

## 2050 Maryland Statewide Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan

Maryland Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee April 28, 2023

## **Plan Overview**

- Updating and strengthening MDOT's bicycle, micromobility and pedestrian policies, practices and tools.
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MDOT MAA Strategic Plan





- Maryland Strategic
  Highway Safety Plan
- Maryland Connected and Automated Vehicle Strategic Framework



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#### MDOT MPA Strategic Plan



- Maryland Consolidated Transportation
  Program
- Maryland's Annual Attainment Report on Transportation System Performance
- State Freight Plan
- Maryland State Rail Plan
- Maryland Strategic Asset Management Plan
- Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
- Carbon Reduction Strategy

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Strategic Plan

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

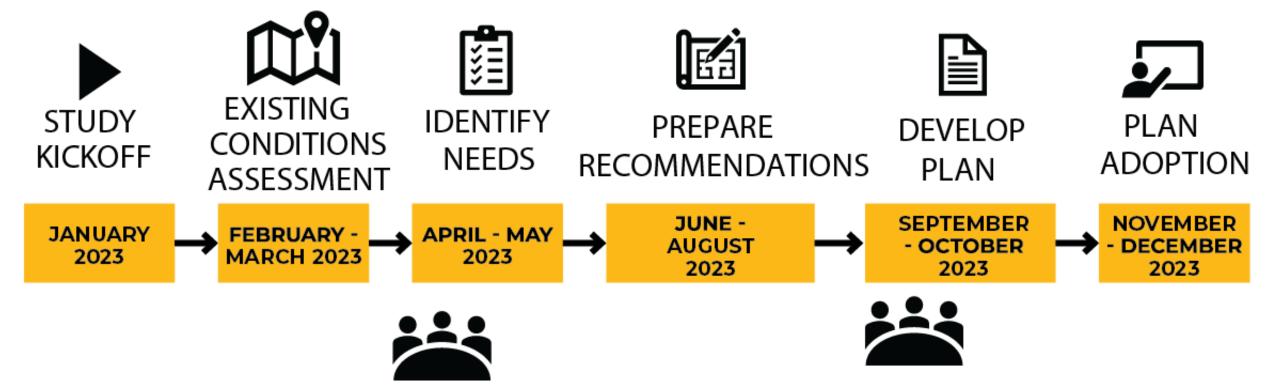
- Transportation Asset Management Plan
- Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) Strategic Plan
- Pedestrian Safety Plan



- Maryland Statewide Transit Plan
- Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan

#### **Plan Development Process**

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#### Phase 1 Public Engagement

- Project website
- Virtual Public Meeting April 13th
- In-Person Public Meeting at Howard County GreenFest – April 15<sup>th</sup>
- Online Survey and Comment Map closes Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>!

#### Project Website

2050 MD Bike Ped Plan (2050marylandbpmp.com)



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Plan Overview

Upcoming Public Meetings

Take Our Survey!

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#### Maryland Department of Transportation Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

#### Plan Overview

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) is updating the 2019 Bicycle and Pedestrian Statewide Master Plan. MDOT's vision is to produce a concise, data driven bicycle, pedestrian and micromobility master plan to update policies and provide infrastructure recommendations to increase mode shift and improve safety. The Plan will highlight accomplishments since the last plan was adopted while recommending initiatives to be taken over the next 5 years with considerations towards:

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## Virtual Meeting

- Over 30 attendees
- Over 40 Q&A and comments during the meeting
- Recording available here: <u>https://youtu.be/zf\_a9Zyk1n4</u>



#### Anonymous

Can we make the norm raised crosswalks so that cars are guests in pedestrian space instead of the other way around?

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#### Anonymous

D Q&A

Conflict when trails are managed as rec & park space but classified as transportation spines, since most parks are officially closed outside daylight hours.

#### Anonymous

Join at **slido.com** #2828 674

Is ending use of unprotected bike lanes part of the masterplan? They seem to be creating a higher number of near miss car bike incidents.

Latest question

#### Anonymous

I noticed on your website there is an interactive map to capture data on existing and future trail needs. Is this a tool we can use to make suggestions?

#### GreenFest

- Project team spoke to over 200
  people
- Distributed flyers and QR codes at the table and at bike valet
- Offered a site walk
- Received input from the community through a "values" activity

## Values Activity

## **750 Dots Placed**

**\$\$ \$469.35 "\$ Spent**"

# Trails and Parks are the highest valued priorities \$96



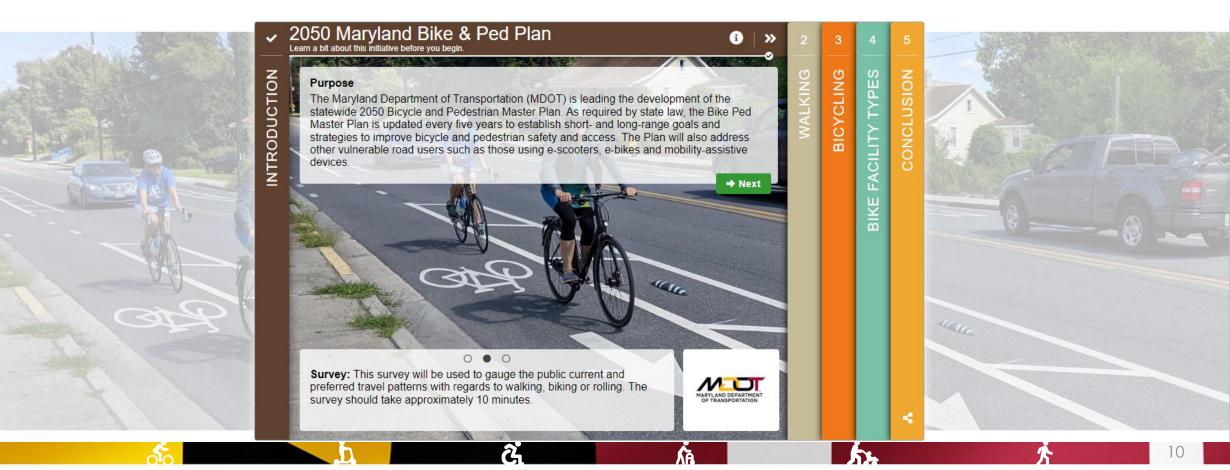






## Online Survey

- 605 respondents to date
- Survey available here: <a href="https://metroquestsurvey.com/co8k8k">https://metroquestsurvey.com/co8k8k</a>



