

Tuesday, October 28, 2025, 10am-12pm Hosted by the Maryland Transit

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### I. ROLL CALL

#### **STATE AGENCIES:**

Kandese Holford, Maryland Department Of Transportation

Ali Macstudy, Maryland Department Of Health

Jim Hock / Lt. Laura Beck, Maryland State Police

Cindy Miller, Department Of Tourism

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 & 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. Outdoor Recreation Summit Overview
- IV. State Agency Updates
- V. Safety Listening Session
- VI. Old Business, Engagement Opportunities, & Public Comment
- VII.MBPAC Subcommittee Reports
- VIII.Closing Reminders and Adjournment





- July 25, 2025, Draft Minutes: Emailed on August 14, 2025, for review. No comments or edits received.
- Highlights: Go! Prince George's County presentation, MDOT VRU overview, vote to approve MSDE letter
- Today: Any final corrections & vote



July 25, 2025 TEAMS and in person meeting 9:00 AM

#### Meeting Minutes

This meeting was held both online through Microsoft Teams and in-person at the Prince George's County Planning Department HQ Auditorium (1616 McCormick Drive, Largo, MD 20774).

#### Attendees:

Members:		Non-Members:	
Jon Morrison, Chair	Sandi Olek	Derek Davies	12402283845
Lt. Laura Beck	Jim Titus	Deron Lovaas	Aviva Klugh
Ali Macstudy	Brooks Phelps	Carl Chamberlin	Dharm Guruswamy
Bong Delrosario	Kristy Daphnis	Cynthia Spriggs	LargoHQ Auditorium
Marshall Edwards	Gabriel Rose	Shane Sarver	Molly Porter
Liz Fitzsimmons	Patti Stevens	Jim Hock	Jennings, Tiffany W.
Matt Hendrickson	Antoine RJ Wright	Sean Adkins	Crystal Hancock
Kandese Holford	Ndegwa Kamau	Toluwani Awosika	Achyut Neupane
Michael Jackson	Cindy Miller	Francine Waters	Nasim Samadi
		Jon Korin	
Absent Members:		Meeting Staff:	
Andrew Lingelbach	Sarah Myers	Meg Young	
Nigel Samaroo	Marian Vessels	Quinn Wallace	

# III. Outdoor Recreation Summit

Presentation by Sandi Olek, DNR



Remarks from Joe McAndrew, MDOT Assistant Secretary for Project Development and Delivery

#### Office of Active Transportation and Micromobility

- Draft CTP released, CTP tour ongoing
- Bikeways awards announced in September: 12 projects totaling \$1.9 million in grants
- Happy Walktober!
  - Weekly "walkinars" hosted by MDP, MDOT
  - Walk Maryland Day (October 1)
  - Walk To School Day (October 8)
  - Events in MBPAC calendar
- MDOT and AARP's Complete Streets MOVE Roundtable held in La Plata and Mount Airy
- Coming up:
  - Launching Safe Routes to School Coordinator pilot (funded by TAP)
  - Releasing 2050 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan implementation tracker



Walk Maryland Day – Wheaton Event



Complete Streets MOVE Roundtable - Mount Airy



Agency: Walking Across Maryland with the State Secretaries Roundtable

Date & Time

Oct 30, 2025 10:30 AM in Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Description

Maryland is at the forefront of sustainable growth, with State agencies united in shaping livable, affordable, and walkable communities for all. Join Maryland state agency leaders for a roundtable discussion about how walkability creates more equitable and vibrant places. Each secretary will explore the range of initiatives undertaken by their agencies to improve and promote walking across Maryland.



