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BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2023 Annual Report

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Executive Summary

The Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Advocacy Committee (MBPAC) has continued to operate effectively in 2023, with lively discussions, active participation, and a firm commitment to recommending the State advance, grow and support safe, cost-effective, and accessible travel modes. MBPAC focused on promoting events such as the April 2023 Bike Symposium, Walktober, and the opening of a playground for children with disabilities in July 2023. MBPAC has prioritized increasing its engagement as part of the development of bicycle and pedestrian-related topics during the inception of these programs, seeking active early engagement in significant matters that fall within its scope.

MBPAC also contributed to the development of the 2050 Maryland Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP) by providing feedback on its draft version in Autumn 2023, with discussions at the October 2023 MBPAC Quarterly meeting. Several state regions have already developed their own bicycle and pedestrian master plans, such as those of Frederick City and Queen Anne's County, which align with the statewide BPMP.

MBPAC focused on legislative opportunities, hearing from advocates about bills introduced in the 2023 session and anticipated legislation for the upcoming 2024 session. Priority was given to drafting and discussing legislation such as The Great Maryland Trails Act, Stop as Yield, Bicycles on Sidewalks (HB 111/SB 77), MDTA complete Streets/Routing Accommodation (HB 135), the Pedestrian Fatality Prevention Act of 2024 (HB 28), and the Sarah Debbink Langenkamp Memorial Act (HB 337/SB 315).

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 is appointed by the Governor, combining 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 visually and mobility-challenged individuals.

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

1. **Mode of 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>

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2023 Year in Review

Recap

In 2023 MBPAC has continued apace with lively conversation, active participation, and firm resolve in the face of a changing legislative and economic climate. While the Committee does not ignore factors outside of its control, we maintained our focus towards advocating for all Marylanders to travel in safe, cost-effective, and accessible modes.

Committee work in 2023 was punctuated with various subcommittee activity and a sizable increase in encouraging updates across state and regional partnerships. Of note, events such as the April 2023 Bike Symposium (hosted by WABA and Bike Maryland), Walktober, the opening of a playground for children with disabilities (Columbia's Blandair Park, July 2023), and many more pointed to positive steps forward in enabling access across all areas of Maryland.

The [2050 Maryland Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan](#) (BPMP) was a landmark offering to which the Committee also contributed feedback. Through the tireless work of the BPMP Subcommittee, it was available for public feedback in draft in Autumn 2023, with discussion held at the October 2023 MBPAC Quarterly meeting. Several jurisdictions took proactive steps forward with Bicycle and Pedestrian master plans of their own, like the City of Frederick and Queen Anne's County, designed in mind of the statewide BPMP, with targeted implementation tracks. Due to the timing of deadlines for feedback, the BPMP Subcommittee informally and its individual members contributed at least 100 public comments on the draft BPMP.

Our focus on the legislative environment also brought forth spirited discussion and potential future opportunities. The Committee heard from advocates about legislative work undertaken in the 2023 session as well as anticipated bills to be introduced for the 2024 session that begins in mid-January. Priority was given to discussions and drafting of legislation such as The Great Maryland Trails Act, Stop as Yield, Bicycles on Sidewalks (HB 111/SB 77), MDTA complete Streets/Routing Accommodation (HB 135), the Pedestrian Fatality Prevention Act of 2024 (HB 28), and the Sarah Debbink Langenkamp Memorial Act (HB 337/SB 315).

Membership

With the change in Administration, there were several departures of Committee members and supporting staff. Several new committee members were formally appointed just prior to the end of the year. Two citizen member terms expired and appointments for these positions remain to be filled. The committee expects new appointees and staff to bring empathetic, energizing, and fresh approaches. The MBPAC Committee would like to formally recognize and thank the following persons who have finished their terms on the Committee or in support of the Committee from Maryland staff positions:

- John Wetmore (Washington Metro)
- Pierre Stewart (Baltimore Metro)
- Jim Smith (visually impaired)
- Steve Friedman (at large)

- Marquette Rogers (at large)
- Jeff Hirsh (Maryland Department of Transportation)
- Andrew Mengel (Department of Natural Resources)
- Peter Cento (Department of Commerce)
- Bihui Xu (Department of Planning)
- Eli Glazier (Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission)
- Marty Baker (MDOT)

The Committee welcomes 4 new citizen members and an additional five members from government agencies. The roster of appointees as of the end of 2023 is contained in [Appendix A](#), and is posted on the [MPBAC website](#).

MDOT Committee staff continued their efforts, remaining highly supportive of the Committee. MDOT experienced significant turnover in key bicycle and pedestrian staff-specific positions in 2023 due primarily to the change in Administration. A list of these positions and the individuals currently serving in those roles is contained in [Appendix D](#).

[Advisory Role](#)

The Committee is charged with providing guidance to the state agencies involved in bicycle and pedestrian matters. The Committee will continue to utilize formal means of developing and documenting input on major projects, policies and related matters, where and when appropriate. MBPAC has prioritized increasing its engagement as part of the development of bicycle and pedestrian-related topics during the inception of these programs. We seek active early engagement in significant matters that fall within our scope. MBPAC intends to be pro-active partners in the creation of these documents versus reactive to final drafts.

