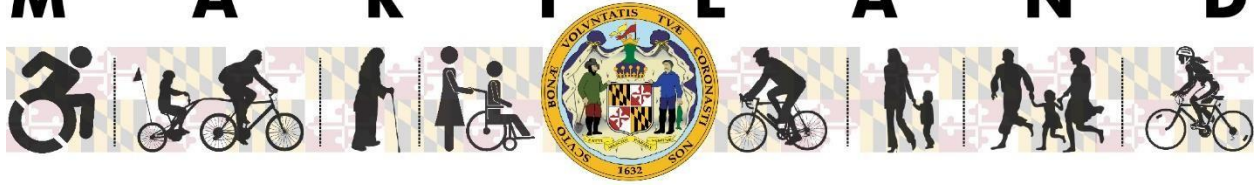


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BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2024 Annual Report

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## Executive Summary

Maryland's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advocacy Committee (MBPAC) has continued its purpose and mission in 2024 through lively discussions, active participation, and a firm commitment to recommending the State advance, grow, and support safe, cost-effective, and accessible travel modes.

While the Committee issued no formal recommendations in 2024, feedback to the Administration, and its departments, and agencies on bicycle and pedestrian related matters was provided during each of the quarterly meetings, as well as at the many subcommittee meetings.

MBPAC focused on promoting bike and pedestrian events, including the annual WALKTOBER walks and Walkinars. MBPAC continues to prioritize engagement during the inception phase of bicycle and pedestrian-related topics. We seek early engagement in significant active transportation matters. We wish to become a larger part of conversations around budgetary priorities in transit planning, economic sustainability in activity centers, and the Key Bridge rebuild.

MBPAC created a new subcommittee focused on trails in 2024. Two meetings of this new group were held with the kickoff joined by the Secretary of Transportation. Participants include several appointed members of the Committee as well as broad participation of interested citizens and state and local officials.

MBPAC also continued its focus on legislative opportunities, hearing from local and regional advocates about bills introduced during the 2024 session and those expected for the upcoming 2025 session. The re-energized legislative subcommittee was expanded to include interested citizens and state-level officials. Focus on pedestrian related legislative matters has been given additional emphasis.

## Introduction

### What is MBPAC?

The **Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee** (MBPAC) advises Maryland state government agencies on issues related to bicycling and pedestrian activity including funding, public awareness, safety, and education as required by statute.

The twenty-two-member committee, appointed by the Governor, combines the experience of citizens with the expertise of representatives from nine State agencies and one state-chartered bi-county commission. Committee members represent geographical regions throughout the State and specific interests, including those of individuals who are visually and mobility-challenged.

MBPAC has three focus areas for promoting bicycle and pedestrian activities:

1. **Transportation** – Promote non-motorized modes as healthy, efficient, and environmentally-friendly ways to travel.
2. **Education and Awareness** – Promote activities, programs, and policies which foster improved bicycle and pedestrian safety education across all age groups; also increase awareness of the mission and work of MBPAC.
3. **Tourism & Recreation** – Promoting and protecting Maryland's off-road trail system and on-road facilities, providing guidance to Maryland State agencies, and providing guidance on program strategies which promote Maryland's trails, infrastructure, and tourism resources.

MBPAC Website: <https://www.mdot.maryland.gov/tso/pages/Index.aspx?PageId=140>

MBPAC Email Contact: [MBPAC@mdot.maryland.gov](mailto:MBPAC@mdot.maryland.gov)

MBPAC Legislative Mandate:

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/laws/StatuteText?article=gtr&section=2-606>

## 2024 Year in Review

### Recap

Operationally, MBPAC made small but significant administrative changes, including streamlining the agenda and PowerPoint for each meeting supported by Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) staff. This allowed for more illustrated reporting of committee activities and led to a more efficient means of requesting input, news, and events from member state agencies and citizens.

### Subcommittees

Subcommittees and working groups, help advance MBPAC's work. Both full MBPAC meetings and permanent subcommittee meetings are subject to Maryland's Open Meetings Act requirements. Based on a thorough review of the needs and opportunities related to smaller group investigation into committee wide concerns, the Committee continues to rely on its subcommittees and working groups to serve the Committee's needs and interests. Our working groups may include stakeholders in addition to our official members.