Final walkinar this Thursday, October 30

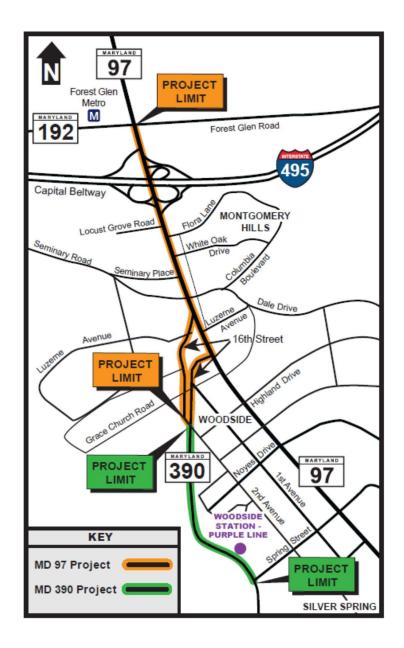
Roundtable of Maryland State Agencies: Department of Natural Resources, Housing and Community Development, Planning, Transportation

#### **State Highway Administration**

- FY26 grants announced for Transportation
   Alternatives Program and Recreation Trails Program
  - 14 projects totaling more than \$6.2 million in awards
- Bicycle and Pedestrians Priority Area (BPPA) applications closed in October
  - Selections announced by end of 2025
- All planned 2025 <u>Complete Streets Quick Build</u> projects have been installed!
- SHA is in the process of updating a variety of bicycle and pedestrian guidelines by the end of the year



MD 195 Temporary Speed Bumps Photo credit: Shane Sarver



#### **State Highway Administration**

- September announced funding for pedestrian, bicycle and roadway improvements along <u>MD 97</u> (Georgia Avenue) in the Montgomery Hills area of Montgomery County
- Key pedestrian and bicyclist connections from the Forest Glen Metro Station, linking the future Purple Line light rail Woodside Station in Silver Spring
- \$50.8 million to fund all phases
- Construction is expected to begin in spring 2028
  - Final design and utility relocations are underway

#### **Maryland Highway Safety Office**

- Walk to School Day (October 1, 8th, 15)
  - Cheswick the Crab in attendance!
  - Woodside Elementary, Hillcrest Elementary
    - Mr. Cheswick in attendance
- Second round of safety grants (federally funded) recently awarded
- Strategic Highway Safety Plan anticipated by end of year
- Public Vision Zero meeting held on October 16
  - Next meeting: January 8, 2026 9am-11am on Teams



Walk Maryland Day at Woodside Elementary

#### **Coming Soon:**

- October WALKTOBER
- October/November FY26 TAP, RTP, Bikeways projects kick off
- November CTP Tours conclude
- By the end of the year
  - Updated Strategic Highway Safety Plan
  - Updated SHA Bicycle Policy and Design Guidelines
  - Complete Streets Implementation Update
  - 2050 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Implementation Update
  - Sidewalk Data Collection milestones



# Maryland-National Capital Planning and Parks Commission

#### Prince George's County Planning Department

- Presenting the Go! Prince George's Preliminary Master
   Plan of Transportation to elected officials, municipalities and civic organizations
- Pedestrian Bicyclist Behavioral Study wrapping up

#### Montgomery County Planning Department

- Ongoing Parking Lot Design Study with the goal of reducing multimodal crashes in these areas
- Ongoing Curbside Management Study to more effectively manage curbside space





WB&A Trail Bridge Ribbon Cutting Photo credit: Antoine RJ Wright

# Maryland-National Capital Planning and Parks Commission

Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation

- RAISE Grant (now BUILD) projects proceeding
- Hired a Trails Program Supervisor, John Thomas
- September 2025, Official Opening Ceremony for the WB&A
   Trail and Bridge over the Patuxent River (in partnership with Anne Arundel County)
- Launched a Shared Use Path User Counting Pilot Program
- Built a 5+ mile network of natural surface trail (hike, bike, equestrian) in southern portion of the County. To open in early 2026.
- Soft Launch of a PG Parks website app called Trail Finder in November 2025
- Launched a **Weed Warriors program** to address invasive species removal on transportation trail corridors
- Updated park rule booklet that address e-bikes and e-scooters on select trails in overall network

#### **Maryland State Police**

- In the process of transitioning the MBPAC representative from Lt. Laura Beck to Jim Hock, Deputy Chief of Staff
  - Thank you, Lt. Beck, for your service to the Committee!
- Acting Superintendent, Maryland State Senator Michael A. Jackson, joining MDSP on November 12, following Colonel Butler's retirement on November 1

