

M A R Y L A N D



## BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

*Friday October 25, 2024*  
*9:00-11:00 am ET*



# Agenda

---

- I. Welcome, Roll Call, & New Appointees
- II. Agenda Review and Approval of Minutes
- III. MDOT: WALKTOBER
- IV. MdTA: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities
- V. SHA: Maintenance and Purple Line Issues
- VI. Old Business & Public Comment
- VII. MBPAC Subcommittee Reports
- VIII. State Agency Updates
- IX. Next Meeting Vote, Closing Reminders and Adjournment



# I. ROLL CALL & NEW APPOINTEES

## STATE AGENCIES:

Kandese Holford, Maryland Department Of Transportation

**VACANT (Ali Macstudy, Acting), Maryland Department Of Health**

Lt. Laura Beck, Maryland State Police

Liz Fitzsimmons, Department Of Commerce

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 And 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 – NEWLY APPOINTED**

Nigel Samaroo, Member At Large

Patti Stevens, Eastern Shore

James Titus, Washington Metropolitan – TERM EXPIRED

Marian Vessels, Mobility Impaired

Antoine RJ Wright, Member At Large – ACTING CHAIR

**VACANT, Baltimore Metropolitan**

**VACANT, Southern Maryland**

## II. MBPAC Minutes

- Draft Minutes from July 26, 2024 meeting emailed on October 16, 2024 for review.  
Edits submitted by Jon Morrison
- 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. WALKTOBER

**10/2/24 – Walk Maryland Day:** Over one hundred of walks held!

**10/3/24 –From Nation to Neighborhood:** Exploring National and State Perspectives, 841 registrations

**10/10/24 –Complete Streets:** Crafting Safe Spaces for Every Step with Every Trip, 1,182 registrations

**10/17/24 –Sidewalks to Safety:** Ensuring Secure Routes for Students, 1,164 registrations

**10/24/24 –Step Forward:** Advancing Pedestrian Access and Safety



# III. WALKTOBER

## 10/31/24 – Walkinar #5: Sustainable Growth: How walkability creates more equitable and vibrant places for all

As Maryland's official state exercise, walking has many cross-cutting benefits to sustainable growth, from improved community vitality, health outcomes and transportation choices to reduced pollution and vehicle traffic. During this webinar, members of Governor Wes Moore's Sustainable Growth Subcabinet will discuss how walkability and related issues are coming together to contribute to more equitable and vibrant communities throughout Maryland. This webinar will feature brief remarks by Rebecca Flora, AICP, LEED ND / BD+C, Planning Secretary, Jake Day, Housing and Community Development Secretary, Laura Herrera Scott, Health Secretary, and Joe McAndrew, Assistant Secretary of Transportation, followed by a moderated discussion on the importance of these issues.

### Moderator



**JAWAUNA GREENE**  
*Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs and Strategy*

### Panelists



**JOE McANDREW**  
*Assistant Secretary for Project Development and Delivery*



**REBECCA L. FLORA**  
*Secretary of Planning*



**JACOB R. (JAKE) DAY**  
*Secretary of Housing & Community Development*



**LAURA HERRERA SCOTT, M.D.**  
*Secretary of Health*





Walk Maryland Day Photos Clockwise from top left: JMT, BMC, Greater Bowie Walking Club, Sugarloafers Walking Club, MDP, MDOT, Harford County Club, Queen Anne's County Rotary Club





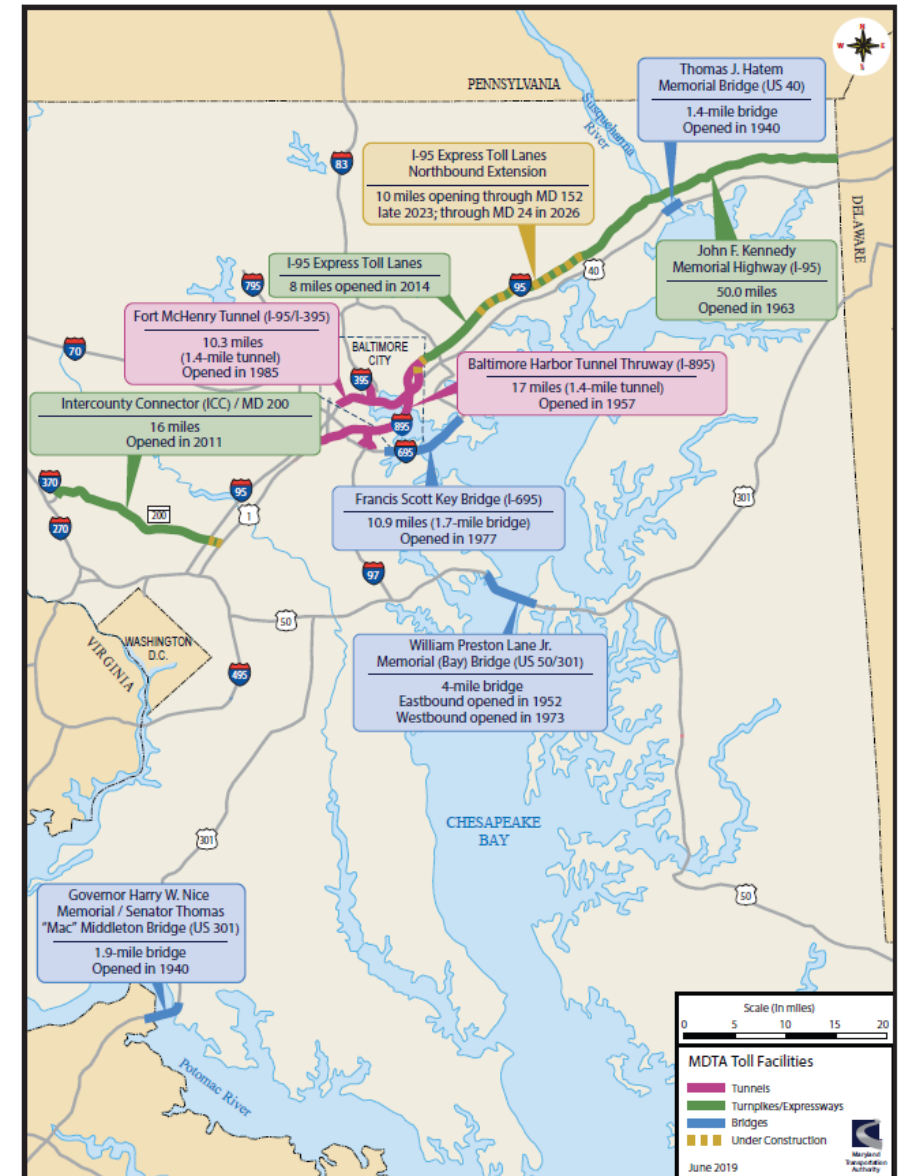
MBPAC Meeting, October 2024

## **IV. EXISTING AND PLANNED BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES ON MDTA FACILITIES**



# MDTA Facilities

1. Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge (US 40) – TJH
2. John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway (I-95) – JFK
3. Fort McHenry Tunnel (I-95, I-395) – FMT
4. Baltimore Harbor Tunnel (I-895) – BHT
5. Francis Scott Key Bridge (I-695) – FSK
6. Intercounty Connector/MD 200 – ICC
7. William Preston Lane Jr. Memorial (Bay) Bridge (US 50/301) – WPL
8. Governor Harry W. Nice Memorial/Senator Thomas “Mac” Middleton Bridge (US 301) – HWN





# Bicycle/Pedestrian Study: Overview

- **Data Collection**

- GIS data (existing and planned bicycle and pedestrian facilities)
- Statewide master plan, county master plans, and MPO long-range plans

- **Development of Mapping**

- MDTA right-of-way, rail stations, bus stops, existing on- and off-road facilities, planned on- and off-road facilities

- **Stakeholder Meetings**

- MDOT, SHA, MTA, MPOs, and counties

- **Identification of Planned Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements**

- Based on existing bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure, planned bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure, rail stations, and bus stops to promote connectivity
- Categorized as on-road, SUP, etc.

