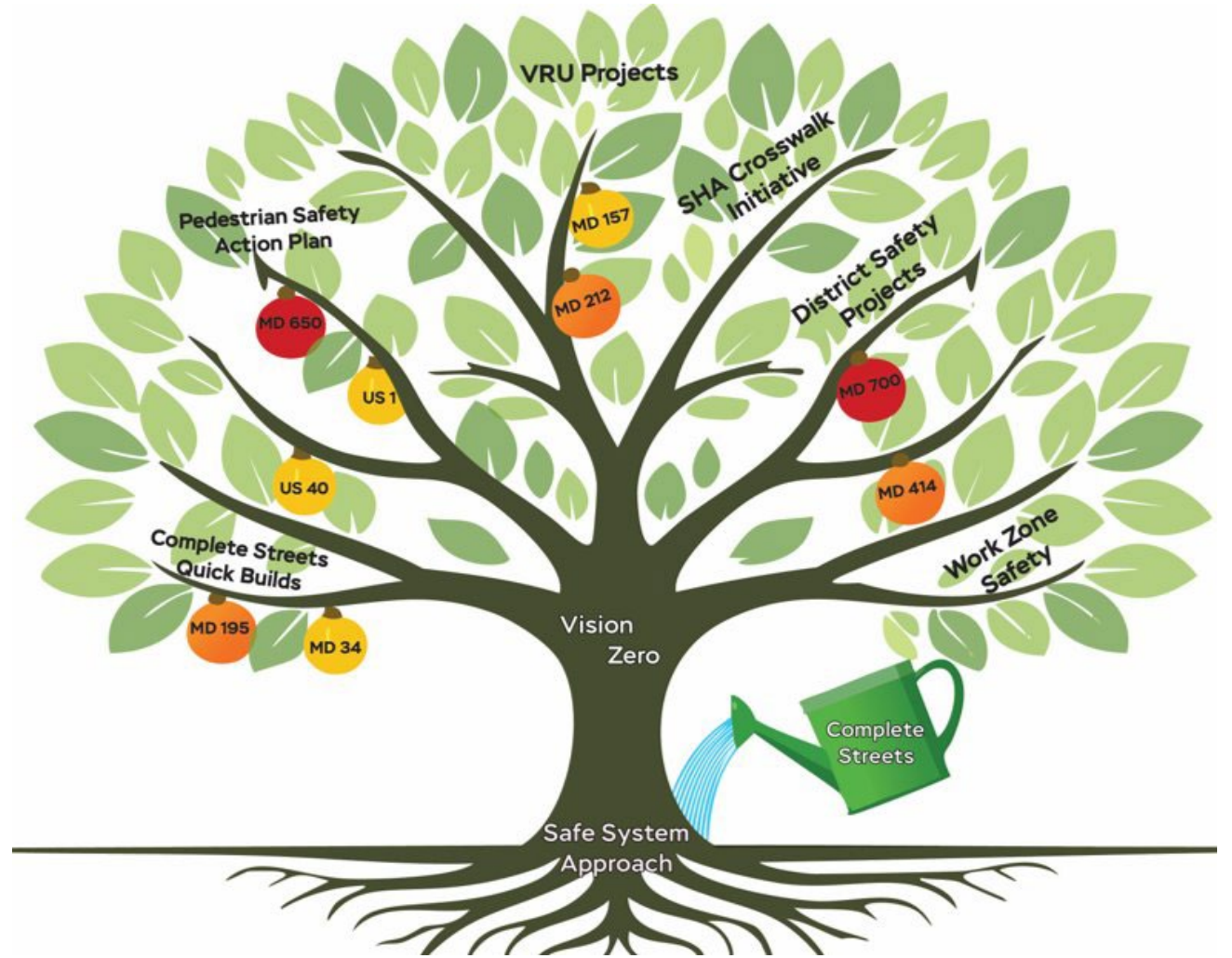
Zero is our goal. A Safe System is how we get there.

Safe System Approach

- Safe System approach requires a supporting safety culture that places safety first and foremost in road system investment decisions.

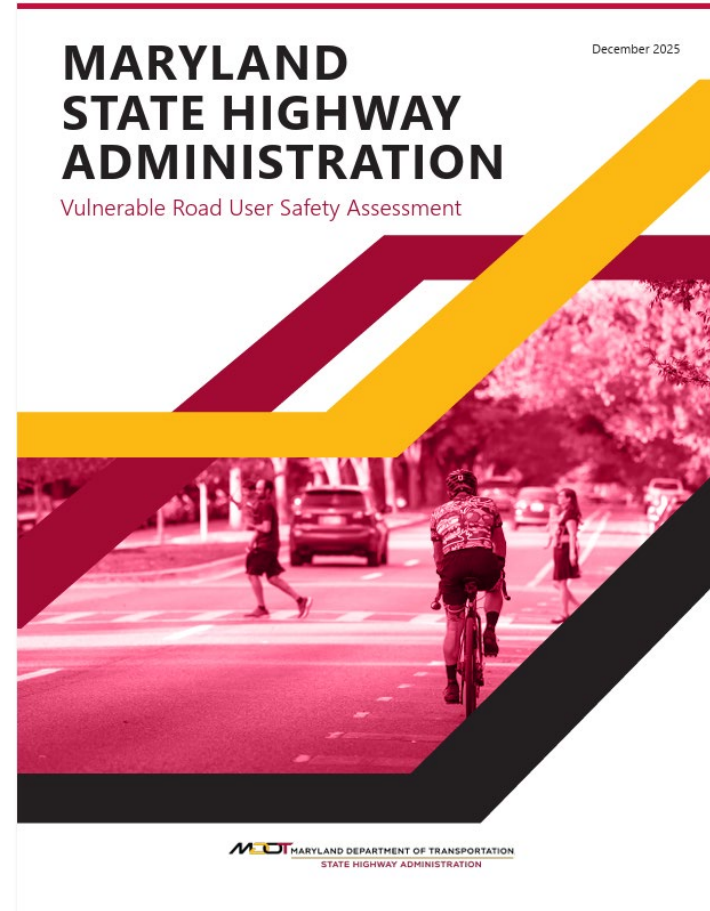


SHA's Programmatic Approach to Vision Zero

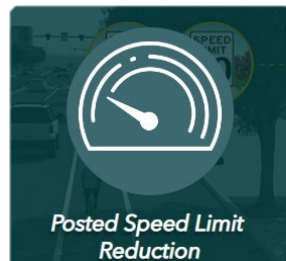
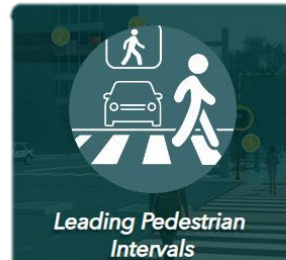


Vulnerable Road User Assessment

- **The Vulnerable Road User (VRU) Safety Assessment** is a comprehensive statewide examination aimed at understanding the transportation safety challenges faced by VRUs.
- SHA completed the first assessment in 2023, and an updated assessment was published with the 2026-2030 Maryland Strategic Highway Safety Plan.
- VRU Projects are developed from the list of VRU high risk corridors identified in the assessment.