A summary of each subcommittee follows, with the full 2024 reports from each published in [Appendix C](#).

#### *Eastern Shore Subcommittee*

A summary of the subcommittee meetings is in [Appendix C](#)

#### *Legislative Subcommittee*

Analyzing and advising on legislation affecting bicyclists and pedestrians has always been an integral role of MBPAC. Greater engagement between the Committee and state organizations in 2024 led to an expanded subcommittee focused on legislation affecting bicyclists and pedestrians. Comprised of various members from MBPAC, members of MDOT/State Highway Administration (SHA), local advocacy groups, and members of the public, this subcommittee reviews relevant pieces of legislation and advises MBPAC on what recommendations it makes to the Administration.

A summary of the subcommittee meetings and bills discussed for MBPAC consideration is in [Appendix C](#).

#### *Pedestrian Subcommittee*

The Pedestrian Sub-Committee convened five times to advance pedestrian safety, accessibility, and connectivity through initiatives like the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan, Sidewalk Data Collaboration, and updates to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The subcommittee promoted walking-focused events such as WALKTOBER, which grew in participation and impact, with over 29,000 registrations and expanded partnerships. Additionally, members facilitated information sharing through presentations, supported pedestrian-friendly policies like MDOT's Complete Streets Policy, and engaged state and local stakeholders to enhance pedestrian infrastructure and awareness statewide.

A summary of the subcommittee meetings and the year's activities is in [Appendix C](#).

## *Trails Subcommittee*

The Trails Subcommittee formed in October 2024 with a kickoff meeting, and held a second meeting in December. While MBPAC has always been interested in the development of a statewide trails network, the introduction of the [Great Maryland Trails Act in the 2024 Maryland General Assembly Session](#) spurred a renewed look at how MDOT and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) plan and promote trail development. The subcommittee was formed at the request of the MDOT to act as a technical advisory committee for the development of the [MDOT Transportation Trails Strategic Plan](#). MDOT and Trails Subcommittee members worked together to solicit additional Maryland representation, including those involved with major trail projects, those who work for national organizations involved in trails, and more across a wide range of geographical regions. The mailing list includes about 60 representatives as of November 2024. A summary of the subcommittee meetings is in [Appendix C](#).

MBPAC continues to explore the use of subcommittees and working groups to research, hold in-depth discussions and advise the full Committee on their findings and recommendations. This strategy allows the Committee to carefully consider topics on the agenda at their regularly scheduled meetings while conducting business within the time allocated. New working groups may address infrastructure (roads or trails), micromobility, and bike/pedestrian tourism.

MBPAC membership does not limit members from participating or expressing bicycle and pedestrian related concerns as part of outside bodies formal or otherwise. Member involvement in outside groups broadens their knowledge, thus increasing members' value to the Committee and the Committee's advisory capacity to the Governor's Office.

## Membership

With terms of several committee members expiring, moved out of state, retired, or having taken on new positions, there were several departures of Committee members and MDOT staff in 2024. Several new committee members have been appointed to fill these vacancies, although some seats remain vacant at year-end.

The Committee would like to formerly recognize and thank the following individuals who have finished their terms on the Committee or in support of the Committee from Maryland staff positions:

- Steve Green (Western Maryland)
- Marshall Edwards (Southern Maryland)
- Patrick Patterson (Baltimore Metro)
- Kristi Pier (Maryland Department of Health)
- Nate Evans (MDOT)

The Committee welcomed a new citizen member and an additional member from a state government agency. The roster of appointees as of the end of 2024 is on the Committee [website](#) and in [Appendix A](#).

MDOT continued to support the Committee despite the departure of a key MDOT employee assigned to assist MBPAC. A list of key MDOT positions and the individuals currently serving in those roles is in [Appendix D](#).

## Individual Meeting Highlights

Detailed meeting minutes are on the Committee [website](#) and in [Appendix B](#).