- **Cost Estimation**

- High-level planning cost estimates for planned facilities within MDTA right-of-way
- MDTA would not preclude planned improvements outside of MDTA right-of-way from being built in the future



# Bicycle/Pedestrian Study: Stakeholders

- MTA (June 24, 2024)
- MDOT (June 25, 2024)
- SHA (June 26, 2024)
- Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (July 10, 2024)
- Baltimore Metropolitan Council (July 11, 2024)
- Wilmington Area Planning Council (July 12, 2024)
- Cecil County (July 15, 2024)
- Prince George's County (July 15, 2024)
- Baltimore County (July 16, 2024)
- Charles County (July 16, 2024)
- Anne Arundel County (July 18, 2024)
- King George County, Virginia (July 18, 2024)
- Baltimore City (July 23, 2024)
- Queen Anne's County (July 23, 2024)
- Harford County (July 25, 2024)
- Howard County (July 25, 2024)
- Montgomery County (July 26, 2024)





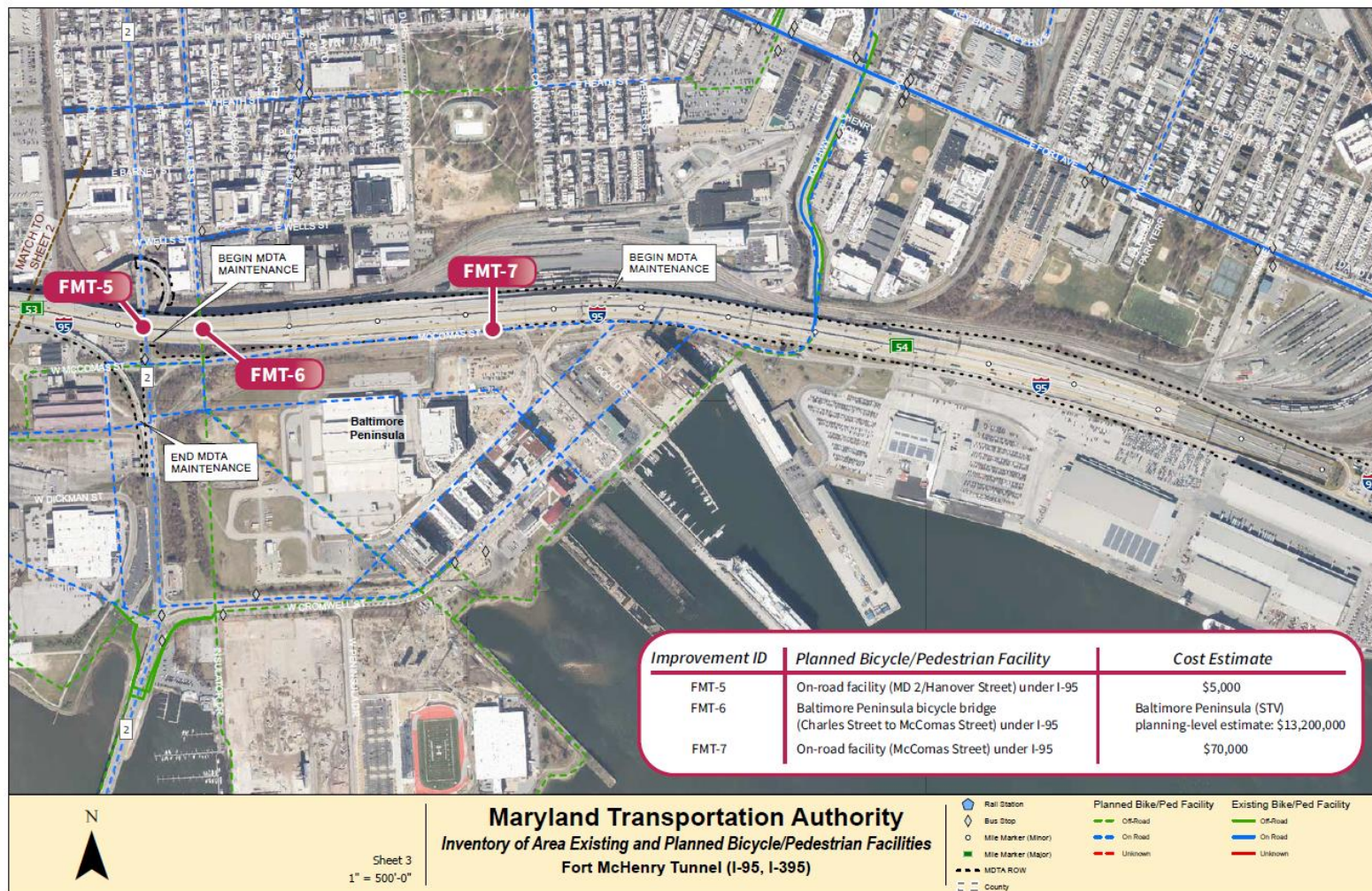
# Bicycle/Pedestrian Study: BHT Example

| ID     | Existing Bicycle/Pedestrian Facility   | Master Planned Bicycle/Pedestrian Facility   | Cost Estimate                                       |
|--------|--|--|---|
| FMT-1  | No existing bike facilities; sidewalks on both sides of overpass; no shoulders                       | On-road facility (Joh Avenue) over I-95  | \$10,000  |
| FMT-2  | No existing bike facilities; existing sidewalk and wide travel lanes in both directions of underpass | On-road facility (Desoto Road) under I-95  | \$20,000  |
| FMT-3  | No existing bike facilities; sidewalks on both sides of underpass; no shoulders                      | On-road facility (Washington Boulevard) under I-95                                 | \$30,000  |
| FMT-4  | No existing bike/ped facilities  | Shared-use path (along Middle Branch) under I-95 - assumed 12' wide                | \$190,000   |
| FMT-5  | No existing bike facilities; sidewalk in southbound direction of underpass; no shoulders             | On-road facility (MD 2/Hanover Street) under I-95                                  | \$5,000   |
| FMT-6  | No existing bike/ped facilities  | Baltimore Peninsula bicycle bridge (Charles Street to McComas Street) under I-95   | Baltimore Peninsula planning estimate: \$13,200,000 |
| FMT-7  | No existing bike facilities; sidewalk in eastbound direction; no shoulders                           | On-road facility (McComas Street) under I-95                                       | \$70,000  |
| FMT-8  | No existing bike facilities; sidewalk in eastbound direction of underpass; no shoulders              | Shared-use path (Stockholm Street and Sharp Street) under I-395 - assumed 12' wide | \$1,110,000   |
| FMT-9  | No existing bike facilities; sidewalk in northbound direction of underpass; no shoulders             | Shared-use path (O'Donnell Street) under I-95 - assumed 12' wide                   | \$520,000   |
| FMT-10 | No existing bike facilities; existing sidewalk and wide travel lanes in both directions of underpass | On-road facility (Gusryan Street) under I-95                                       | \$10,000  |
| FMT-11 | No existing bike facilities; existing sidewalk and wide travel lanes in both directions of underpass | On-road facility (Kane Street) under I-95  | \$20,000  |
| FMT-12 | No existing bike facilities; sidewalk in northbound direction of underpass; no shoulders             | On-road facility (Kane Street) under I-95  | \$10,000  |
|        |  | TOTAL  | \$15,195,000  |