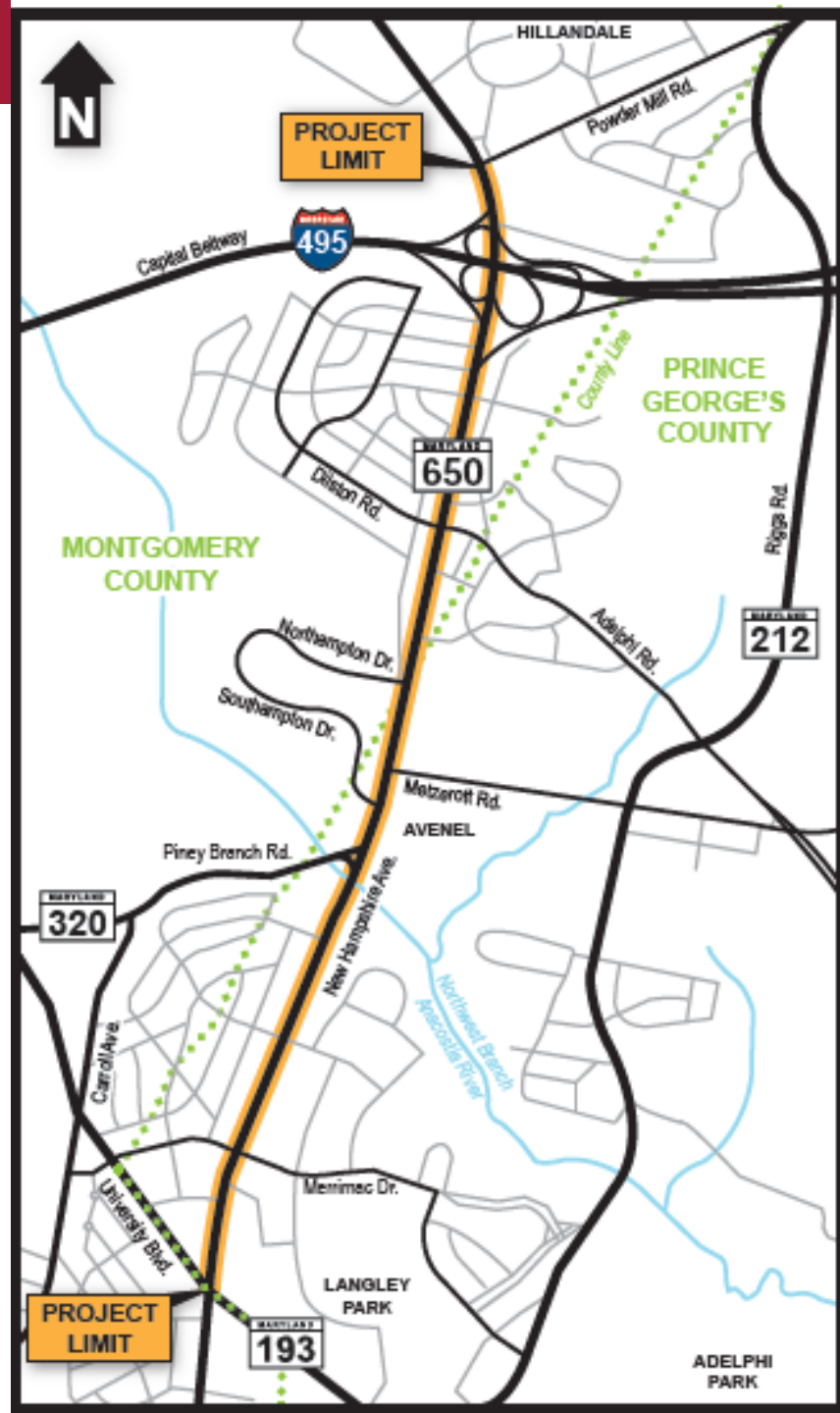
Context Driven Countermeasures



MD 650 PSAP Project

- Corridor-Wide Improvements Will Include:

- ✓ Upgrading pedestrian ramps, median refuges, driveway entrances, and bus stops to ADA standards
- ✓ Installing pedestrian fencing in the median at select locations to prevent mid-block crossings
- ✓ Improve sidewalks in certain locations
- ✓ Installing new lighting, pavement markings and signage





MBPAC Pedestrian Safety Update

Tim Richards

Safety Programs Section Manager

Motor Vehicle Administration's
Highway Safety Office

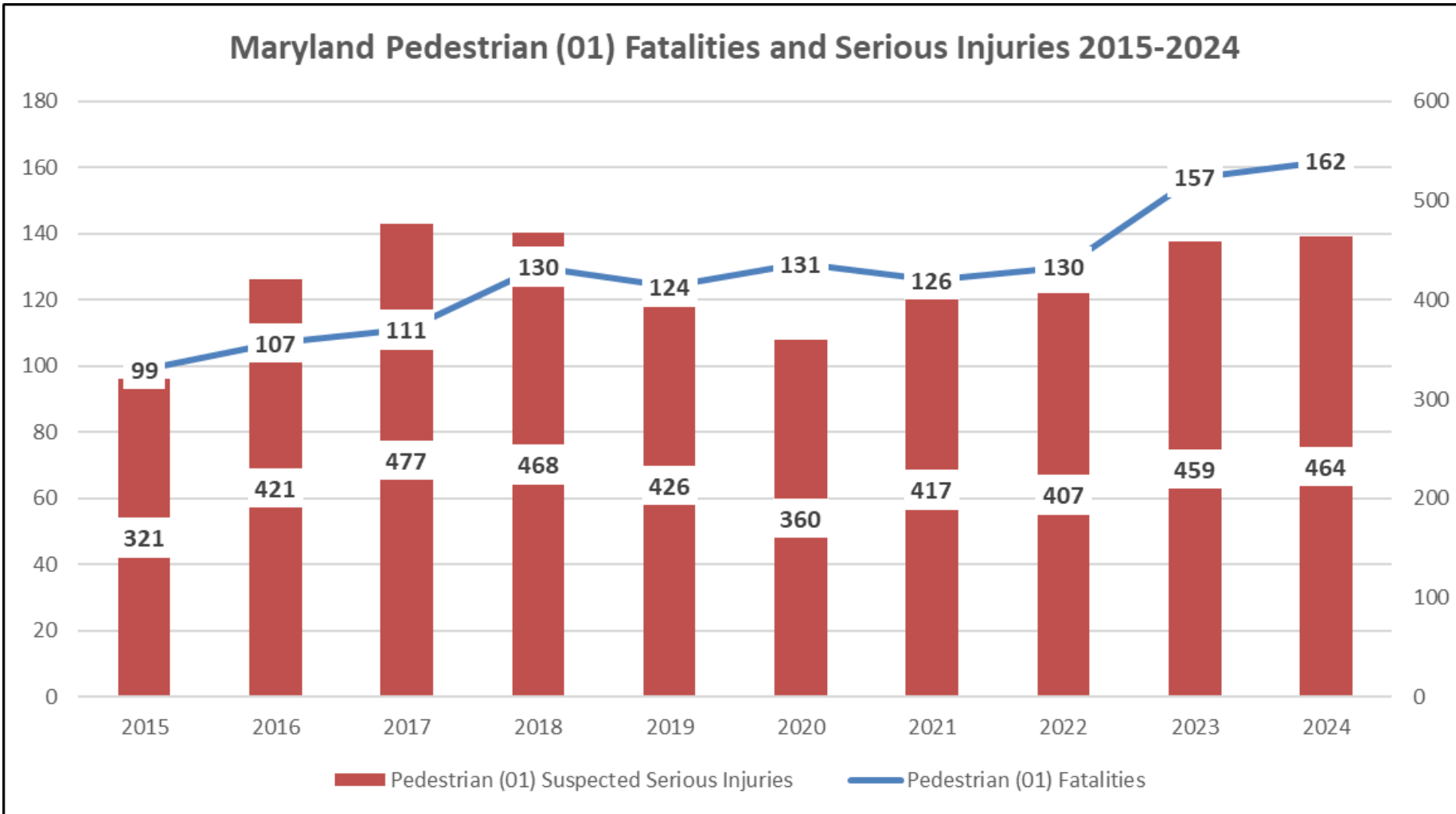


MHSO Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety

- Crash Trends
- 2026-2030 Strategic Highway Safety Plan
- Projects/Programs
 - Campaigns
 - WABA
 - Pop-Up Gardens
- Resources