## 2025 Focus Areas

For 2025, MBPAC will continue to collaborate with State agencies by providing informal technical and stakeholder advice on the many issues concerning bicycle and pedestrian safety and access. In some cases, those efforts will rise to the level of providing formal advice from MBPAC to specific agencies. In other cases, MBPAC will facilitate comments from its individual members, improving the addressable bandwidth of the State and partner agencies to consider and implement sustainable outcomes through targeted recommendations and insights. Many of the topics addressed in 2024 will continue in 2025.

The Committee is especially concerned about state and local budget and resource challenges, which may blunt the effectiveness, or timeliness, of upcoming legislation or improvements which are already underway. Nevertheless, we are excited to support the efforts to increase accessibility and usability of the state's transit resources. Filed and under-consideration bills such as Bikes on Sidewalks, Bicycle Safety Yield, Vulnerable Road User (VRU) Enhanced Penalty, and SHA Urban State Highway Speed Limit point to success in such awareness. We look forward to additional discussion and advisement towards bills relating to e-bike rebates, the Transportation and Climate Alignment Act, SHA Sidewalk Maintenance, and more in 2025.

The Committee will continue to push for *"Active Participation for Active Transportation"* by committee members in 2025. For citizen representatives, we encourage all citizen members to join at least one of the subcommittees and to identify important stakeholders in their geographical area to share updates from quarterly meeting. For state agency representatives, we encourage each representative to give at least one presentation about their agency's work, to join a sub-committee, and to consider hosting a meeting as we return to hybrid meeting locations. This will further MBPAC's awareness and ability to give voice to active transportation efforts around the state.

The Committee foresees restarting collaborative efforts in adding relevant analytics its normative reporting. While the [mandate for MBPAC was originally crafted](#) to look at automotive-related measures (number of accidents, traffic citations, etc.), the increased emphasis on [Complete Streets](#) opens the door to improving the Committee's advisement capabilities through the use of the State's analysis of cycling, pedestrian, disability, environmental, and safety measures. We agree that data-informed approaches will focus on advisement pertinent to improving the resiliency of the State to apply accessible, safe, and multimodal options to the its citizens.



## Appendix A – MBPAC Member list as of December 2025

### Chair:

- Jon Morrison

### State Representatives:

- [Maryland Department of Commerce](#) Liz Fitzsimmons
- [Maryland Department of Disabilities](#) Bong Delrosario
- [Maryland Department of Health](#) Ali Macstudy
- [Maryland Department of Natural Resources](#) Sandi Olek
- [Maryland Department of Planning](#) Brooks Phelps
- [Maryland Department of Transportation-TSO](#) Kandese Holford
- [Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission](#) Michael Jackson
- [Maryland State Department of Education](#) Gabriel Rose
- [Maryland State Police](#) Lt. Laura Beck

### Residents:

- Baltimore Metropolitan Area (2 seats): Matthew Hendrickson, vacant
- Eastern Shore: Patti Stevens
- Southern Maryland: vacant
- Washington DC Metropolitan Area (2 seats): James G. Titus, Ndegwa Kamau
- Western Maryland: Sarah Myers
- Visually Impaired Representative: Andrew Lingelbach
- Mobility Impaired Representative: Marian Vessels
- At Large (3 seats): Nigel Samaroo, Kristy Daphnis, Antoine RJ Wright

## Appendix B – Meeting Materials

January 2024 Meeting:

- [Agenda](#)
- [Minutes](#)

May 2024 Meeting:

- [Agenda](#)
- [Minutes](#)

July 2024 Meeting:

- [Agenda](#)
- [Minutes](#)

October 2024 Meeting:

- [Agenda](#)

Past Annual Reports

- [2023 MBPAC Annual Report](#)
- [2022 MBPAC Annual Report](#)
- [2021 MBPAC Annual Report](#)
- [2020 MBPAC Annual Report](#)

## Appendix C – Subcommittee Reports

### Eastern Shore subcommittee

Maryland Eastern Shore Trails Network (MESTN) Steering Committee, which serves as the ad-hoc Eastern Shore Subcommittee of MBPAC, met monthly in 2024 except for July and November. Representatives of seven counties participated in (mostly virtual) meetings, facilitated by Owen Bailey of the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy (ESLC). ESLC hosted one in-person meeting in Easton in October. National Park Service staff made significant contributions to MESTN during this second and final year of the Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Area technical assistance grant. MESTN launched a [website](#), developed [promotional materials](#), and created an [interactive map](#) showing existing, planned, and proposed trail connections.