# Bicycle/Pedestrian Study: BHT Example





# Hatem and Nice/Middleton Bridge Operations

- Saturday - Sunday, dawn to dusk
- State Holidays, dawn to dusk
- Pedestrians, skateboards, scooters and skates are not permitted
- Access might be restricted if high traffic volumes or inclement weather/high winds present a safety issue
- If there is a lane closure or incident on the bridge, bicycle riders will not be permitted to cross the bridge
- Bicyclists should push the designated button prior to crossing the bridge to activate warning lights that alert drivers when a bicyclist is crossing. The lights will flash for 10-15 minutes, providing the bicyclist time to safely cross the bridge.





# Hatem and Nice Bridge

MDTA Operations receives a notification whenever a bicyclist pushes the designated button at the HWN to activate the flashing lights. This may not necessarily be indicative of actual crossings if multiple cyclists cross at the same time or if someone decides not to cross after activating

Hatem Bridge

|                | # of Button Presses |           |       |
|----------------|---------------------|-----------|-------|
|                | Eastbound           | Westbound | Total |
| June 2023      | 30                  | 24        | 54    |
| July 2023      | 28                  | 30        | 58    |
| August 2023    | 30                  | 36        | 66    |
| September 2023 | 13                  | 19        | 32    |
| October 2023   | 15                  | 17        | 32    |
| November 2023  | 15                  | 10        | 25    |
| December 2023  | 15                  | 14        | 29    |
| January 2024   | 2                   | 2         | 4     |
| February 2024  | 5                   | 6         | 11    |
| March 2024     | 27                  | 17        | 44    |
| April 2024     | 6                   | 5         | 11    |
| May 2024       | 11                  | 20        | 31    |
| June 2024      | 11                  | 17        | 28    |

Nice Bridge

| Month          | # of Button Presses |            |       |
|----------------|---------------------|------------|-------|
|                | Northbound          | Southbound | Total |
| June 2023      | 4                   | 2          | 6     |
| July 2023      | 4                   | 2          | 6     |
| August 2023    | 1                   | 4          | 5     |
| September 2023 | 1                   | 1          | 2     |
| October 2023   | 2                   | 0          | 2     |
| November 2023  | 3                   | 2          | 5     |
| December 2023  | 0                   | 2          | 2     |
| January 2024   | 0                   | 0          | 0     |
| February 2024  | 0                   | 1          | 1     |
| March 2024     | 1                   | 4          | 5     |
| April 2024     | 4                   | 4          | 8     |
| May 2024       | 4                   | 0          | 4     |
| June 2024      | 3                   | 6          | 9     |



# Bay Crossing Study Tier 2 NEPA

## • Overview

- Currently progressing Tier 2 NEPA study
- Study is considering the option of safe inclusion of a shared-use path along a new bridge as part of bridge alternatives
- Two-way pedestrian and bicycle facility that is part of a new bridge structure and is separated from the adjacent travel lanes by a physical barrier
- Would provide connectivity for pedestrians and bicyclists between the Eastern and Western Shores
- [www.baycrossingstudy.com](http://www.baycrossingstudy.com)

## • Design Elements

- The height of railing needed to protect against falls and climbing;
- The impact of wind loads on shared-use path users and design requirements;
- The impact of deflections and vibrations that are felt by pedestrians.
- Time restrictions for shared-use path use (e.g. daylight only);
- Use by roller skaters, people on scooters, skateboarders, pets, anglers, and vendors;
- Lighting and security;
- Trash receptacles and restrooms;
- Surface material and drainage; and
- Benches, overlooks and charging stations.



# V. SHA – Purple Line

As part of the construction of the Purple Line, many new or improved bicycle facilities will be built. These include mixed use hiker-biker trails and on-street bicycle lanes. Over 16 miles of bicycle facilities will be built throughout the Purple Line corridor including:

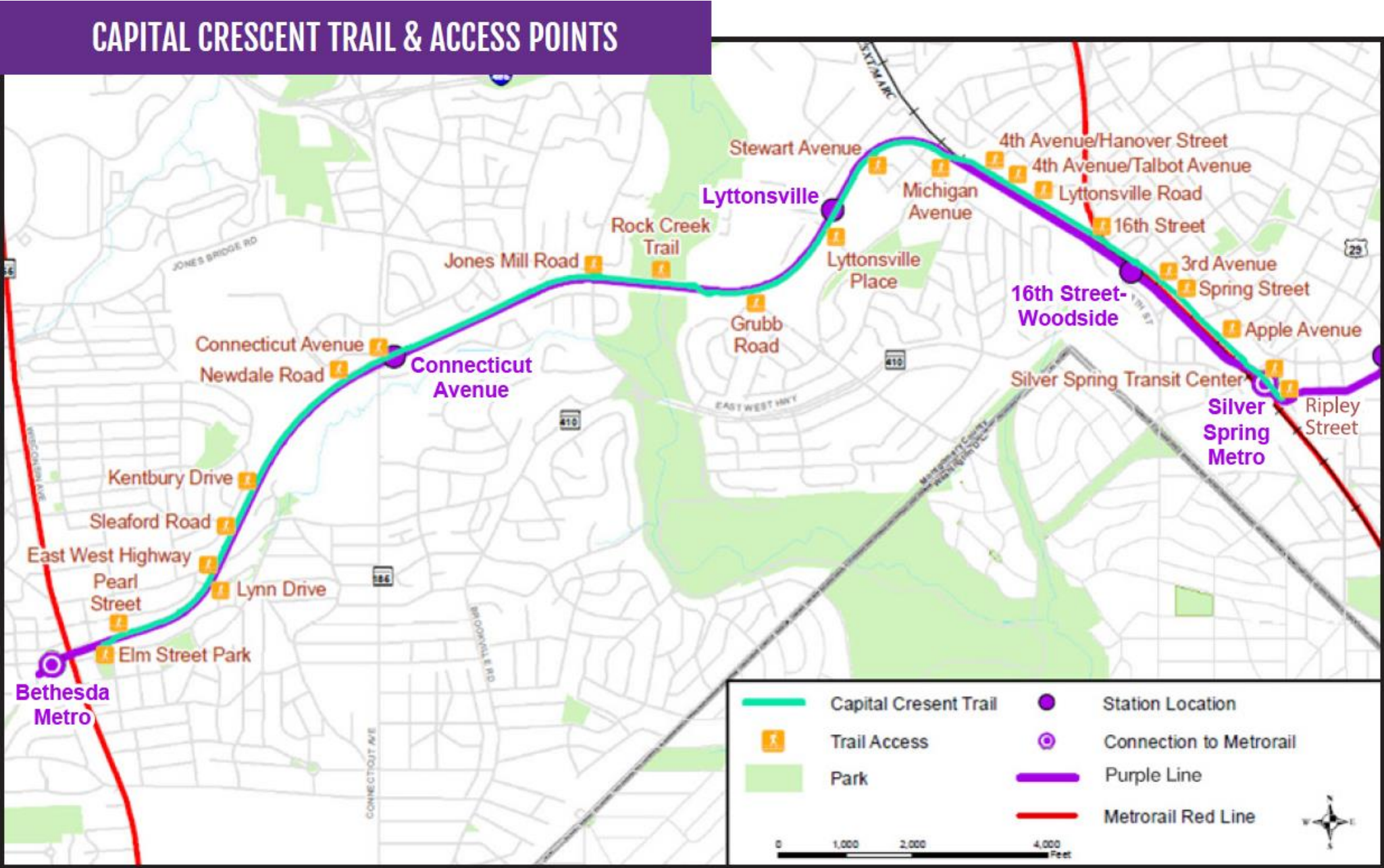
- Paving and landscaping of the Capital Crescent Trail (CCT) between Bethesda and Silver Spring. This will include new formal trail access points, a new trail bridge over Connecticut Avenue, and a new direct connection to Rock Creek Trail.
  - Construction of the Green Trail along Wayne Avenue, the Metropolitan Branch Trail, the CCT in downtown Silver Spring and its connection to Sligo Creek Trail
  - Construction of a new bicycle path across the University of Maryland (UMD) campus from Adelphi Rd to US 1 (Baltimore Ave)
  - Construction of 10 miles of bicycle lanes along MD 320 (Piney Branch Rd), MD 193 (University Blvd), MD 201 (Kenilworth Ave), and MD 410 (Veterans Pkwy)
- 
- **Purple Line train cars will have space designated for the on-board storage of bicycles. Bicycle-friendly station amenities include:**