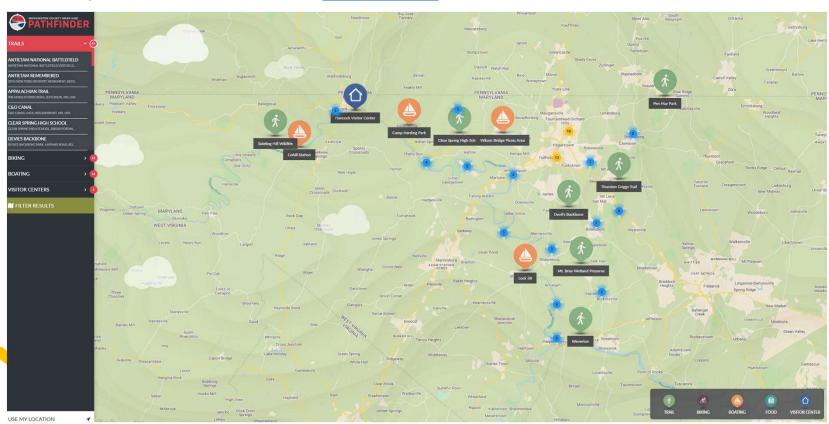
#### **Maryland Department of Health**

- Walk Maryland Day
  - 19 jurisdictions participated, totaling 513 walkers across 97 groups
- School Bike and Pedestrian Safety Project
  - Garrett County bike rodeos and National Night Out event reaching over 50 students
  - Washington County bike safety events reaching 77 students
- Safe Routes to School: Walk Audit Project
  - Walk audits, crosswalk paintings at Bester Elementary School and South Hagerstown High School in Washington County
- Walk Maryland Community Initiative Project
  - New interactive website, Pathfinder, with local hiking, biking, and boating trails
  - Over 2,500 views
  - Media campaigns reached over 358,000 residents



Walk Maryland Day at the Historic Rosenwald School (Prince George's County) Photo credit: Meg Young

#### **Maryland Department of Health – Pathfinder**



#### **Maryland Department of Education**

- State Board of Education <u>approved</u> <u>the revised draft PE regulation and</u> <u>framework</u> on September 30
  - <u>Public comment</u> opening soon and closing on Dec 31
  - Final approval of revised draft anticipated at State Board's January 27 meeting
- Framework provides LEAs with several opportunities to teach about active transportation



# Maryland's Physical Education Framework

Prekindergarten Through High School

Division of Instructional Programs



#### **Maryland Department of Disabilities**

- Upcoming "From Here to There" webinar in November, hosted by Bong Delrosario
  - Stay tuned for additional details!

#### No updates:

- Department of Tourism
- Department of Planning

# IV. Safety Listening Session

#### **Guiding Question:**

What do you want to know about how local and state agencies address safety issues for people walking or biking?

- Up to 2 minutes per person
- Your input will guide the presentations and information discussed at the January MBPAC meeting



#### **MBPAC Inbox**

- Walktober and other events
- Local safety concerns in Montgomery County and Prince George's County

#### **Open Seats**

- Coordinating with the Governor's Appointments Office, previous applicants
  - Baltimore Metropolitan Area Three applicants
  - Southern Maryland Two applicants

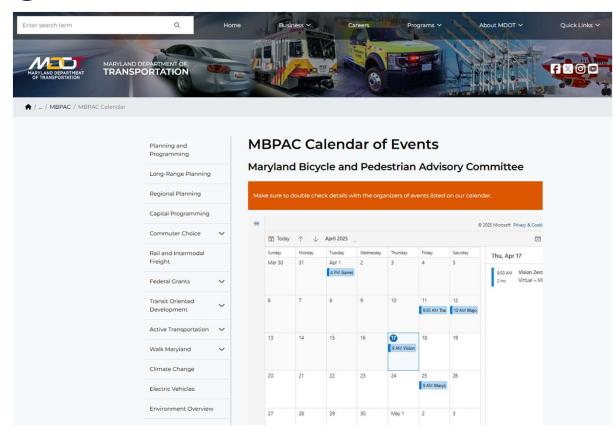


#### **MBPAC Calendar**

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



#### **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 <a href="mailto:mbpac@mdot.Maryland.gov">mbpac@mdot.Maryland.gov</a> to the calendar event
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#### **MBPAC Calendar of Events**

Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

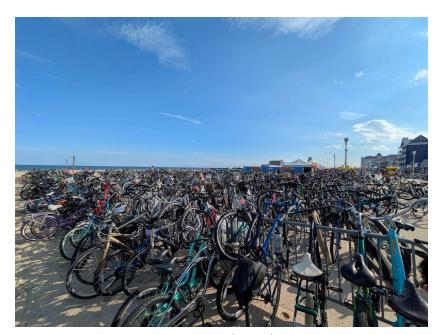
Make sure to double check details with the organizers of events listed on our calendar.



# VI. Old Business, Engagement, & Public Comment MBPAC Calendar

- Maryland Eastern Shore Trails Network (MESTN)
   Regional Workshop November 4
- Howard County Cranksgiving November 8
- Ride For Your Life 2025 November 16
- Baltimore City Cranksgiving November 22

• Public Comment - Up to 5 minutes per person



Ocean City Bike Parking Photo Credit: Sean Adkins

# VII. Subcommittee Membership, Schedule, Report Out

#### Eastern Shore Subcommittee – Patti Stevens, Chair

#### **Meeting Schedule:**

- Regional Workshop on November 4
- Worcester County Bike and Pedestrian Coalition Meeting on February 4, 2026

#### **Upcoming Event:**

- November 4<sup>th</sup> Regional Trails Workshop at Chesapeake College,
  - Best Practices, Tools, Charter Signing for MESTN new organizational structure and governing body
  - Two panels: The Value of Regional Trails, Delmarva Trail Updates
  - Interactive session with Community Heart and Soul
  - Register <u>here</u> (free with optional donation)



Worcester Bike Ped Coalition at Pocomoke River
State Park
Photo Credit: Patti Stevens

# VII. Subcommittee Membership, Schedule, Report Out

#### Pedestrian Subcommittee – Bong Delrosario, Chair

Mission: Promote pedestrian access, welcome guest speakers on pedestrian focused projects

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

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

Takeaways from the September 18, 2025 Pedestrian Subcommittee meeting:

- Guest presentation from Charlie Echard, Foursquare Integrated Transportation Planning (ITP) on the use of sidewalk data in Safe Routes to School planning
- Detailed update from Francine Waters (MDOT) on Walktober events
- MDE update on the Alternative Transportation Group, a volunteer staff initiative promoting lowimpact commuting through carpooling, bike-to-work events, and walk challenges



Legislative Subcommittee – Nigel Samaroo, Chair

Meeting Schedule: November (TBA)

Tentative proposed pieces of legislation for discussion:

- Bicycle Safety Start
- Bike Safety Yield
- No Stopping, Standing or Parking on a Bike
- Intelligent Speed Assistance
- Vulnerable Road User enhanced penalties
  - Would add up to 60-day jail time and would make it consistent with other laws
  - Would apply to people biking and walking
- Transportation and Climate Alignment Act

After next year's filed bills are available, the Legislative Subcomittee will review, discuss, and finalize to bring to MBPAC for approval



# Trails Subcommittee: Proposal for MBPAC

October 28, 2025

# **Agenda**

- MDOT Statewide Transportation Trails Strategic Plan
- MBPAC subcommittee
  - Plan recommendations
  - Potential meeting schedule
- VOTE





Top: Easton Rail Trail, Easton, MD Bottom: Carroll Creek Linear Park, Frederick, MD

# **Transportation Trails Plan & Webpages**







#### **MDOT Transportation Trails Page:**

- Definition of transportation trails
- Explanation of Maryland State Transportation Trails Strategic Plan
- Photos from kickoff and TAC meetings
- Link to Interactive website



- Downloadable versions of the Plan, Existing Conditions report, engagement report, and toolkits
- Interactive Map of transportation trails database
- Tool kits for implementation
- Tracked transportation trail projects



www.mdot.maryland.gov/trailsplan



MDOT Experience Builder Webpage



## **Vision and Goals**

The vision for the Maryland State Transportation Trails Strategic Plan is to create:

A safe and accessible transportation trail network that connects Marylanders to opportunities across their communities, towns, and the state.