Accomplishments this year include:

Completion of [a strategic plan for MESTN](#) and formation of subgroups to work on goals: **Convene, Plan, Communicate and Advocate** to achieve the vision of creating a vibrant, interconnected system of trails showcasing the natural beauty, cultural heritage, and diverse communities of Maryland’s Eastern Shore.

For Celebrate Trails Day in April, proclamations were signed by six counties and eight municipalities, recognizing the value that trails bring to our communities and quality of life and expressing support for a regional trails network. In addition, three guided walk/bike events were held on existing trails in state parks attracting residents, visitors, and community leaders. Another event was held on National Trails Day in June.

Queen Anne’s County approved its first Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan, making it an addendum to the County Comprehensive Plan. Worcester County completed its first Greenways and Trails Master Plan for review and approval by Commissioners in early 2025. Talbot County established a Bike and Pedestrian Committee to identify opportunities and guide long-term planning of trails and active transportation improvements. Eastern Shore Committee members actively participated in these initiatives.

On September 14, the Eastern Shore hosted MDOT Secretary Paul Wiedefeld and other state officials when he announced that the Maryland State Transportation Trails Plan would be replaced by a newly formed Trails Technical Advisory Committee. State and local leaders and regional advocates, including Eastern Shore committee members, joined the Secretary for a walk along Easton’s rail trail.

MESTN presented on a panel at the Forever MD Conference in September in Annapolis and facilitated a trails workshop at the inaugural Outdoor Recreation Summit in October at the Rocky Gap Casino and Resort in western Maryland. At these sessions Committee members highlighted the value that trails bring to the environment, conservation, and the outdoor recreation economy as well as best practices and lessons learned in regional trail development

The Eastern Shore received funding from federal and state programs for feasibility, design, and construction of trail projects and active transportation improvements with support from subcommittee members. New segments of trails opened in Somerset, Worcester, and Talbot Counties, and development is underway to provide more connectivity for active recreation and transportation.

## Legislative subcommittee

The Legislative Subcommittee was formalized in 2024. The MBPAC has always had an informal report from the bicycling advocates who attend the MBPAC meetings, but it was felt that the MBPAC should make it a formal subcommittee that looks at legislation that impacts bicyclists and pedestrians and that MBPAC should make recommendations to the Administration regarding pertinent legislation that would impact Maryland's bicyclists and pedestrians. The members include several MBPAC members, members from MDOT/SHA as well as advocates. The subcommittee's members are primarily bike focused, and efforts are underway to find others who have an interest in legislation that focuses on pedestrians. The Legislative Subcommittee held a total of four meetings in 2024.

### 2024 Meeting Summary

1. July 16, 2024
  - a. Kickoff and member introductions
  - b. Purpose of the subcommittee
  - c. Identify and decide legislation
  - d. Meeting frequency
2. August 12, 2024
  - a. Decide on priority list of bills
  - b. Other ideas for the subcommittee to further explore
  - c. Address questions from MBPAC membership
  - d. Set a follow up meeting
3. November 22, 2024
  - a. Introductions
  - b. Matt Mickler to present MDOT legislative initiatives
  - c. Review and amend current legislative bills for recommendation to MBPAC
  - d. Set meeting date for December
4. December 19, 2024
  - a. Agree and finalize legislative bills for recommendation to the MBPAC

### Bills the Subcommittee has Discussed

Bills filed or committed to be filed:

- Bikes on Sidewalks
- Bicycle Safety Yield
- VRU (Vulnerable Road User) Enhanced Penalty
- SHA Urban State Highway Speed Limits

Bills likely to be filed or under consideration

- E-Bike Rebates
- Transportation and Climate Alignment Act
- SHA Sidewalk Maintenance
- No Stopping, Standing or Parking in a bike lane
- Bicyclists and Leading Pedestrian Intervals
- Graduated Speed Fines
- Contributory Negligence Carve Out

This is not a comprehensive list of all relevant bicycle, pedestrian, trail, or multimodal bills. It only refers to those which MBPAC and collaborating groups tracked for the purpose of focusing this subcommittee's discussions.