- **Bicycle parking** – racks will be provided on a first-come, first served basis at every station
- **Bicycle channels** – located on the sides of staircases to allow bicyclists to wheel their bikes safely to and from elevated Purple Line stations
- **Ramps** – at elevated stations and entrances to the CCT

*Purple Line*  
**Biking with the  
Purple Line**



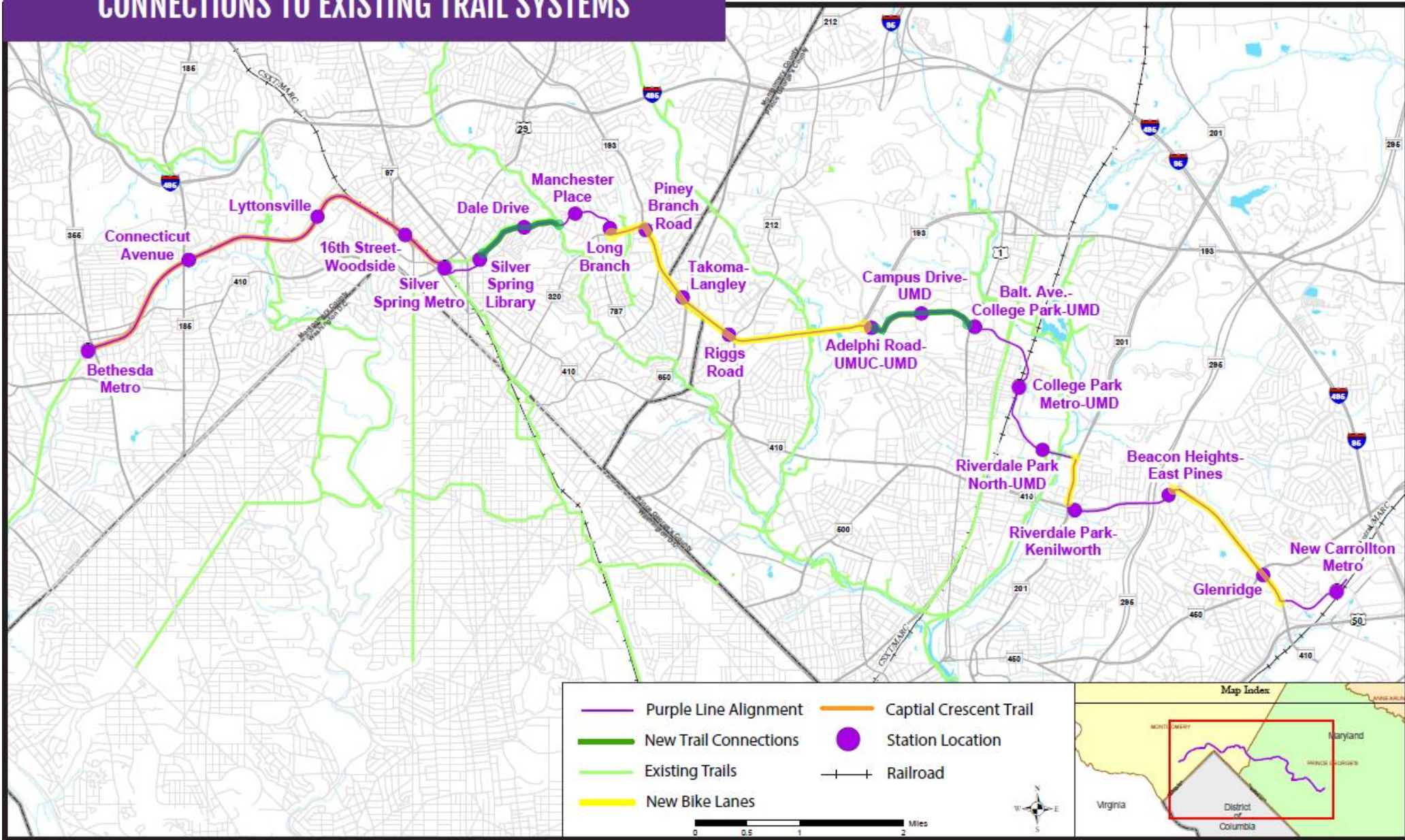
# V. SHA – Purple Line





# V. SHA – Purple Line

## CONNECTIONS TO EXISTING TRAIL SYSTEMS





# VI. Old Business & Public Comment

- Emails to MBPAC Inbox

- Request for TRAIN Commission Updates – Requested for next meeting
- Request for interview from journalism grad student at American University D.C. reporting for TheWash.org.
  - Interview with Jon Morrison

- Public Comment

- Baltimore City: The planned Wolfe/Washington Bikeway connects jobs, resources, housing, and people in need of mobility options. Having completed the initial design, the Baltimore City Department of Transportation is moving forward with plans for a two-way protected bike lane on Washington Street. In addition, they plan for traffic calming with expanded pedestrian space on Wolfe Street. Neither street will lose legal parking spaces. The construction goal is summer 2026. Learn more and sign up for updates [here](#).
- BMC: The Proposed Regional Bike Network will be shared with the community on November 1, 2024, and we'll welcome comments until January 10, 2025. Join us for a public forum on December 10 to learn more and share your thoughts. More information will follow soon. Visit our [project website](#) to sign up for project updates by email and text.
- Garrett County: 2024 Garrett County Pathways and Connections Initiative - MD 135 Pedestrian & Bicycle Pathways Concept Design and the Oakland to Herrington Manor Trail Feasibility Study [pathways@garrettcountymd.gov](mailto:pathways@garrettcountymd.gov)

# VI. Old Business & Public Comment


## Public Events coming up

- November 17: Ride for your Life

Join us! On Nov 17, **riders and walkers** will embark on an 8-mile slow ride to the Lincoln Memorial on the National Mall from Wood Acres Elementary school in Bethesda. Our aim: to send a clear message about roadway safety to our leaders as a new Congress and presidential administration takes shape. Maryland Congressman Jamie Raskin and a range of elected and civil society leaders from across the country will be present. We hope you will be, too. Ours is the only walk/ride in the nation's capital aimed specifically at reducing the record numbers of people walking, biking, and driving being killed in vehicle traffic in America.