Empower local communities to plan, fund, build, and maintain locally significant transportation trails in partnership with MDOT.



Systematically prioritize and build transportation trail projects that will reduce pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities and injuries.



Support vibrant communities through transportation trail projects that connect visitors and residents to Maryland's opportunities.



Complete a high-quality statewide transportation trail network that connects Maryland's regions.



Coordinate state agencies and resources to leverage resources and funding that advance connectivity and quality of life for all Marylanders.

#### **MBPAC Recommendation:**

Make the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) a permanent subcommittee of the Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (MBPAC) with quarterly meetings to ensure cross-agency collaboration.

# **Project Team and Technical Advisory Committee Members**



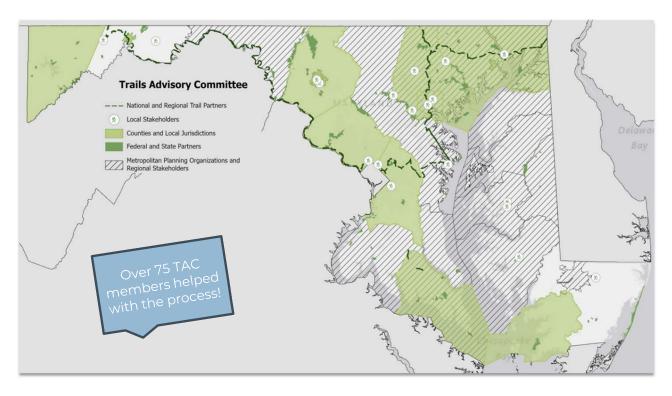








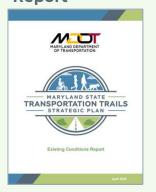






### **Our Process**

## **Existing Conditions Report**



# Transportation Trails Database

MDOT Policy Conversations, Best Practices Research, Interviews, etc.

# MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION TRAILS SURVEY

Online Survey & Listening Sessions





**Toolkit** 



Implementation Toolkits

informed

#### **PART THREE**



Final Plan & Interactive Website



#### **Toolkits**

# **Trail Project Lifecycle Analysis**











# **Toolkits for Transportation Trails**



#### "Building Support for Trails"

Identifying important planning steps, outline potential allies, and case studies and resources that convey the economic benefits of transportation trails



#### "Funding Transportation Trails"

Tips to leverage local, state, and federal funding and technical assistance opportunities to execute transportation trail projects



#### "Maintaining Transportation Trails"

Including strategies, costs, examples from Maryland, and best practices for maintenance of transportation trails

#### **MBPAC Recommendations:**

- Publicize the Building Support Toolkit
- Coordinate Funding Opportunities across state agencies
- Develop an "adopt a trail" program