## Preliminary Survey Results: Walking

**95% take walking trips for** exercise or recreation, and 46% for personal trips



76% are willing to walk half a mile or more

Key barriers to walking are lack of sidewalks, concerns for personal safety, poor walkway conditions, and too much traffic



All response percentages based on total responses to question

## Preliminary Survey Results: Biking



93% take bike trips forexercise or recreation, and42% for personal trips



24% bike in most traffic conditions or bike for many trips. 62% would bike more with less traffic interaction.



The key barrier to biking is feeling unsafe biking on roads with traffic.



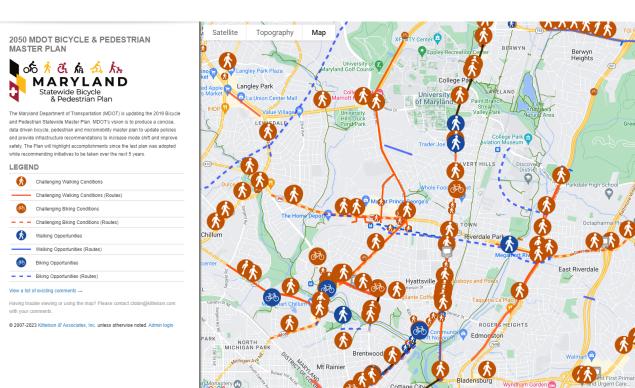
72% want to see more shared-use paths and protected bike lanes



67% already use or are interested in using e-bikes and e-scooters

## Comment Map

- Approximately 450 infrastructure-specific comments to date
- Map available here: <u>https://maps.kittelson.com/2</u> <u>050MarylandBPMP</u>



"Add the missing marked crosswalk here. MDSHA should update its policy to add marked crosswalk on all legs of signalized intersections to support neighborhood walkability and access to public transit stops.

"Very dangerous bike lane. The lane along Veirs Mill Road/MD 586 heading toward Twinbrook Parkway gets narrower and narrower and then ends mid-block..." "Sidewalk stops and starts and there is no shoulder. Pedestrian must either walk in the road or through private property landscaping. I wish I could walk from Bonifant to New Hampshire."

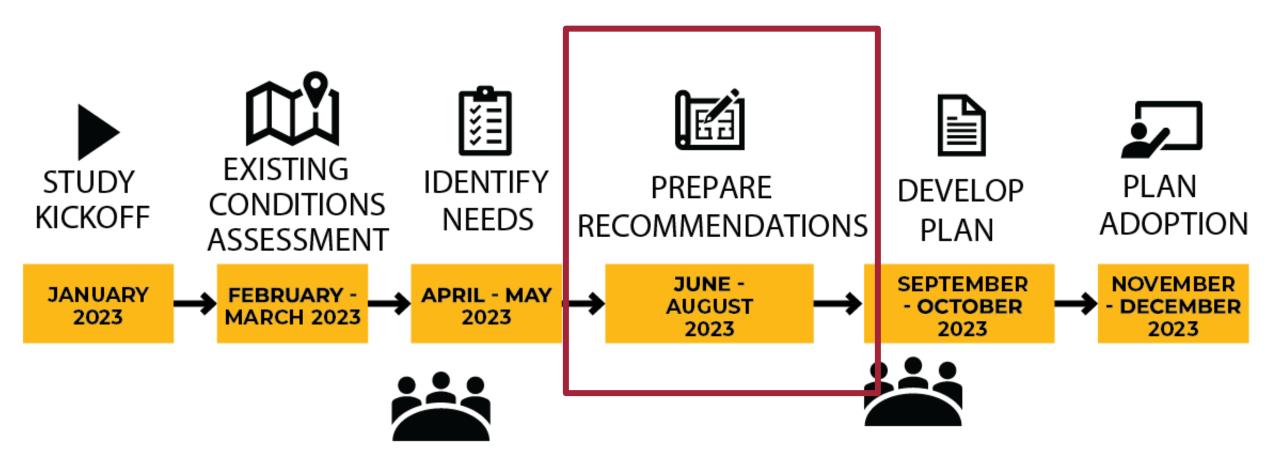
## Next Steps

- Finalize public comment synthesis
- Interim survey to refine the goals and objectives
- Focused discussions with stakeholders
- Begin preparing recommendations (June)



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#### **Plan Next Steps**



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#### What Else We're Hearing

• Everyone loves trails

- Motorists like protected bike lanes
- Sidewalk gaps abound

"No one rides in the bike lane"

#### Vision & Goals

VISION: Maryland will provide safe and convenient active transportation that supports equitable access for all.

- Safety: Improve the safety of bicycle and pedestrian travel through infrastructure & evaluation
- Process: Better integrate active transportation and micromobility considerations in project and program procedures
- Connections: Encourage short- and long-distance active transportation trips through betterconnected networks
- Equitable & Sustainable Communities: Leverage active transportation investments for building sustainable, equitable and resilient communities

## Give us your ideas!