The ride will retrace the route that Sarah Langenkamp took the day she died, continuing to the Lincoln Memorial where we will hold a rally to press for change on our roadways. Because we represent all of those on our roads, **we will also hold a walk** (register at the included link) from Freedom Plaza down the Mall.


VOLUNTEERS are NEEDED, if you are interested, please send an email to [nigel@bikemd.org](mailto:nigel@bikemd.org)


A poster for the 'Ride For Your Life' event. The title 'Ride For Your Life' is written in a large, pink, cursive font. Below it, the date 'SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17th, 2024' is printed in white. Underneath the date, it says 'BROUGHT TO YOU BY:' followed by logos for WABA (Washington Area Bicyclist Association), The Sarah DeBink Langenkamp Memorial Fund, TREK, peopleforbikes, and The League of Women Voters. To the right of the logos, there is a block of text in white: 'Distraction, drunk driving, and larger cars have created a crisis on our roads, with record levels of Americans dying while walking and biking. Ride with us to the Lincoln Memorial to push for change as a new U.S. presidential administration takes shape.' The background of the poster is a black and white photo of a group of people walking and biking.


*Ride For Your Life*


**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**BROUGHT TO YOU BY:**

 **WABA**  
WASHINGTON AREA  
BICYCLIST ASSOCIATION

 **THE SARAH  
DEBBINK  
LANGENKAMP  
MEMORIAL FUND**

 **TREK**

 **peopleforbikes**

 **THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**

Distraction, drunk driving, and larger cars have created a crisis on our roads, with record levels of Americans dying while walking and biking. **Ride with us to the Lincoln Memorial to push for change** as a new U.S. presidential administration takes shape.

## VII. Subcommittee Membership, Schedule, Report Out

- Eastern Shore Subcommittee – Patti Stevens
- Maryland Eastern Shore Trails Network (MESTN) new website:  
[www.mestnorg.wordpress.com](http://www.mestnorg.wordpress.com)
- **Vision:** All people throughout the 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 between.
- **Mission:** To galvanize communities and support them in planning, promoting, advocating for, and implementing a diverse system of accessible trails and safe crossings across the region.
- **Work Groups:** CONVENE, PLAN, ADVOCATE, COMMUNICATE
- **Next Steering Committee meeting:** October 29, 10am - 2:30pm in Easton.

*If you'd like to attend or get involved on a work group, contact Owen Bailey - [obailey@eslc.org](mailto:obailey@eslc.org)*

# 2024 MBPAC LEGISLATIVE SUB- COMMITTEE







## MBPAC LEGISLATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE

- First formal meeting 7.16.24
- NEXT MEETING November 21 or 22, 2024
- Members
  - Nigel Samaroo (MBPAC)
  - Jon Morrison (MBPAC)
  - Antoine Wright (MBPAC)
  - Kristy Daphnis (MBPAC)
  - Jon Korin (BikeAAA)
  - Cynthia Spriggs (MDOT)
  - Joe Moges (MDOT)
  - Seth Grimes (WABA)
  - Peter Gray (Bike Maryland, WABA)
- The Subcommittee is open and would like to add others
  - Pedestrian
  - Disabled/Handicapped





## MBPAC LEGISLATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE

- Purpose – to evaluate or propose legislation that involve vulnerable road users; present the subcommittee's recommendations to the main MBPAC Committee and prepare MBPAC to issue a recommendation to the Administration
  - Will also include speed related legislation
  - There are Bills and there are Budgets that are also reviewed and approved. Should this be something we deal with as a Committee?
  - **Early to mid January and again in February to make a recommendation to MBPAC before the Legislature goes into Session**





## MBPAC LEGISLATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE

- **Key Bills under consideration for 2025**

- Bills that passed the House in 2024
  - Bike Safety Yield
  - Bikes on Sidewalks
  - Transportation & Climate Act
  - Urban State Highways – Speed Limits\*\*
- Bills introduced but did not pass in 2024
  - MdTA Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety
  - Great Maryland Trails Act
  - E-Bike Rebate Program
  - State Road Trail and Sidewalk Maintenance

- **Bills that may be proposed in 2025**

- Contributory Negligence
  - Provides a distinctive rule for cases involving pedestrians or “vulnerable users” of public highways or sidewalks when they are involved in collisions with vehicles or other vulnerable users, as well as vulnerable users involved in collisions with pedestrians

*\*\*unsure if will be reintroduced in 2025*

THANK YOU





# VII. Subcommittee Membership, Schedule, Report Out

## Pedestrian Subcommittee – Marian Vessels, chair

- **Mission:** Promote pedestrian access, welcome guest speakers on pedestrian focused projects and research
- **Membership:** Several MBPAC Committee members, 170+ stakeholders on subcommittee emails
- **Schedule:** Quarterly meetings with guest presentation, month before MBPAC meeting. Next meeting on December 19, 10am. Agenda includes Art in the ROW, Neighborhood Design Center Guidelines funded by MHSO

*Photo: September's Meeting featured a presentation from DHCD's Melissa Archer about Sustainable Communities programs for walkability.*



**Sustainable Communities**  
Partnering to Revitalize Maryland Communities



The Sustainable Communities program encourages cross-governmental collaboration by providing designated Sustainable Communities with access to an interagency revitalization toolbox of financing programs and tax credit incentives. The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development and its partners support the development and prosperity of Sustainable Communities by providing the following benefits.

### Financing Programs - Dept. of Housing and Community Development

**Community Legacy Program:** This program provides local governments and community development organizations with capital funding for projects aimed at strengthening communities through activities such as business retention and attraction, encouraging homeownership, and commercial revitalization. Some examples of eligible projects include mixed-use development and streetscape improvements.

**Strategic Demolition Fund:** This program provides grants to local governments and community development organizations for predevelopment activities including demolition and land assembly for housing and revitalization projects. The Fund catalyzes projects that reuse of vacant and underutilized sites that have a high economic and revitalization impact.

**Neighborhood BusinessWorks:** This loan program provides gap financing (i.e., subordinate financing) to new or expanding small businesses and nonprofit organizations located in Sustainable Communities and Priority Funding Areas. Projects must include first floor business or retail space that generates street-level activity in mixed-use projects and improve either a vacant or underutilized building or site.