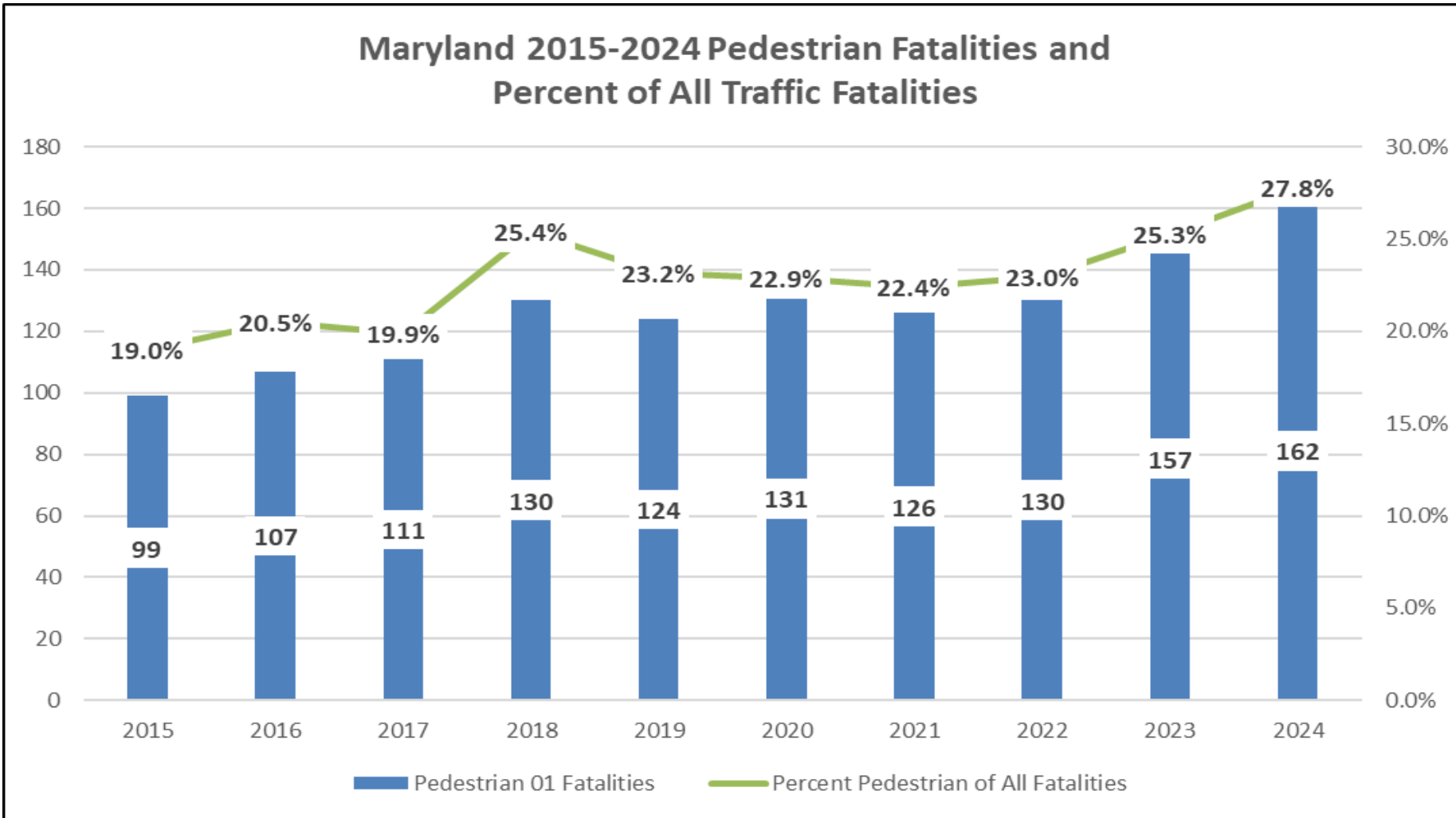


Statewide Pedestrian Crash Summary



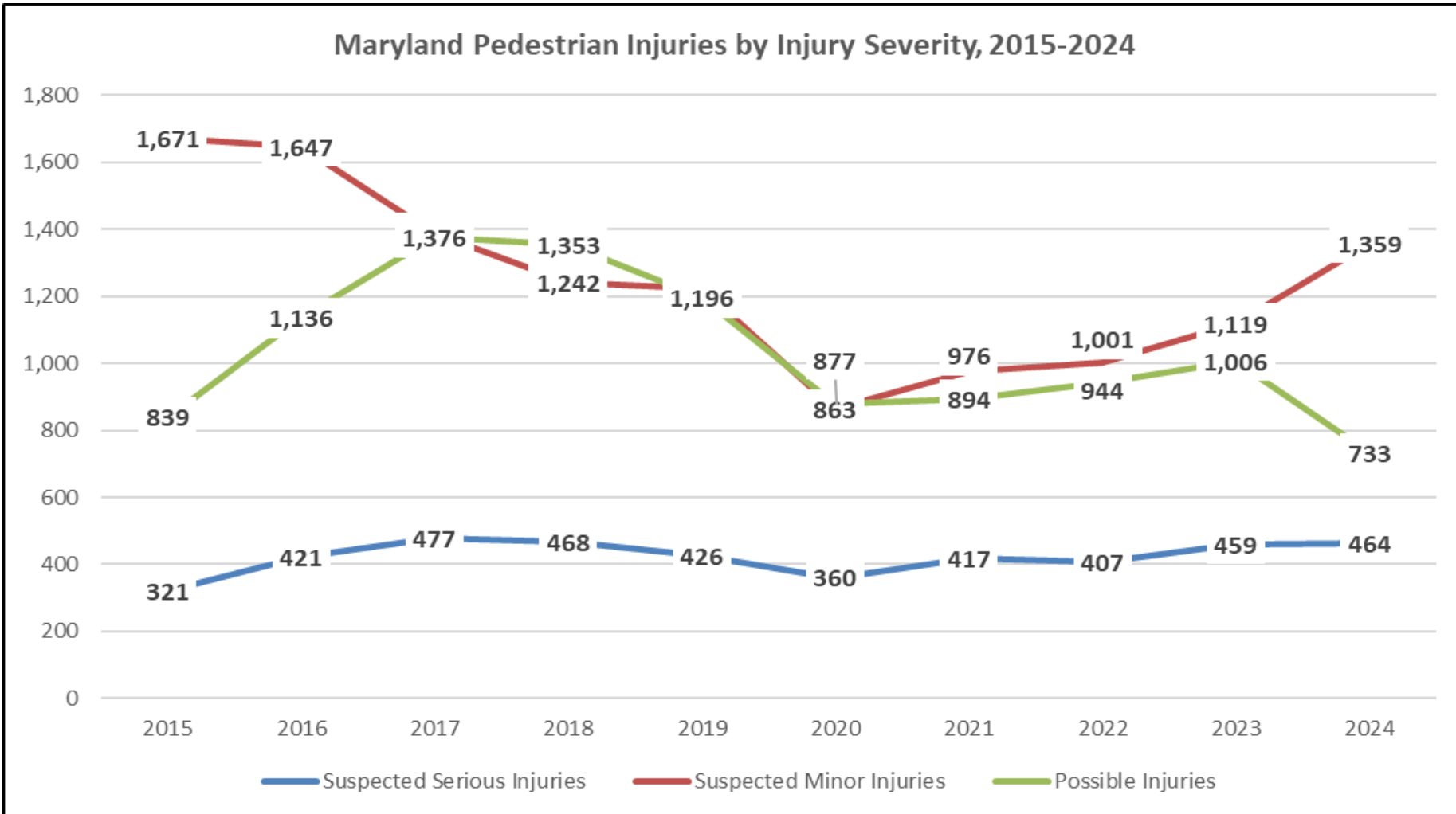
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2026-2030 Strategic Highway Safety Plan