### Supporting Organizations

Organizations represented in the Legislative Subcommittee meetings included (in alphabetical order):

1. American League of Cyclists
2. Baltimore Bicycling Club
3. Bike AAA
4. Bike HoCo
5. Bike League of America
6. Bike Maryland
7. BYKE Collective
8. Howard County Multimodal
9. MDOT
10. MDOT Maryland Highway Safety Office
11. MDOT Office of Government Affairs
12. Montgomery County Families for Safe Streets
13. SHA
14. WABA

## Pedestrian subcommittee

The Maryland Pedestrian Sub-Committee, a sub-committee of the Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, held a total of five meetings in 2024: January 18, March 13, June 27, September 19, and December 17. The Committee continues to fulfill its mission:

### **Mission Statement:**

*The Pedestrian Subcommittee of the Maryland Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee will advise agencies 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.*

AND has exceeded its Goals as established in 2024:

### *Goals:*

#### **Goal 1: The Subcommittee will be a conduit for sharing information and best practices around pedestrian issues**

Objective 1: Host quarterly meetings that allow participants to share information about their programs, activities, and resources.

The Committee hosted a total of eight presentations throughout the year:

**Francine Waters** - Multimodal Transportation Project Specialist

#### ***Model Complete Streets Initiatives***

A component of the Model Complete Streets Initiative is the Complete Streets Policy. We anticipate an MDOT-wide policy this Winter. Earlier this year, MDOT released the state's first Pedestrian Safety Action Plan, which identified 23 corridors which would benefit the most from pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements. The top 5 corridors were announced in December for pedestrian safety improvements. Cheryl Cort (Coalition of Smarter Growth) spoke of Blue Line corridor strategy to create a dynamic, truly walkable place at the Addison Road-Seat Pleasant Metro station.

#### ***Sidewalk Data Collaboration***

MDOT's evaluating the feasibility of establishing a statewide sidewalk dataset that would be incorporated into One Maryland One Centerline (OMOC) system and maintained statewide. Nate Evans spoke of his work with bicycle Level of Stress. Michael Farrell noted concern of funding for data collection and maintenance of sidewalk data.

#### ***WALKTOBER 2023 Wrap Up***

MDOT, together with our many partner organizations, presented the fourth annual WALKTOBER in 2023. Fourteen nationally recognized speakers made presentations in our "Walkinars" over the course of 4 weeks during October. WALKTOBER continues to grow its audience with over 7,000 registrations, an increase of 1,000 over last year. The number of our partners (State, local, jurisdictional, non-profit

agencies) in the campaign also grew to over 51 in 2023. The taped Walkinars, found on our [WALKTOBER website](#), each has over 400 views since the end of WALKTOBER. As the increased participation rises each year, additional members to the already 147 members of the MBPAC Pedestrian subcommittee increases. This year there are 25 new members. Tiffany Jennings was noted for Prince Georges County support with a Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation's Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Walk which partnered with the Ridgeley School Task Force of the Prince George's County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission's Black History Program.

**Tom Pey**, Founder of Waymap

### ***Waymap***

The founders of Waymap have led the development of International and American standards for audio-based wayfinding for blind and low-vision people. Waymap, the world's only navigation app that guides you both indoors and outdoors. Accurate up to 1m, with no signals required.

**Melissa Archer**, Preservation Officer, Division of Neighborhood Revitalization, Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)

### ***The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD's) State Revitalization Programs***

The Department's State Revitalization Programs (SRP) offer a range of funding to further the revitalization goals of communities across Maryland. The funding programs are primarily used to support expenses associated with capital projects – in other words, something that will result in “bricks and mortar” with at least a 15-year shelf life. The most competitive applications for funding explicitly connect a project to the revitalization strategies and goals from their community's Sustainable Community Action Plan.