**Operating Assistance Grants:** These grants support operating and technical assistance costs associated with local housing and community and economic revitalization projects that serve designated Sustainable Community areas. Eligible Applicants include nonprofit organizations, local governments, local development agencies, and local development corporations involved in community and economic revitalization activities.

**National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund:** The National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund (NED) seeks to improve the economic viability of "grey field development," which often faces more barriers than sprawling "green field development." Most funds are allocated to Sustainable Communities between the District of Columbia and Interstate 495.

**Seed Community Development Anchor Institution Program:** The Seed Community Development Anchor Institution Fund provides competitive grants and loans to anchor institutions for community development projects in blighted areas of the state. Blighted areas are areas in which the majority of buildings have declined in productivity by reason of obsolescence, depreciation, or other causes to an extent that they no longer justify fundamental repairs and adequate maintenance. Eligible applicants are anchor institutions, defined as an institution of higher education or a hospital.

**Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative (BRNI):** BRNI is an additional place-based designation that inner beltway Sustainable Communities within and surrounding Baltimore City can leverage to access even greater revitalization investments. The initiative uses strategic investment in local housing and business to create healthy communities with a growing tax base and enhanced quality of life. Applicants must submit a separate revitalization plan to become eligible for funding.

**Main Street Maryland Program:** This program strives to strengthen the economic potential of Maryland's traditional main streets and neighborhoods. The designation gives access to technical assistance, training, and other services. Benefits include planning assistance for future development, architectural design, and historic preservation assistance, and specialized training on topics specific to commercial revitalization. Designated Main Streets must be within a Sustainable Community.

**Maryland Façade Improvement Program (MFIP):** MFIP provides funds to local governments for programs to improve the exteriors of commercial properties located within Maryland's Sustainable Communities. The program supports communities seeking to create consistent, attractive designs for their commercial corridors in order to bolster economic vitality and stimulate new private investments.



# VII. 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:** 33 members, statewide coverage, representatives for major trail projects, local and national advocates
  - Kick-off held September 13
  - First meeting held on October 9
  - Next Meeting December 13, 9:30-11am HYBRID



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



# Purpose of the Trails Subcommittee

The purpose of the TAC is to create a focused subcommittee of the [Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee \(MBPAC\)](#) to represent their region or stakeholders, share upcoming and planned projects, and utilize their networks to support the development of the Maryland Statewide Transportation Trails Strategic Plan

Duties include:

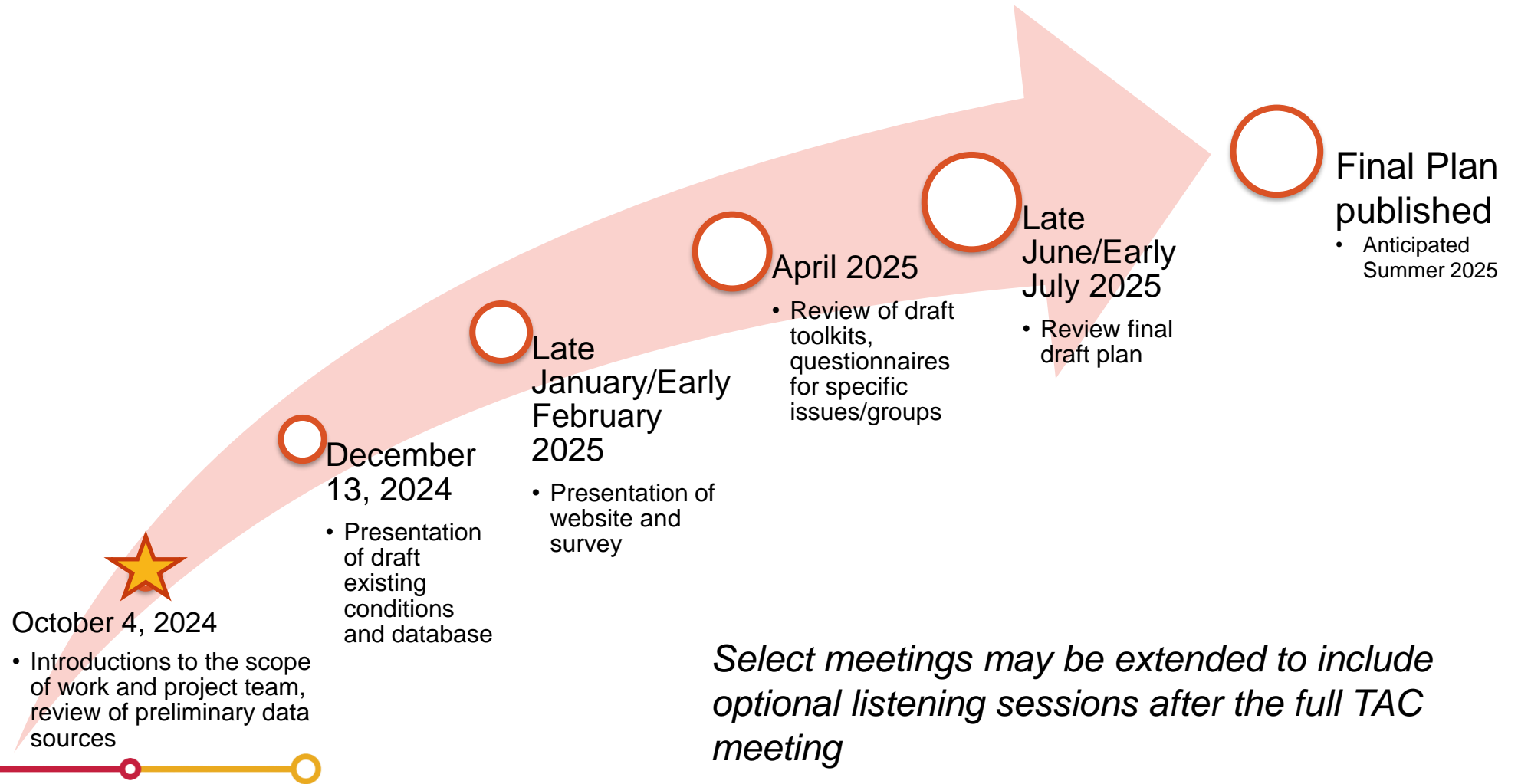
- Bi-monthly meetings to discuss plan development
- Review content
- Complete and share the trails survey
- Share information about engagement opportunities (website, public webinars) with local networks



Photo from kickoff event in Easton, 9/13/24: TAC members (from left to right) Daniel Paschall, Jon Korin, Quinton Batts, and Brigitte Carty



# TAC Meeting Schedule



# Maryland State Transportation Trails Strategic Plan Overview

## Part 1: Plan Development

September to December 2024

### Task 1

- ☐ Existing conditions analysis

### Task 2

- ☐ **Shared-use path database development**
- ☐ Draft trails map (existing and planned)
- ☐ Interactive website development

### Task 3

- ☐ Draft narrative

## Part 2: Plan Implementation

January to July 2025

### Task 4

- ☐ Engagement
- ☐ Public trails survey
- ☐ 2 Public webinars
- ☐ **Listening Sessions for toolkits**
- ☐ Draft Final Plan