➤ What is the SHSP?

- A statewide traffic safety plan to reduce highway fatalities and serious injuries on all public streets and highways.
 - The newest SHSP will cover the next five years.
- The SHSP outlines strategies for: Impaired driving prevention, distracted driving prevention, speeding and aggressive driving, occupant protection, infrastructure, and *pedestrian/bicyclist safety*.



SHSP Pedestrian/Bicyclist Safety Strategies

- **Data**: Improve the quality and application of crash data to include near misses and analysis of micromobility crash data, newly connected since 2024.
- **Enforcement**: Provide training for law enforcement about motorist behaviors that endanger vulnerable roadway users and the latest multimodal updates in vehicle code and roadway designs.
- **Legislation**: Advance policy initiatives that improve the safety of people walking, biking, or using micromobility devices.

SHSP Pedestrian/Bicyclist Safety Strategies

- **Outreach & Engagement:** Promote public education initiatives that increase awareness of safe behavior, right-of-way laws, and shared responsibility.
- **Connected & Automated Vehicles:** Encourage integration of pedestrian- and cyclist-detection technologies, automatic braking systems, and vehicle-based alerts.



MHSO Projects & Programs

➤ Campaigns

- Look Alive & Street Smart

➤ WABA

- Bike Helmet & Light Giveaway
- Vision Zero Youth Leadership



MHSO Projects & Programs

➤ MICA

- Falls Road Project

➤ Neighborhood Design Center

- Made You Look

➤ Bikemore

- Families for Safe Streets

MHSO Resources

- Grants
- Toward Zero Deaths Website
 - Data Dashboards
 - Program Area Crash Data
 - Links to Partners
- Social Media Toolkits
 - Monthly
 - Ready to Share Posts and Images



Questions?

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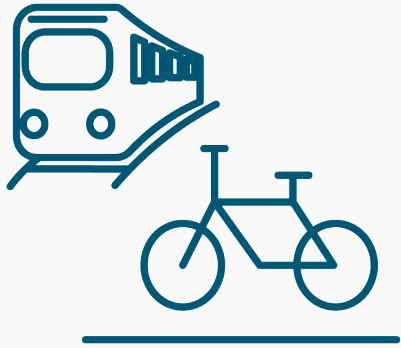
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Maryland's Sustainable Growth Policy

Planning Principles: Transportation



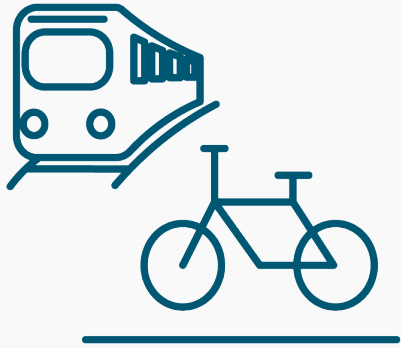
TRANSPORTATION VISION (2009)



Model Complete Street - MDOT

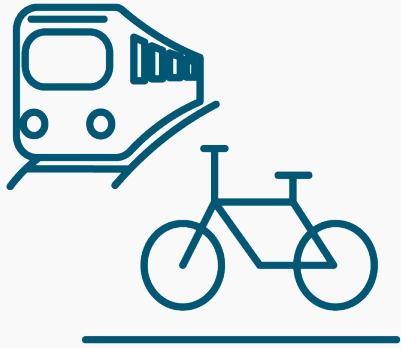
“A well-maintained, multimodal transportation system facilitates the safe, convenient, affordable, and efficient movement of people, goods, and services within and between population and business centers”

TRANSPORTATION PRINCIPLE



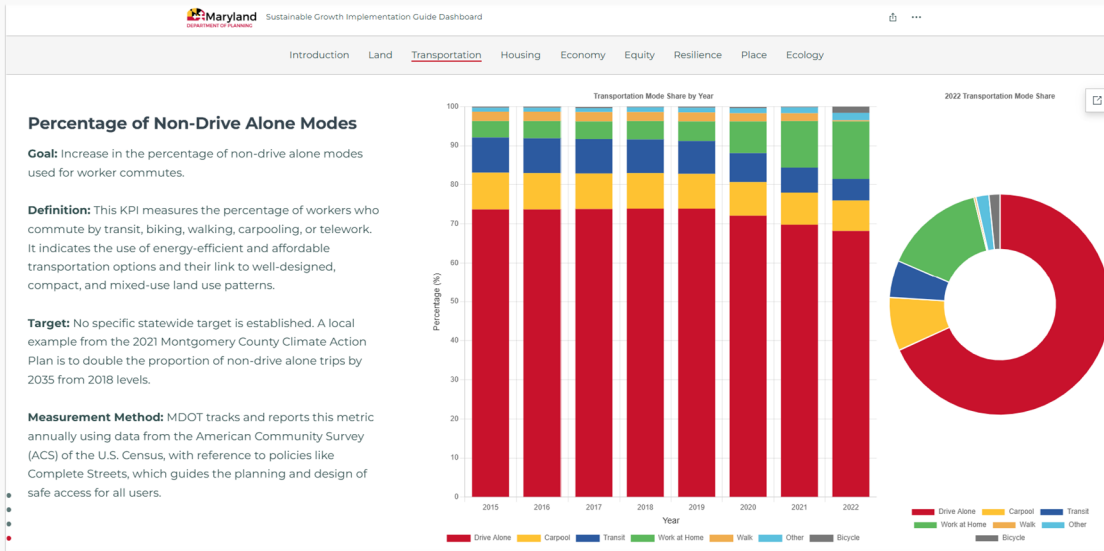
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“Prioritize transportation networks that create **energy efficient, affordable and reliable** access to jobs, housing and services.”



Sustainable Growth Policy and Planning Principles

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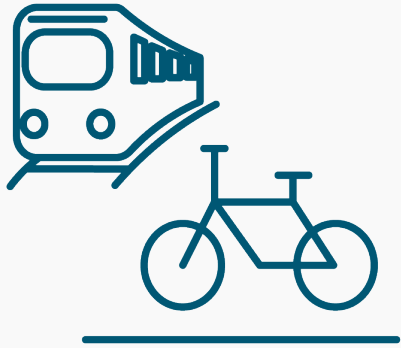


MARYLAND MEASURES:
IMPROVE HUMAN WELL BEING
 Transit Ridership

MITIGATE CLIMATE CHANGE
 Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Per Capita

GROW ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY
 Commute Composition (Percentage of Non-Drive Alone Modes)

TRANSPORTATION



- ▶ Aligning Comprehensive Plan Elements with Planning Principles - SB197 (2026)
- ▶ New Requirements
- ▶ MDP/MDOT Guidance



Questions?