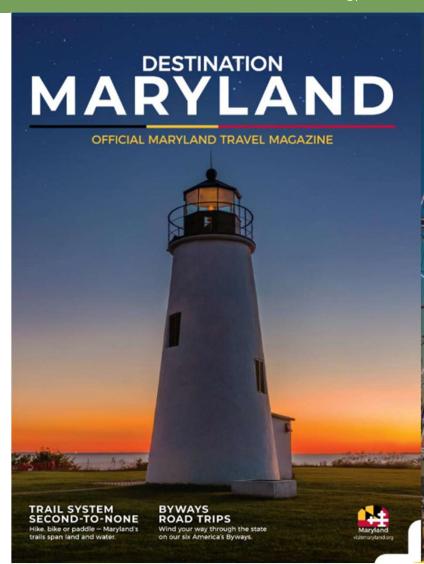
### **Maryland Destination Trails**

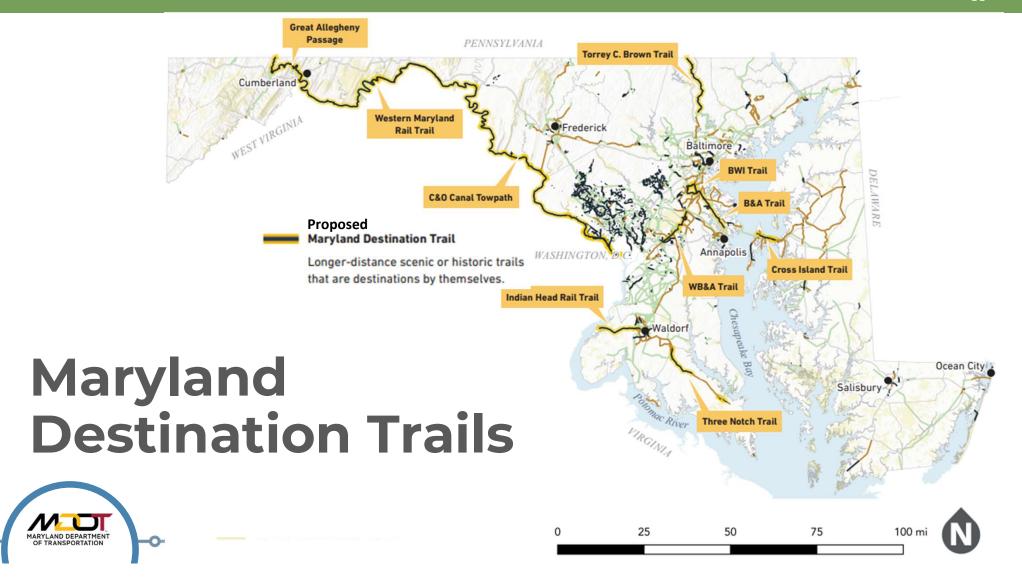
Maryland Destination Trail is a new term created during the development of this Plan and potentially for future designations. Maryland Destination Trails receive higher levels of recognition in this Plan and are destinations in-and-of themselves.

#### **MBPAC Recommendations:**

- Determine Maryland Destination Trails based on standardized criteria.
- Develop amenity and wayfinding guidance for Maryland Destination Trails.
- Promote state participation in national initiatives such as the Trail Town Program and National Trails Day.







#### **Maryland Destination Trails**



Indian Head Rail Trail in Charles County, photo by Jody Arneson



#### **Proposed Criteria:**

- Cross-state and Interstate Trails: Trails that connect multiple regions within Maryland
- > Scenic Access Trails: Trails that lead to areas of statewide or national recreational, scenic, historical, or cultural importance
- ➤ Longer Distance Urban and Regional Trails: Trails of at least 10 miles in length
- ➤ Branded Trails: Trails that have dedicated marketing and themes, including items such as logos, materials and color palettes, or promotional efforts

### **Maryland Destination Trail Best Practices**

- Safety & Maintenance: Designated trails should have a maintenance plan and will be eligible for maintenance funds. They should consider needed upgrades to reflect new design guidelines.
- 2. Signage & Place Making: Destination Trails should have signage along their length to make the trail cohesive, help visitor track their progress, share information, and allow places to stop.
- 3. Branding, Maps & Promotion: Destination trails should have dedicated marketing and themes, including items such as logos, materials and color palettes. Maps and promotion can be achieved in partnership with organizations such as Maryland Heritage Areas, Offices of Tourism, etc.



#### Safety & Maintenance

Designated trails should have a maintenance plan and will be eligible for maintenance funds. They should consider needed safety upgrades to reflect new design guidelines.