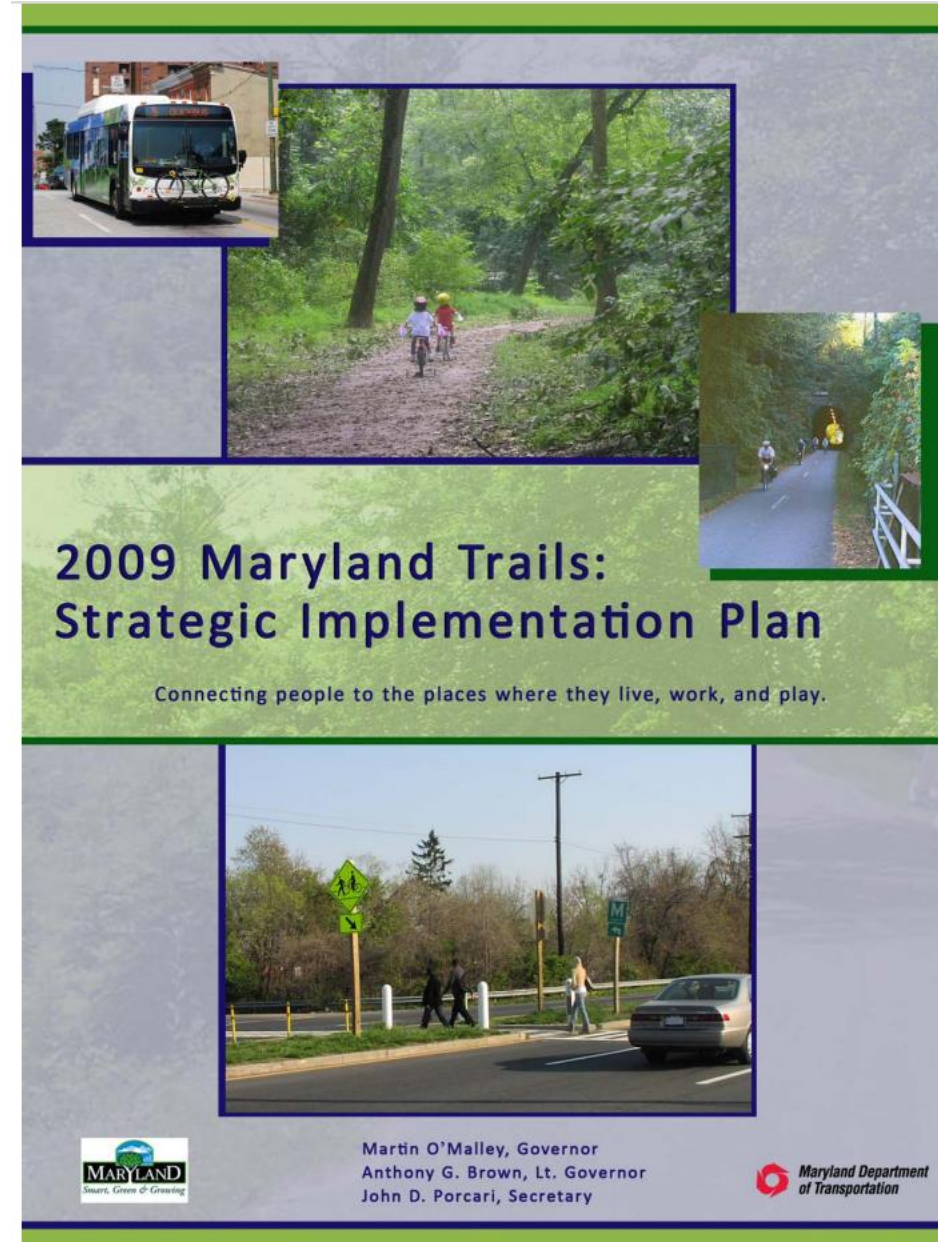
### Task 5

- ☐ Final Plan and Map

# Plan Elements

## 6 sections

1. Introduction
2. Importance of a Statewide Trail Network
3. Spatial Inventory of Trails
4. Leveraging Investments
5. Building a Trail Network (Implementation Strategy/ Toolkits)
6. Conclusion



*The existing state trails plan, adopted in 2009*



# VIII. Agency Updates

- Maryland State Department Of Education
  - MSDE joined a working group with MDOT and MDH for Safe Routes to Schools. Shared the Pupil Transportation End-of-Year Report, transportation coordinators, and PE coordinators per county as resources.
  - MSDE held a statewide meeting for Student Transportation Directors where information regarding SRTS and Walk and Roll to School Day was shared.
- Maryland Department Of Disabilities
  - We continue to work closely with MTA customer revelations, and the new DEI department with continued support of accessibility for all
- Maryland State Police – no updates
- Department Of Commerce – no updates
- Maryland Department Of Planning – no updates

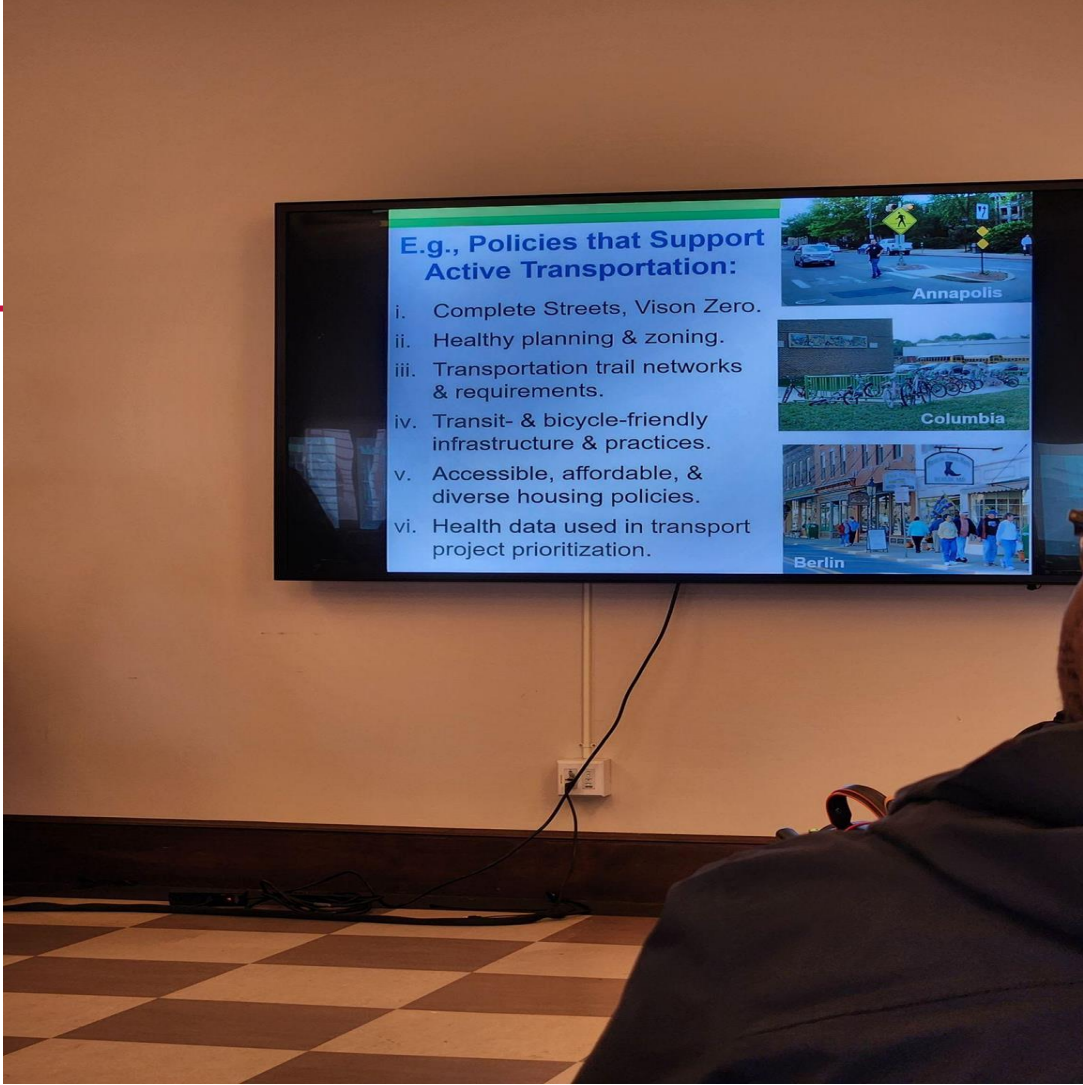
*Video: MDOT Maryland Highway Safety Office read Cheswick and The Smart Summer at Cherokee Lane Elementary in Prince George's County for Walk to School Day on October 9, 2024*