VI. OLD BUSINESS, CALENDAR, & PUBLIC COMMENT

MBPAC Inbox

- Upcoming public rides, biking/walking events, and grant opportunities

Open Seats

- Baltimore Metropolitan Area, Southern Maryland, and Eastern Shore
- Reviews underway at the Governor's Appointments Office
 - Please contact MBPAC@mdot.Maryland.gov or the GAO directly

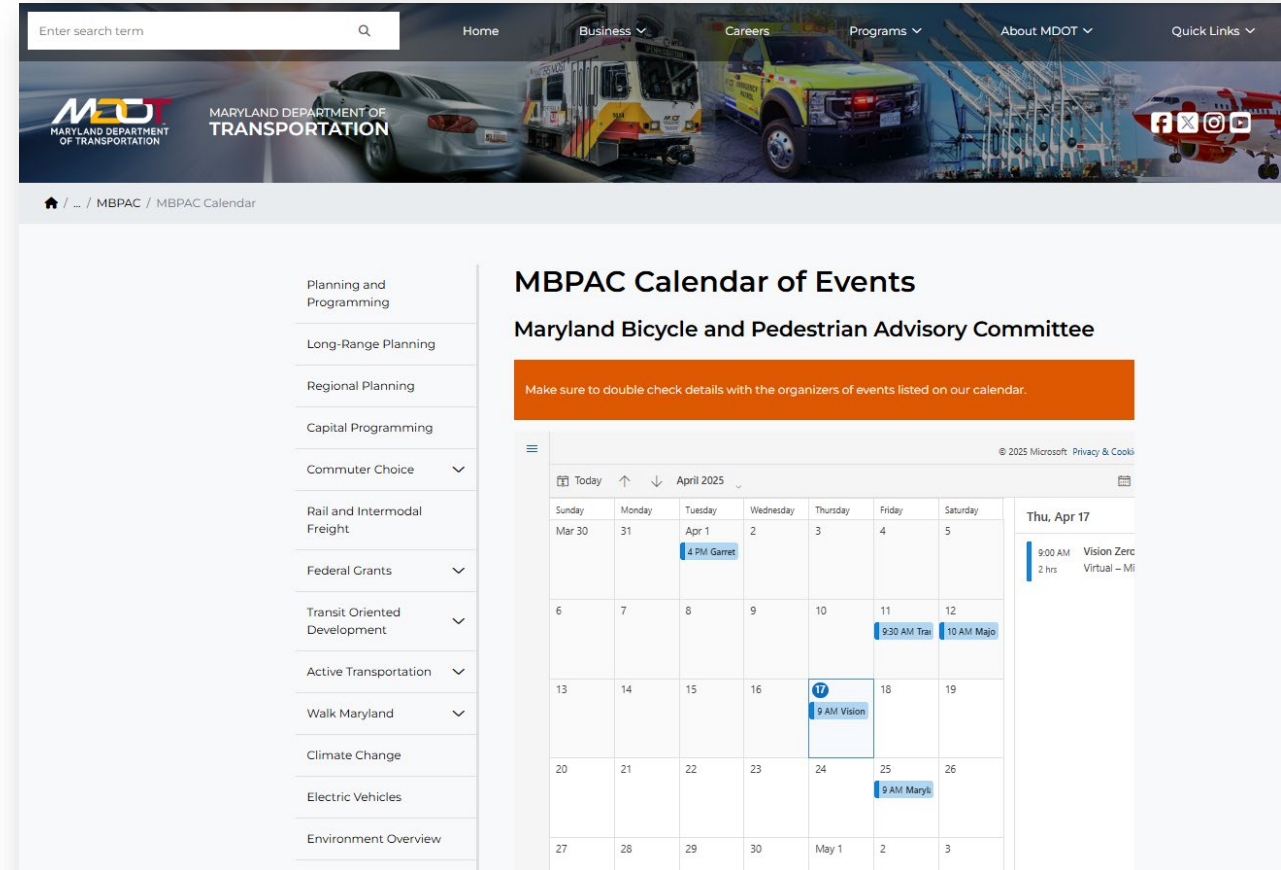
Agency Update

- MSDE representation to be removed from the MBPAC on 7/1 (HB 640), but bicycle and pedestrian coordination and work is ongoing

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's MBPAC Calendar of Events page. The header includes a search bar, navigation links (Home, Business, Careers, Programs, About MDOT, Quick Links), and the MDOT logo. The main content area is titled "MBPAC Calendar of Events" and "Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee". A prominent orange banner reads: "Make sure to double check details with the organizers of events listed on our calendar." Below this is a calendar interface for April 2025. The calendar shows several events:

Day	Event	Time
Apr 1 (Tuesday)	Garret	4 PM
Apr 11 (Friday)	Trail	9:30 AM
Apr 12 (Saturday)	Majo	10 AM
Apr 17 (Thursday)	Vision	9 AM
Apr 25 (Friday)	Maryl	9 AM

The calendar also shows a detailed view for Thursday, April 17, with an event titled "Vision Zero Virtual - MI" starting at 9:00 AM and lasting 2 hours.

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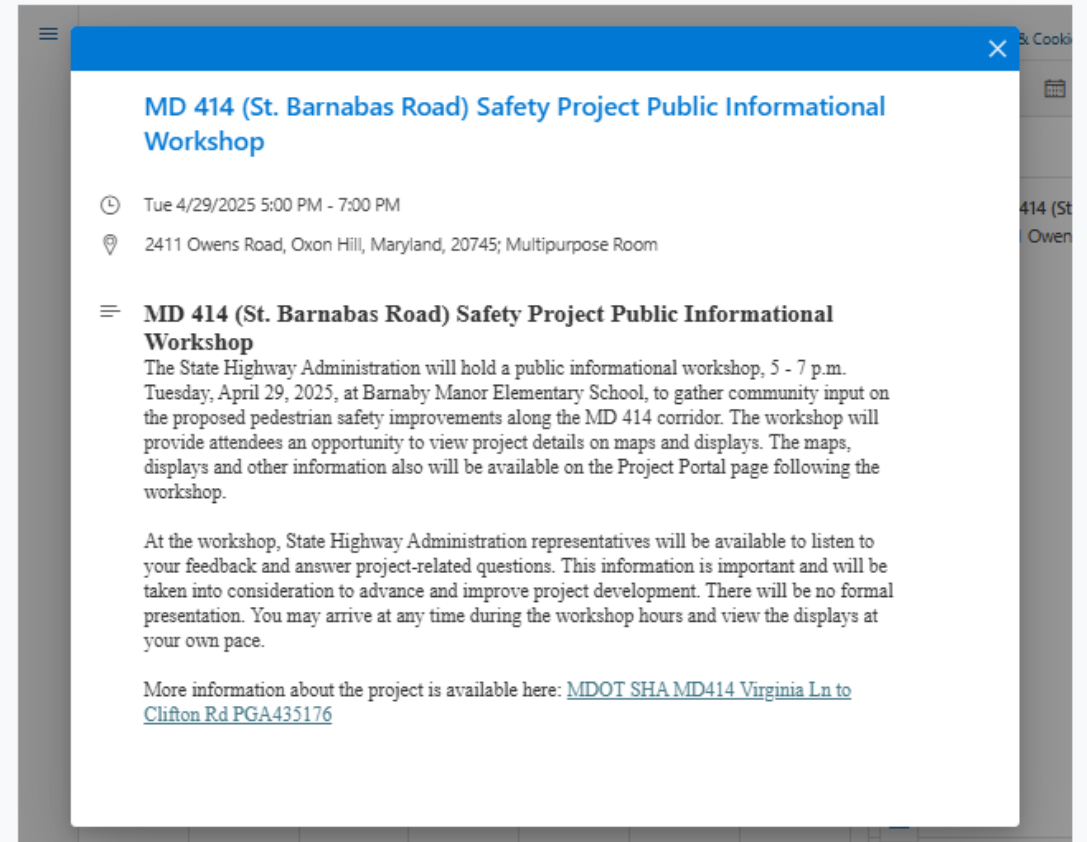
• MBPAC Calendar

- 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
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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.