While no formal advice or recommendations were issued by the Committee during 2023 the Committee did review legislative matters and the draft BPMP and offer informal feedback, primarily due to the timing of deadlines and full Committee meetings.

[Ad-hoc Subcommittees](#)

Subcommittees, or working groups, are permitted to help advance work of the full MBPAC but are subject to full Open Meetings Act requirements if given official standing. Based on a thorough review of the needs and opportunities related to smaller group investigation into committee wide concerns, the Committee decided that the formation of ad-hoc committees on a volunteer basis would best serve the Committee's needs and interests. These ad-hoc committees may include stakeholders outside of the formal MBPAC membership.

In 2023, several ad-hoc subcommittee had meetings. The Eastern Shore subcommittee, led by Patti Sevens, is focused on the areas east of the Bay. The second is a subcommittee focused on bringing legislative matters to the attention of the committee, led by Jon Morrison. And a pedestrian-focused subcommittee is being led by Marian Vessels with key support from Francine Waters. For 2023 a temporary subcommittee was formed, focused on the BPMP. This was coordinated by Nigel Samaroo and Nate Evans.

[Eastern Shore Ad Hoc Subcommittee](#)

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

Legislative Ad Hoc Subcommittee

No formal meetings of the Legislative subcommittee were held in 2023. The subcommittee members participated with and received feedback from meetings with various advocates who were themselves initiating and sponsoring bicycle and related legislative initiatives.

Pedestrian Ad-Hoc Subcommittee

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

Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP) Subcommittee

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

MBPAC continues to explore leveraging future ad-hoc subcommittees as a mechanism to help promote active engagement and inclusion, while ensuring adequate focused attention on matters within the Committee's purview. New ad-hoc subcommittees may include groups focused on infrastructure (roads or trails), micromobility, and bike/pedestrian tourism.

MBPAC membership does not limit members from participating in 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.

Individual Meeting Highlights

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

2024: Focus Areas

For 2024, the Committee will continue to work with the Administration to provide leadership and give member agencies the opportunity to present changes in focus related to pedestrian and bicycling related activities.

The Committee is especially concerned about proposed substantial cuts in funding for bike and pedestrian projects in the current and future years. The Committee will work with the Administration to help identify priorities and key programs that must remain funded.

MBPAC will continue with a focus on understanding local initiatives and non-profits with presentations by local and regional bike and pedestrian organizations. These presentations are intended to provide these groups with the opportunity to discuss barriers to progress for projects they

are pursuing. The presentations will also allow MBPAC members to advise State agencies, where appropriate, on potential approaches to help assist and guide the agencies in these efforts.

MBPAC always encourages the Administration to actively engage the Committee as part of the development of new policies, procedures and practices and updates to existing documents. MBPAC will also continue to provide advice to the Administration for updates to existing state plans; focusing on aspects related to bicycle and pedestrian matters. MBPAC will evaluate pending legislation, seek out opportunities to enhance networks, close gaps, address natural barriers and look to ensure interstate connections are maintained and expanded.

With the recent approval of the federal Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), the process of revising the Maryland MUTCD will begin and MBPAC intends to work closely with Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) staff on developing revisions.

Appendix A - MBPAC Member list as of January 2024

Chair:

- Jon Morrison

State Representatives:

- [Maryland Department of Commerce](#): Liz Fitzsimmons
- [Maryland Department of Disabilities](#): Bong Delrosario
- [Maryland Department of Health](#): Kristi Pier
- [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: Matthew Hendrickson, Patrick Patterson, Pierre Stewart Eastern Shore: Patti Stevens
- Southern Maryland: Marshall Edwards
- Washington DC Metropolitan Area: James G. Titus, Ndegwa Kamau, John Wetmore Western Maryland: Steve Green
- Visually Impaired Representative: Andrew Lingelbach
- Mobility Impaired Representative: Marian Vessels
- At Large: Nigel Samaroo, Kristy Daphnis, Antoine RJ Wright

Appendix B – Meeting Materials

January 2023 Meeting:

- [Agenda](#)
- [Minutes](#)
- [Bikeways Presentation](#)
- [Public Engagement Plan](#)

April 2023 Meeting:

- [Agenda](#)
- [Minutes](#)
- [City of Frederick MBPAC Presentation](#)
- [2050 Maryland Statewide Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan Presentation](#)

July 2023 Meeting:

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

October 2023 Meeting:

- [Agenda](#)
- [Minutes](#)
- [BPMP Draft Outreach](#)
- [MDOT Complete Streets](#)
- [Fatal Crash Infrastructure Reviews](#)

Past Annual Reports

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

Appendix C – Subcommittee Reports

Eastern Shore subcommittee

What began as an ad-hoc group in 2021 formalized this year to become the Maryland Eastern Shore Trail Network, with facilitation and staff support from the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy (ESLC) and technical assistance from the National Park Service – RTCA Program. A Steering Committee with representatives from eight counties met bi-monthly during 2023 focusing on these project goals:

- **Convene** stakeholders to create a regional trail vision and an organizational structure to build and sustain a trail network on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.
- **Develop** a plan and priorities for creating trails and safe crossings that connect people and places.
- **Advocate** for resources and policies at the local, state, and federal level to make active transportation safe, accessible, and equitable.
- **Communicate** with regional leadership about progress and needs and listen to residents, property holders, and visitors about priorities and opportunities.