#### **Example Projects:**

- Project: Allegany County Towpath Rehabilitation. A Safe Towpath, Phase Six. To repair and rehabilitate 11 miles of Chesapeake & Ohio Canal towpath surface improving towpath safety and accessibility.
  - Funding: Transportation Alternatives Program \$1,243,324
- Project: Baltimore, Howard County Trail Maintenance
   Crew. To hire a trail crew to perform routine, preventative, and proactive maintenance in Patapsco Valley State Park.
  - Funding: Recreational Trails Program –\$ 57,600
- Project: Safe Crossing for the Levee Trail Minor Retrofit of Levee Trail crossing of 34th Street in Mount Rainier, MD.
  - Funding: Bikeways Network Program minor retrofit \$75,000

#### 6.4.3. Recommended Shared Use Path Widths

Table 6-3: Recommended Shared Use Path Widths\* to Achieve SUP LOS "C"

Shared Use Path Operating Widths and Operational Lanes*							
SUPLOS "C" Peak Hour Volumes	Recommended Operational Lanes	Practical Minimum	Recommended Lower Limit	Recommended Upper Limit	Practical Maximum		
150 to 300	2	8 ft	10 ft	12 ft	13 ft		
300 to 500	3	11 ft	12 ft	15 ft	16 ft		
500 to >600	4	15 ft	16 ft	20 ft	None		

<sup>&</sup>quot;Typical Mode Split is 55% adult bicyclists, 20% pedestrians, 10% runners, 10% in-line skaters, and 5% child bicyclists

AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities, 5th Edition (2024)

### Signage & Placemaking

Destination Trails should have signage along their length to make the trail cohesive, help visitor track their progress, share information, and allow places to stop.



Torrey C Brown Rail Trail Baltimore County, MD



BWI Hiker-Biker Trail Hanover, MD



Jones Crossroads, Baltimore and Annapolis Trail Anne Arundel County, MD

### **Branding, Maps & Promotion**

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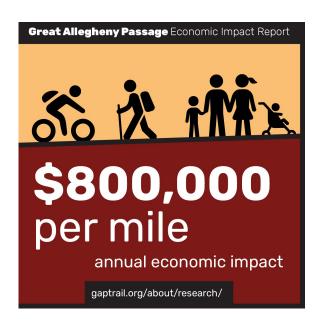


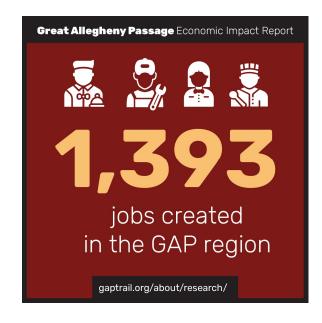
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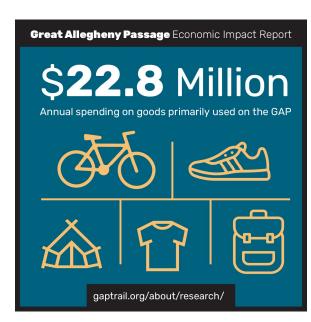