The screenshot shows a mobile calendar interface. At the top, there is a blue header bar with a close button (X). Below the header, the event title is "MD 414 (St. Barnabas Road) Safety Project Public Informational Workshop". The event time is "Tue 4/29/2025 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM" and the location is "2411 Owens Road, Oxon Hill, Maryland, 20745; Multipurpose Room". Below the location, there is a section with a hamburger menu icon and the title "MD 414 (St. Barnabas Road) Safety Project Public Informational Workshop". The text describes the 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." It also states: "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, there is a link: "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

- May is Bike Month
 - Bike to Work Week – May 11-15
 - Bike to Work Day – May 15
- Eastern Shore rides and events
 - Ice Cream Ride, Cycling Safety Class, Ocean City BPAC, Chestertown Weekend, Tour de Talbot
- Cycle the Savage (Frostburg)
- TAP, RTP, Bikeways applications open



FREE EVENT
BIKETOWORKMETRODC.ORG

REGISTER FOR
FREE T-SHIRT* & BIKE RAFFLE

WORKING FROM HOME?
BIKE TO YOUR LOCAL PIT STOP & BACK HOME

FREE REFRESHMENTS & GIVEAWAYS
AT PARTICIPATING LOCATIONS, WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

Logos for participating organizations: COMUTER CONNEX TIME, WABA, ICF, GO Alex, ARCTERYX, NATIONAL LIVING, BICYCLE, MDDT, VDOT, AASHIO, FAIR LAKES, Giant, capital bikeshare, ALC, VISIONZERS, BIKESBYVENNA, ARLINGTON VIRGINIA, AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CARIOLOGY.

BIKE TO WORK DAY 2026
FRIDAY, MAY 15
25TH ANNIVERSARY

Register for free at
BIKETOWORKMETRODC.ORG
800.745.7433
#BTW2026

Visit biketoworkmetrodc.org for pit stop locations and times.
*T-shirts available at pit stops to first 10,000 registrants.
Pit stops in D.C., Maryland, and Virginia!

The Bike to Work Day event is a program of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and is funded by MDDT, MDDT, VDOT, and USDOT.

bike to work day 2026



CENTRAL MARYLAND
BIKE TO WORK
ANNE ARUNDEL • BALTIMORE CITY & COUNTY • CARROLL • HARFORD • HOWARD • QUEEN ANNE'S

SAVE THE DATE

MAY 11-17 • 2026

Registration opens 4/1/26
Sign up for notifications.* →

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VI. OLD BUSINESS, CALENDAR, & PUBLIC COMMENT

*Public Comment - Up to 5 minutes
per person*



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2026 MBPAC COMMITTEE

LEGISLATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE PRESENTATION
APRIL 24, 2026





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
The House of Delegates passed the bill with amendments 93-39. The Senate Budget & Taxation Committee reported the bill favorable with additional amendments, but the Senate did not pass the bill before the session ended.
- [SB0062](#) ([HB0230](#)) Transportation - Consolidated Transportation Program - Prioritization (Transportation Investment Priorities Act of 2026)
This bill did not leave the committee in either chamber in time
- [HB0107](#) Motor Vehicles - Intelligent Speed Assistance Pilot Program – Establishment
The bill passed both the House of Delegates and Senate with amendments. A conference committee was convened to reach consensus on the legislation. The amendments proposed in the conference committee report were adopted, with the bill passing the House of Delegates 99-31 and the Senate 38-9.
- [SB0038](#) ([HB0286](#)) Vehicle Laws - Ignition Interlock System Program – Required Participation
The House of Delegates passed the bill 133-1. The Senate passed the bill 39-0. The bill was approved by the governor on April 14.
- [HB0256](#) Motor Vehicles – Speed Monitoring Systems - Safety Corridors (Vulnerable Road User Protection Act of 2026)
The House of Delegates passed the amended bill 98-34. It passed the Senate 31-11.



2026 BILLS

- [SB0173](#) ([HB0249](#)) Automated Enforcement – Reciprocal Agreements**
This bill was not allowed to proceed due to the duplication in SB111/HB212, which passed and went to the Governor for signature.
- [SB0155](#) ([HB0177](#)) Vehicle Laws – Bicycles, Play Vehicles, and Unicycles – Crosswalks
The House of Delegates passed the bill 134-0 and was referred to the Senate Judicial Proceedings committee (JPR) but did not receive a committee vote. The Senate crossfile SB155 was heard in JPR but never got a committee vote.
- [SB0158](#) Counties - Construction of Sidewalks and Crosswalks - Safe Alternative Routes to Public Schools
This bill did not make it out of committee in the House or Senate
- [SB0045](#) ([HB0055](#)) Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring Systems - Residential Districts
The House of Delegates passed the bill 98–35. It was then referred to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee (JPR), which reported it favorably on the final day of the session. The bill passed second reading in the Senate before the session ended.



2026 BILLS

- ([HB466](#)) Contributory Negligence Reform for Vulnerable Road Users
After the House Judiciary Committee hearing, the committee referred it for interim study by the Maryland Insurance Administration.
- ([HB1381](#)) No stopping, standing, or parking in a bike lane
The bill passed the House 117–19 with amendments. The amended bill was referred to and heard in the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee but did not receive a committee vote.

THANK YOU



VII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT OUT

Trails Subcommittee – Meg Young, Chair

Subcommittee officially established in October 2025, mission, goals, and workplan adopted in February.

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

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).

Committee Goals:

- 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: May 8, August 14, November 13

VII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT OUT

Trails Subcommittee – continued

February Meeting Notes:

- Committee Reviewed the status of tracked trails and decided on format for future tracking
 - 5 MDOT led projects, 9 locally led projects
 - BMC will present the Patapsco Regional Greenway tracked trail at the August meeting
- The committee discussed funding opportunities for trails
- Rails to Trails presented about National Celebrate Trails Day – TOMORROW, April 25th
 - 6 events planned in Maryland, 3 in DC

May Meeting Agenda highlights:

- MDOT Policy recommendations update
- Discussion: Determine Maryland Destination Trails based on standardized criteria

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National Celebrate Trails Day - Saturday April 25, 2026

How To Get Involved

PARTNER

Let RTC know you're participating as a partner so we can share resources and help provide visibility for your celebration.

PROMOTE

Help spread the word about getting outside on Celebrate Trails Day—encourage your community to join an event or go on a self-directed trail outing.