**Francine Waters** - Multimodal Transportation Project Specialist

### ***WALKTOBER 2024***

Walktober 2024 was an exciting lineup of events and speakers. This year there were five *Walkinars* on these important topics: National and State Perspectives; Complete Streets; Safe Routes to Schools; Pedestrian Access; and Equity & Reconnecting Communities. *Walkinars* are a series of informational webinars hosted by the Maryland Department of Planning (MD)P and are free and open to all. For planning professionals with [AICP](#) (America Institute of Certified Planners) certification, *Walkinars* also provide 1.5 Certification Maintenance (CM) credits.

**Stacey King**, **Commuter Choice** Maryland - Maryland Department of Transportation

### ***Maryland Commuter Tax Credit***

Commuter Choice Maryland is a statewide Maryland Department of Transportation program designed to ease traffic congestion and the worries that come with it. Ms. King offered an overview of tips, tools, and resources about smart commuting and the Maryland Commuter Tax Credit benefit for walking to work.

incenTrip – assigns points for logging commute trips (more environmentally friendly gets more points)  
guaranteed ride home – 6 free rides home per year (if someone walks to work and has an emergency, can use this service to get a car/ride). Enroll in service before you need it

- Maryland Commuter Tax Credit – claim back 50% cost of subsidy for commuter subsidies. This can cover walking. If employer is reimbursing for athletic shoes or reflective gear, they can claim 50% of cost back from the government

Not every employer knows how to build a walking/running program so there is a free program to help employers start or expand their offered programs to employees. It is offered in different languages. Statewide recognition is given to these employers for their dedication to commuter choice for their employees

**Meg Young:** Deputy Director of Active Transportation and Micromobility Environment & Sustainable Transportation Program

### ***MDOT's New Complete Streets Policy***

The new MDOT Complete Streets Policy will make roads safer for all users by requiring additions of safety features such as bike lanes and pedestrian crossings, thereby prioritizing accessible and sustainable travel across all modes. Under the policy, each MDOT mode or type of transportation will develop implementation strategies within the next six months and work in collaboration with the Office of Active Transportation and Micromobility at the Secretary's Office with the goal of increasing equitable access to the transportation network -- from better transit connections to safer crossings.

### **Goal 2: The Subcommittee will encourage participation of pedestrian activities**

Objective 1: Promote activities such as WALKTOBER and Walk Maryland Day

The 5th annual WALKTOBER had over 29,000 views and/or registrations for the five Walkinars during the month: [View the Walktober Website](#)

Objective 2: Raise the awareness of pedestrian opportunities for state and local governments, neighborhoods, non-profits and business entities as a form of transportation, recreation and health.

Provided fresh insights in promoting walking and walkability by an updated WALKTOBER website as a resource for pedestrian information.

### **Goal 3: The Subcommittee will review and inform state and local jurisdictions on pedestrian plans and projects**

- Objective 1: Maryland Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan: Continue to support community outreach
- Objective 2: MDOT 2050 Maryland Transportation Plan
- Objective 3: Sidewalk Data Collaboration

Other relevant plans and projects included providing support and input on the update of new Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan



Throughout the year attendance continued to average 30 individuals or more, the Committee members were recruited from the 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 WALKTOBER events with representation from state and local government agencies, non-profits, businesses, enthusiasts and advocates. Over 166 individuals are routinely invited to the quarterly meetings.

Sub-committee members learned of pedestrian activities and programs undertaken throughout the state, WALKTOBER events, and other pedestrian initiatives. Members supported and promoted WALKTOBER events, hosted walks for Walk Maryland Day and shared relevant resources and best practices. The Sub-committee supported WALKTOBER 2024, Pedestrian Safety Action Plan, and supports the Sidewalk Data Collaboration project.

### ***Initiatives List Pedestrians 2025***

**Pedestrian Subcommittee** of the Maryland Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (MBPAC)— Meets quarterly to share and discuss pedestrian access and safety with national agencies and local jurisdictions presenting the latest updates on pedestrian initiatives and programs. The Subcommittee informs the Maryland Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (MBPAC) and responds to goals established by **Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP)**. The Subcommittee meetings will occur online on 3/20, 6/19, 9/18 and 12/12/2025.

