

# MARYLAND BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN

## Update!



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## What's Happening?

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) is leading an update of the current Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, which was adopted in 2002. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan establishes a 20-year vision to support cycling and walking as modes of transportation in Maryland. The Plan does not identify specific projects to be built, instead it identifies key needs and opportunities to work on over time. In a companion effort, MDOT is also updating the Maryland Transportation Plan (MTP), which outlines the State's 20-year vision for transportation goals, policies, priorities, and helps guide statewide investments in transportation.

MDOT has formed an Advisory Group comprised of bicycle and pedestrian advocates, local government representatives, other State agency representatives from across the State. This group will help develop the priorities and strategies for the Plan and will help share information throughout the Plan process.

We Are Here

## Schedule

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan is being updated on the same schedule as the Maryland Transportation Plan, in accordance with State law. Both plans will be completed in January 2014.

Fall 2012	Data collection, initiate public outreach activities
Winter 2013	Assess current conditions, trends and issues, develop goals and objectives
Spring 2013	Develop framework for improving bicycle and pedestrian networks
Summer 2013	Develop strategies
Fall 2013	Develop implementation strategies, prepare draft plan
January 2014	Release final plan

## Developing Maryland's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Goals

The proposed goals of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update have been developed from a combination of inputs including the goals and objectives of the current

master plan, Advisory Group input, and preliminary User Survey results. As additional stakeholder input is obtained, the proposed goals may be refined.

Goal #1:  
Build  
Connected  
Networks

Goal #2:  
Improve  
Safety

Goal #3:  
Balance  
User Needs

Goal #4:  
Strengthen  
Communities

Goal #5:  
Attract  
Marylanders  
and Visitors  
to Walk  
and Bike

# Assessing Progress from the 2002 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

As part of the current Master Plan Update, MDOT has assessed progress implementing the 2002 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The figure below summarizes progress on specific action items the Plan included under each goal area. There has been significant progress on many of the action items, but there is still much work to do. Some of the remaining action items will be carried into the Plan Update, while others may no longer be relevant. This assessment helps form the new baseline for identifying goals and strategies to include in the Plan Update.

## PROGRESS ASSESSMENT



## Public Meeting Attendees Identify Priorities

Over 50 people attended the first Plan update meeting on March 21st at the University of Baltimore. Attendees heard a presentation on the Plan Update process, assessment of progress from the 2002 plan, and report on existing conditions relevant to Maryland's bicycle and pedestrian network. Attendees provided feedback on key themes and observations relevant to the five proposed goal areas, which included:

### 1. Build Connected Networks

- » Improve connections with transit
- » Focus on improving high demand areas
- » Create major "spine" bike corridors
- » Address barriers to bicycle and pedestrian access
- » Coordinate between State and counties and create combined networks of good bike routes

### 2. Improve Safety

- » Educate drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians on laws
- » Conduct systemic crash analysis and counter measures

- » Improve signage and markings, especially in transition areas
- » Address local maintenance issues – especially for small jurisdictions

### 3. Balance User Needs

- » Employ a Complete Streets approach to roadway design
- » Put in infrastructure for casual or new riders and families

### 4. Strengthen Communities

- » Incentivize local planning for biking and walking
- » Develop a series of demonstration projects to promote adoption of best practices
- » Focus messaging on benefits of biking and walking

### 5. Attract Marylanders and Visitors to Walk and Bike

- » Make biking/walking a true mode of transportation
- » Promote bicycle tourism
- » Improve user info, maps and wayfinding

A more detailed meeting summary is available on the project website.



## Get Involved

- » **SAVE THE DATE!**  
Tuesday, June 11, 6-8 PM  
at the Rockville Memorial Library, MDOT will hold a public meeting to discuss the plan
- » Sign up to receive updates and follow progress on the plan.

## Questions?

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