PLAN

Organize a ride, cleanup, community festival or other type of programming that invites people to experience the trail.

PARTICIPATE

Share how you and your community are participating in the celebration. Capture the moment and share it on social media and your other communications channels + take RTC's survey to



By the Numbers:



MORE THAN **33,000 People**
PARTICIPATED IN **275+** Celebrations
HOSTED BY **375+** Partners
ACROSS **49 States, Washington, D.C**
AND **Puerto Rico**

"Trails bring people together and recognize the importance of not only exercise, but the culture and history of a location." — 2025 Participant, Abingdon, MD

Direct Impact:



More than 3.4 million active minutes
spent outside on Celebrate Trails Day in 2025.*



104 active minutes per person
spent outside on Celebrate Trails Day.*



\$1.3 million estimated total spent
for Celebrate Trails Day, with an average of \$41 spent by respondents
who indicated that they visited a business on or to prepare for
Celebrate Trails Day.*



97% of people agree
that using trails makes a difference for their mental health and well-being.



97%
of participants
spent at least
30 minutes active
on the trail on CTD

74%
of participants
spent at least
60 minutes active
on the trail on CTD

Ways People Rely on Trails:

93%

For Exercise and Health

75%

To Connect With Nature

74%

For Mental Health
and Well-being

44%

As a Place to Spend Time
with Friends and Family

VII. 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

- [Ocean City PSAP](#) – Recommendations made by SHA to turn the Bus Lane into a Bike Lane along the busiest stretch of Philadelphia were [rejected by Ocean City Council](#) and Mayor. Other PSAP recommendations are being considered.
- Worcester County engaged Mead & Hunt to create a local highway safety plan. Roadways in local municipalities were not included in the plan. Recommendations were primarily for signage and rumble strips on 5 county roads.
- Queen Anne’s County was awarded \$280,000 in federal funding in December to support the development of a countywide [Strategic Highway Safety Action Plan \(SAP\)](#). The total project budget is \$350,000, a \$70,000 local match. The Safety Action Plan developed in 2026 will provide a comprehensive, data-driven review of crash trends, contributing factors, and roadway conditions throughout the county and will identify strategies and project priorities aimed at reducing serious injuries and fatalities.

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- Frederick Douglass Rail Trail –MDOT-SHA hosted a public meeting in Queen Anne, MD on April 20 to provide an update on upcoming planning and design activities associated with the Frederick Douglass Rail Trail Project along MD 309 (Cordova Road) between Tuckahoe State Park and Black Dog Alley in Queen Anne’s and Talbot counties.
- *Maryland Eastern Shore Trails Network* – next meeting date TBD
- Two Celebrate Trails Day events will be held on Saturday, April 25th on the Eastern Shore:
 - Berlin- Libertytown Branch Park from 10-11.30am on natural surface trails. Hosted by Worcester County Bike and Pedestrian Coalition, Lower Shore Land Trust, MD DNR.
 - Oxford- at 12 noon. Meet at the end of Pier Street to walk the planned Oxford Parks Connector Trail. At the end of the proposed route we'll join the Oxford Conservation Park loop. Hosted by Talbot Thrive.
- [Tour de Talbot](#) Bike Ride will be on June 6 this year with 30, 40, and 62 mile routes.



VII. 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

Previous Meeting Recap: On March 19, the subcommittee had a presentation by Sean Burnett from the Baltimore City DOT on the City's Complete Streets initiative

Meeting Schedule: Next meeting is on June 18, 2026



VIII. AGENCY UPDATES

Maryland-National Capital Planning and Parks Commission – Prince George’s County Planning Department

- Our Planning Department continues managing the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments grant funded, Northern Prince George’s East West Bikeway Feasibility Study in the East Riverdale, Wildercroft and New Carrollton sections of the county.
 - A public charrette to review draft proposals is scheduled for April 20th.
 - This study will be completed by June 30, 2026.

Prince George’s County, MD



Image Source: PGPlanning.org

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Maryland Department of Natural Resources

- DNR just closed the public comment period for the repropoed ebike regulations for some of our natural surface trails on public land.
- The regs will allow class one bikes only on trails (all ebikes are already allowed on our parking areas and roads).
- We are now evaluating the public comments and they will likely go into effect before Memorial Day.



Image Source: DNR

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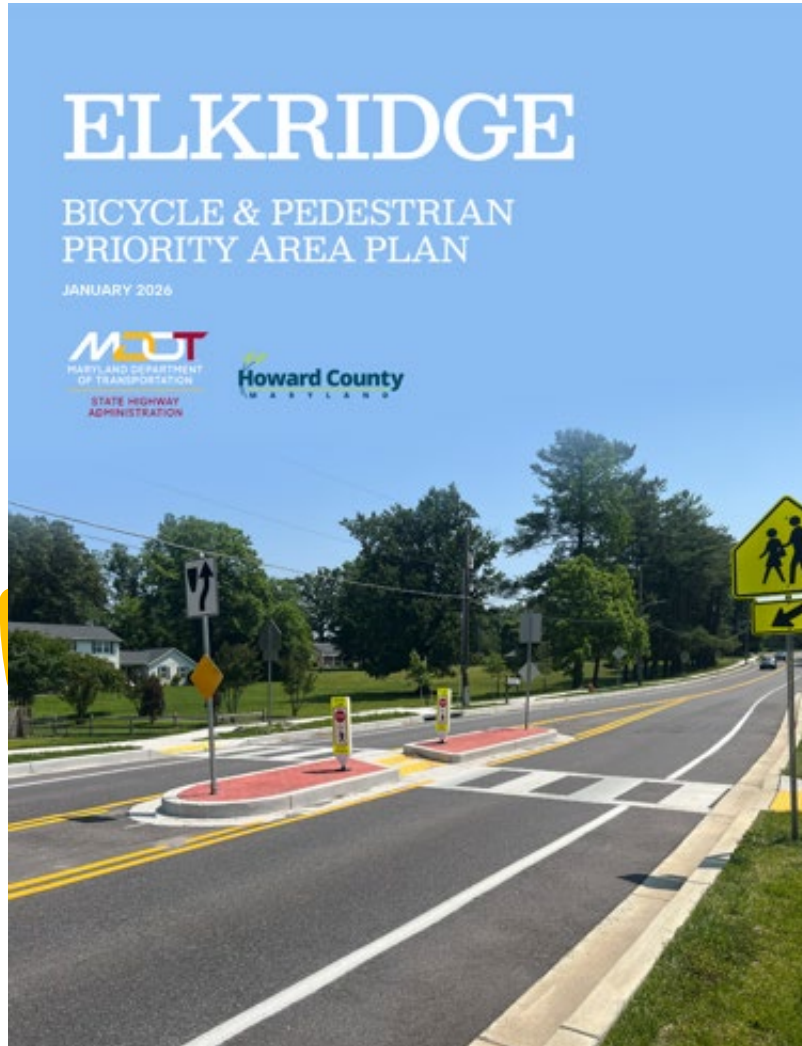


Image Source: Howard County

MDOT State Highway Administration

- Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) - MD 450 public workshop on April 29, 5-7pm at Michael E. Busch Library (Annapolis)
 - Round 3 PSAP corridor is in the planning phase and seeking public comment
 - 1.7-mile corridor from MD 2 to Spa Road
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Area (BPPA)
 - A BPPA designation facilitates the planning of bicycle and pedestrian facilities in areas with a high potential for bicycling and walking
 - The ElkrIDGE BPPA Plan finalized and published in January 2026
 - The Wilkens Ave BPPA Plan in Baltimore County is in development