**Walk Maryland Day:** A statewide wide event held annually the first Wednesday in October celebrating our state's official exercise and a call to action to support safe walking and walkability. A registration platform is available to Walk Leaders or "Sole Mates" through the MDOT WALKTOBER website. **Walk Leaders** are to encourage anyone who enjoys walking and wants to help others realize the benefits this healthy activity can bring to join them on a walk. **Sole Mates** are people who would like to join a walk can register for a walk in their desired location.

**WALKTOBER campaign:** An annual campaign led by the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and joined by partnering agencies, national organizations and non-profits to promote and host events and webinars spotlighting Maryland pedestrians' safety, health, and commuting options in current walk programs and Initiatives. The power of our partners and MDOT's social media is used to generate interest in the campaign and dedicated MDOT webpages offer year-round pedestrian information, pedestrian resources, and the ability to review previous webinars.

**Walkinars:** The open to the public, free WALKTOBER Walkinar series of 1 ½ hour webinars held every Thursday during the month of October, help planners, local officials, pedestrian advocates and the public at large learn how to advocate for safe walking infrastructure, how to safely use pedestrian infrastructure, and how to incorporate walking in your daily routines. Over twelve nationally recognized speakers identify key resources to build, strengthen and sustain local partnerships and share new tools and technologies being used across the country to identify and plan for pedestrian-accessible routes for all ages and abilities. These webinars provide American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) with 1.5 Certification Maintenance (CM) credits to maintain their certification.

**Sidewalk Data Collaboration:** The Maryland Department of Transportation's (MDOT) Environment and Sustainable Transportation Program is evaluating the feasibility of establishing a statewide sidewalk dataset that would be conflated to One Maryland One Centerline (OMOC) data and maintained statewide.

### **Walk to School Day**



## Trails subcommittee

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## 2024 Meeting Summaries

1. October 4, 2024 Agenda
  - a. Introductions
  - b. Technical Advisory Committee
  - c. Scope of Work for the Plan
  - d. Data Sources
  - e. Toolkits for Trail Implementation
  - f. Next Steps/Action Items
2. December 13, 2024 Agenda
  - a. Introductions & Review
  - b. Existing Conditions
  - c. Database and Map development
  - d. Toolkit updates
  - e. Next Steps/Action Items

## Appendix D – MDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Key Staff –2024

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>MDOT Modal Unit</b>	<b>Role</b>
<b>Kandese Holford</b>	Director, Active Transportation & Micromobility	TSO	Advises MDOT leadership on all bike/ped issues (June – December)
<b>Meg Young</b>	Deputy Director, Active Transportation & Micromobility	TSO	Advises Leadership on Issues and Coordinates w/Agencies on Partnerships/Investments (January - July)
<b>Cheryl Ladota</b>	Transportation Alternatives Program/Recreational Trails Program Manager	SHA	Manages Transportation Alternative, Recreational Trails Program which includes the / Safe Routes to School Programs.
<b>Cynthia Spriggs</b>	DOT Executive Officer III	MVA	Manages Pedestrian and Bicycle Emphasis Area and Speed Management in Strategic Highway Safety Plan Efforts.
<b>Nate Evans</b>	Active Transportation Planner (January-March), Assistant Division Chief, Regional and Intermodal Planning MDOT SHA	TSO/SHA	Manages Bikeways grant program and other bike/ped efforts
<b>Luis Gonzalez</b>	Division Chief Innovative Contracting Division	SHA	Manages sidewalk and bicycle retrofit programs
<b>Molly Porter</b>	Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator	SHA	Leading Context Driven/Complete Streets efforts
<b>Shane Sarver</b>	Bicycle & Pedestrian Planner	SHA	Assists Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator on various projects
<b>Patrick McMahon</b>	Bicycle/Pedestrian Planner (January – March)	MTA	Oversees pedestrian and bicycle connections to transit
<b>Jared Paper-Evers</b>	Project Manager	SHA	Oversees ADA compliance standards and bicycle accommodations on SHA projects
<b>Francine Waters</b>	Transportation Planner	TSO	Leads TSO pedestrian initiatives Walktober, Ped Subcommittee