# **Impact of Destination Trails - GAP**





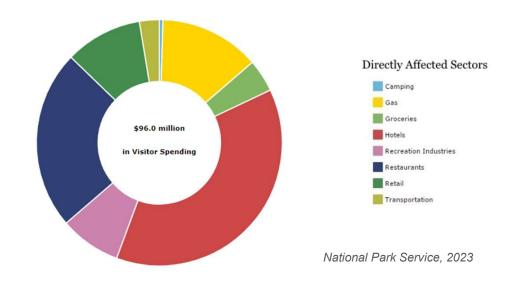




#### Impact of Destination Trails – C&O Canal

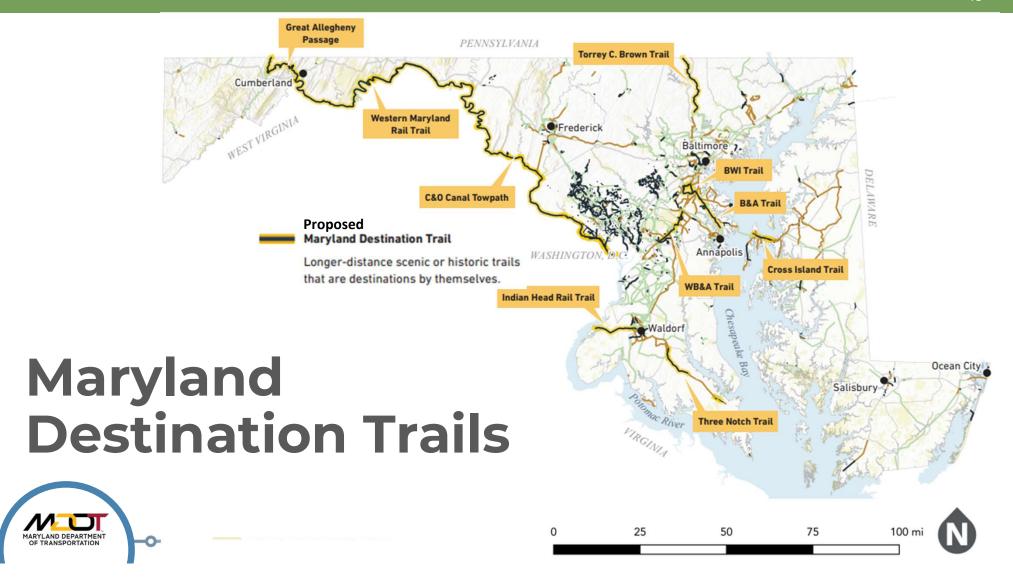
The length of the C&O Canal NHP allows it to be easily accessible to a large number of regional visitors, not just those in bordering states. Of the estimated 1.3 million visitors who traveled more than 50 miles to the C&O Canal NHP:

- About 40% of visitors, or more than half a million (504,000), can be considered regional visitors, traveling from Maryland and states that share a border with Maryland.
- About 60% of visitors, or nearly 757,500, came from other parts of the US.





Visitation to the C&O Canal National Historical Park 2019-2020 Visitation Analysis, Visitor Profile & Economic Impact Assessment



#### **MBPAC Recommendations**

TRAIL BUILDING PHASE	IDENTIFIED NEED	RECOMMENDATIONS	TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBILITY
Support	Guidance for local trail sponsors to build support for transportation trails in their communities.	Publicize Building Support for Trails Toolkit	Short-term (<2 years)	МВРАС
Support	Stronger coordination across State agencies relevant to transportation trails.		Short-term (<2 years)	MDOTTSO, MBPAC
Implementation	Integration of transportation trails into Complete Streets policy implementation.	Develop amenity and wayfinding guidance for Maryland Destination Trails.	Short-term (<2 years)	МВРАС
Operations & Maintenance	New trail maintenance policies and practices within existing state authority.	Launch a statewide "Adopt a Trail Program."	Medium-term (2-5 years)	MBPAC, SHA, MDOT TSO
Support	Stronger coordination across State agencies relevant to transportation trails.		Medium-term (2-5 years)	МВРАС
Support	Guidance for local trail sponsors to build support for transportation trails in their communities.	Build institutional capacity in local government and non-profit entities by training staff on trail building and maintenance topics.	Long-term (5+ years)	MBPAC, Localities, MDOT TSO, SHA



# Vote!



**Proposed meeting Schedule:** Quarterly, months that do not conflict with MBPAC meeting

- February May- August- November
- March June September December

#### Members to date:

- Daniel Paschall, East Coast Greenway
- Peter Gray, Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA)
- Meg Young, MDOT
- Aviva Klugh, MDOT
- Charlene Mingus, Baltimore Metropolitan Council
- Quinton Batts, Rails to Trails Conservancy
- Owen Bailey, Eastern Shore Land Conservancy
- Jon Korin, Bike AAA
- Deborah Cornwell, MDP





## VIII. Closing Reminders and Adjournment

#### **Next Meetings:**

Pedestrian Subcommittee: December 18, 2025

Eastern Shore Subcommittee: TBA

Legislative Subcommittee: November (TBA)

Trails Subcommittee: December (TBA)

#### **Next Full Committee Meeting: January 9, 2026**

If registered, join us at the DNR Outdoor Recreation Summit! Stop by MDOT's Outdoor Excursion Safety Table next to the Maryland Science Center 1-4pm today, October 28th.