VIII. AGENCY UPDATES

MDOT MVA Maryland Highway Safety Office

- LifeSavers Conference
 - Registration is open!
 - April 19-21, Baltimore Convention Center
- WABA Youth Summit
 - May 9, 11am-1pm at UMD College Park
 - Contact Cynthia Spriggs (cspriggs@mdot.maryland.gov) if you're interested in attending
- Next Pedestrian & Bicyclist Emphasis Area Team (PBEAT) meeting:
 - May 7, 10-11:30am at BMC or online
- Next Vision Zero meeting:
 - July 16, 9-11am



Image Source: Lifesavers Conference

VIII. AGENCY UPDATES

MDOT Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA)

- Received over 1,000 comments on the Bay Crossing DEIS and working through them now
- A decision on the SUP will not be made prior to the Final EIS/Record of Decision, which is anticipated in November 2026
- MDTA planning to provide an update to the Committee at the July 31 MBPAC meeting

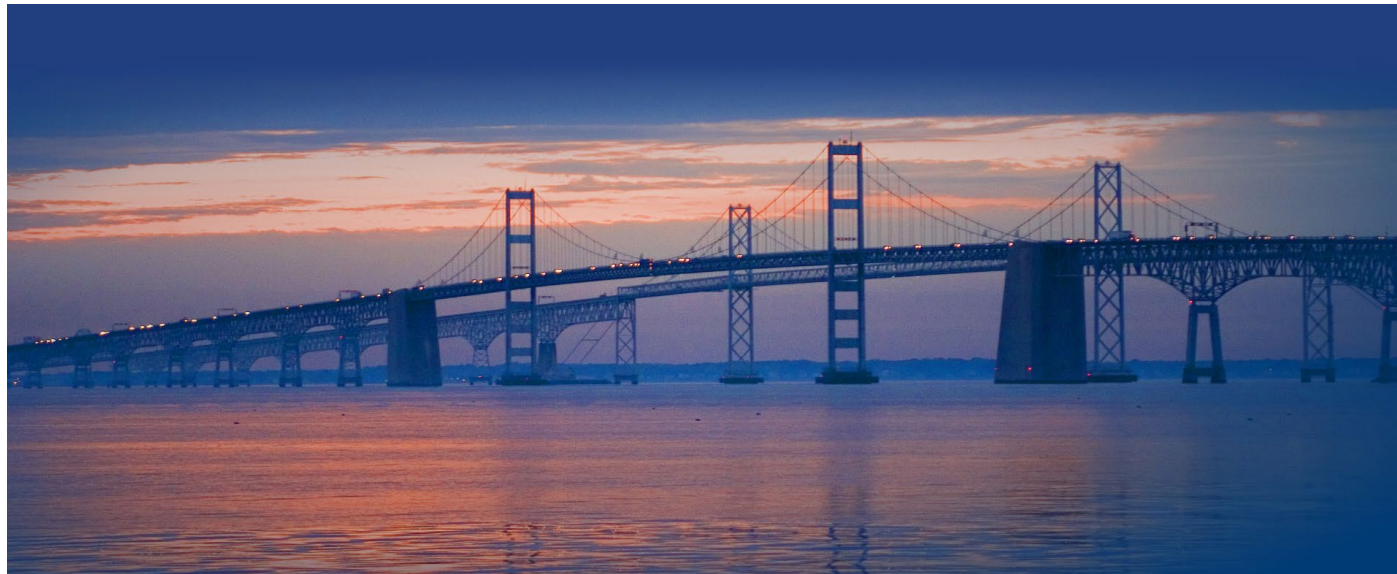


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MDOT Office of Active Transportation and Micromobility

- Secretary Katie Thomson confirmed by the Maryland Legislature
- Gearing up for Bike Month in May!
 - Bike & Roll to School Day – May 6
 - Bike to Work Week – May 11-15
 - Bike to Work Day (DC region) – May 15
 - 2 MDOT in Motion webinars – May 7, May 21
- TAP, RTP, and Bikeways applications are open
 - TAP/RTP April 1-30
 - Bikeways April 17-May 31
- More Complete Streets engagement coming up in 2026!



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MDOT Office of Active Transportation and Micromobility

- MDOT has mapped over 8,200 miles of sidewalks!
 - Continuing to engage counties across Maryland to enter sidewalk data and inform planning efforts to improve walking and rolling
 - Blog recently published by Nasim Samadi
- SRTS coordinator pilot: Coordinators expected to be hired by summer in AA County, Baltimore City, Howard County, and PG County. Applications are open now for the next round!
 - Check out the website here: www.mdot.maryland.gov/srts
- Micromobility working group: Safety analysis and materials to be presented at May PBEAT, email myoung7@mdot.maryland.gov if you would like to join.

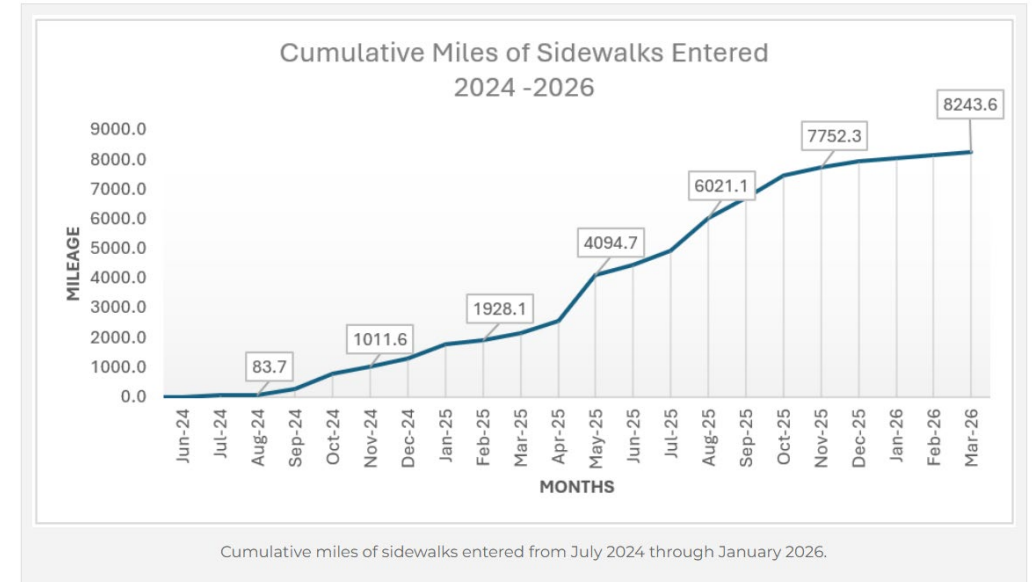


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IX. AGENCY UPDATES

No updates:

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

IX. MBPAC PROCEDURES UPDATE

Presentation by:
Jon Morrison, Chair
MDOT Staff



Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Standard Operating Procedures

Updated April 2026

X. CLOSING REMINDERS AND ADJOURNMENT

Next Meetings:

Pedestrian Subcommittee: June 18

Eastern Shore Subcommittee: TBD

Legislative Subcommittee: Late April

Trails Subcommittee: May 8

Next Full Committee Meeting: July 31, 2026

Today at 12pm, join Bryan Barnett-Woods (City of Rockville) for a local bike ride!