# MDH Walkability Primer Academy

---

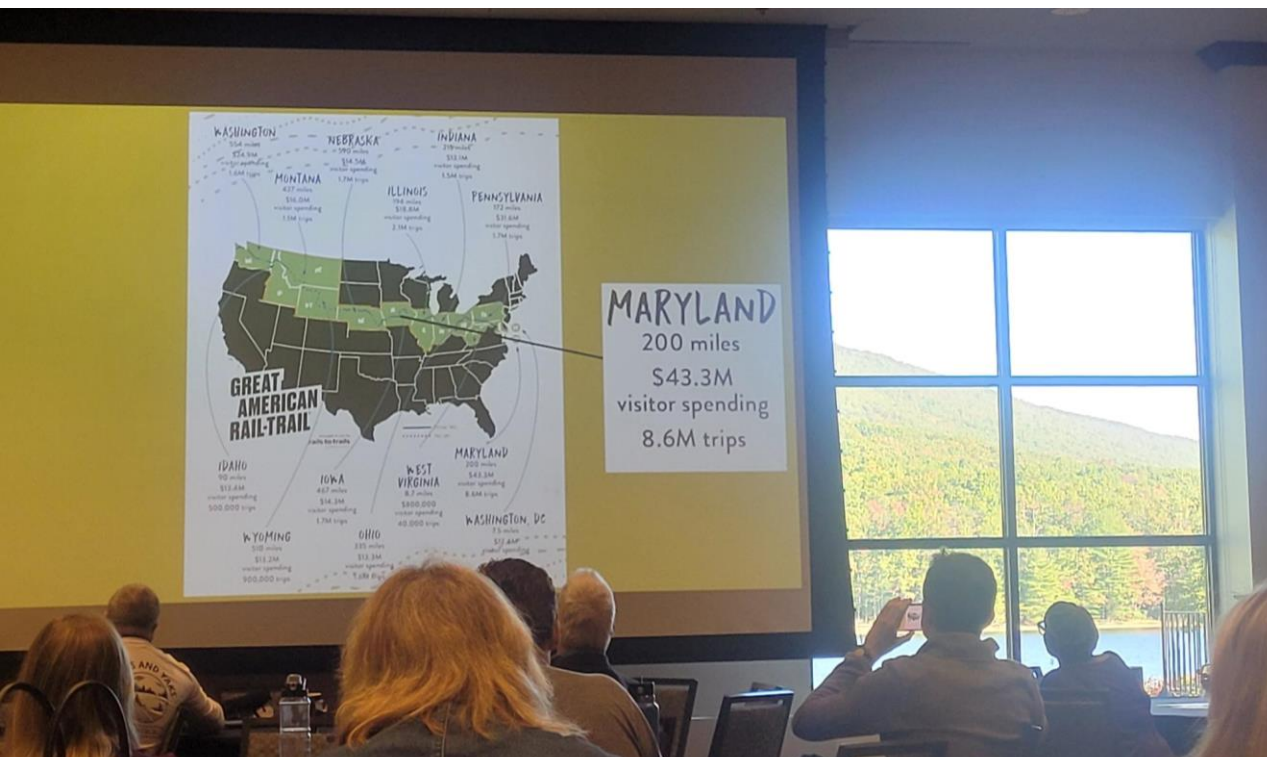
- Five teams attended in person.
- Disciplines included public health, planning, policy, and public works.
- Each team completed a Photovoice Assignment.
- Focus was on making Policy, Systems, and Environmental (PSE) changes within their communities.
- Completed a walk audit around downtown Baltimore.
- Were tasked with “homework” to pick a place for needed community change.





# VIII. Agency Updates

- Maryland Department Of Natural Resources
  - Inaugural Outdoor Recreation Summit held October 9-11, featured a session on trails.
  - E-bike policy work in development.
  - Western MD Rail Trail - On July 8, DNR started the long-awaited repaving of the WMRT. Work will span Big Pool to Pearre. The first section being worked on is Lock 56 to Deneen Road (Mile 22 - 18). Updates will be provided on the [DNR WMRT webpage](#)



# VIII. Agency Updates

## Maryland National Park And Planning Commission

- The Montgomery County Planning Board approved Curbless and Shared Streets Guidelines in September.
- Montgomery Planning received a National Capital Area Chapter- American Planning Association award for its Pedestrian Master Plan.
- The WB&A Trail Bridge opening across the Patuxent River is again delayed until 2025 because of issues with installation of the bridge deck railings.
- The Prince George's County Parks and Recreation Department is installing updated wayfinding signs along the Anacostia River Trail Tributary network in Spring, 2025. These will replace the vertical wooden posts suitable for pedestrians but difficult to read for faster moving bicyclists.
- The Prince George's County Planning Department is drafting its update to the 2009 Master Plan of Transportation, The update known as Go Prince George's will include pedestrians, bicyclists, and micromobility users.

# VIII. Agency Updates

## Maryland Department Of Transportation

- CTP Tour nearly completed
- TAP, Rec Trails, Bikeways, and Carbon Reduction grant awards announced in September 2024
- Complete Streets:
  - Complete Streets Training for Locals – first training held on 10/18, more to come
  - Complete Streets Leadership Academy report forthcoming for quick build projects in Howard County, Hagerstown, and Bel Air
- PSAP:
  - Open Houses for first 5 locations held
  - Next 8 locations announced



# IX. Closing Reminders and Adjournment

## **Next Meetings:**

Pedestrian Committee: December 19

Eastern Shore Committee: October 29

Legislative Committee: November 21 or 22

Trails: December 13

**Note:** 10/25 is the last meeting of 2024 – help may be needed to author the 2024 MBPAC annual and subcommittee chairs will need to submit their section summaries.

**Vote:** Next full committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 31, 2025. Proposal to move it up to January 10, 2025 to better align with the Maryland General Assembly session schedule.