Progress on the Eastern Shore

- ESLC received second year funding from Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development to continue support for the regional trail network.
- Eastern Shore GIS Cooperative created a multi-layer project map that identifies existing and planned road-separated trails; state and national parks and historic sites; inactive and low-activity rail lines and utility corridors with potential for trail development.
- ESLC worked with Dorchester County, municipalities, and state agencies to facilitate a rail-banking agreement. Centreville completed one with MDOT.
- Network members supported rail trail development in various stages of planning in Hurlock, Preston, Salisbury, Hebron, and Berlin.
- Bikeways Grants were awarded for trail design and building projects in Galena, St. Michaels, Oxford, Salisbury, Princess Anne, and Salisbury.
- Somerset County received a Transportation Alternatives Grant through SHA to construct Phase 2 of the Terrapin Trail (3.2 miles).
- Queen Anne’s County is finalizing work on their first county-wide Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan, funded by Project Open Space.
- Worcester County is working on a Greenways and Trails Plan, funded by Rural Maryland Economic Development Fund.
- Ocean City and Salisbury were recognized as Bronze Level Bike Friendly Communities by the League of American Bicyclists.

Focus In 2024

Community outreach, engagement of new partners, and securing commitment to and support for the Eastern Shore Trail Network is the priority for the coming year. To find out more about the Eastern Shore Trail Network visit the website <https://www.eslc.org/towns/eastern-shore-regional-trail-vision/>

Pedestrian subcommittee

The Maryland Pedestrian Sub-Committee, a sub-committee of the Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, held a total of three meetings in 2023: March 16, June 22, September 23. There was no meeting in December. 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 achieved its three goals as established in 2022:

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 six presentations throughout the year:

1. **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 will offer 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, they 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 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. Offered in different languages. Give statewide recognition to these employers for their dedication to commuter choice for their employees.

2. **Mike McGinn, Executive Director, America Walks - America Walks Programs**

America Walks is a leading national nonprofit that advances safe, equitable, accessible, and enjoyable places to walk and move by giving people and communities the resources to effectively advocate for change. Mr. McGinn discussed the variety of programs that America Walks offers that empower communities to create safe, accessible, equitable, and enjoyable places to walk and move.

3. **Tanya Asman - Anne Arundel Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan**

Walk & Roll Anne Arundel! (2023), the recent update to the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan, is a vision for walking, bicycling, and rolling (using a wits implementation will result in a connected network of streets and trails where it's safer, easier, and more comfortable to get around outside of a vehicle).

4. **Nate Evans, MDOT, TSO - MDOT's Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan**

"As required by state law, the BPMP is updated every 5 years to strengthen safety, access and mobility for those walking and rolling. The plan's update began over the winter with an evaluation of Maryland's existing walking and biking infrastructure, policies and practices. Public outreach was conducted over the spring with a project website, public survey, webinars and in-person events. This summer, the project team is meeting with stakeholders, drafting recommendations and refining results in preparation for a draft plan in autumn. When a draft is prepared, MDOT staff would appreciate the Pedestrian Subcommittee's review and schedule a time to discuss at a future meeting." (Note: The 2050 BPMP was adopted in January 2024).

5. **Brian Lange (on behalf of Molly Porter of SHA) -- Pedestrian Safety Action Plan - Transportation Engineering – Planning – Stakeholder Engagement – AEECOM**

State Highway Administration released the state's first [Pedestrian Safety Action Plan](#), a new tool in the agency's ongoing efforts to enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety, mobility, and improve multi-modal access for communities across the state.

6. **Doug Mowbray, Traffic Records Program Manager, Maryland Highway Safety Office**

MDOT – MVA - **Fatal Crash Dashboard** - the Maryland Department of the State Police (MDSP) and the Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration's (MDOT MVA) Highway Safety Office recently launched a fatal crash dashboard on the Motor Vehicle Administration's Highway Safety Office [Zero Deaths Maryland website](#). The [Fatal Crash Dashboard](#) provides a self-guided data visualization of incidents in Maryland from 2016 to present day where a motor vehicle crash resulted in a fatal injury. The dashboard was developed with a wide range of an audience in mind, from traffic safety professionals to elected officials to the media to advocates and anyone who is interested in joining Maryland traffic safety professionals to achieve a Vision of Zero Deaths on Maryland roadways.

Objective 2. Promote the new pedestrian newsletter as a venue for information sharing. Subcommittee participants will be encouraged to write articles for inclusion.



The Committee published two newsletters in the last twelve months with guest authors which can be found online at: <https://www.mdot.maryland.gov/tso/pages/Index.aspx?PageId=176>

Goal 2. The Subcommittee will encourage participation of pedestrian activities.

Objective 1.

Promote activities such as WALKTOBER and Walk Maryland Day

The 4th annual WALKTOBER had over 7,000 views and/or registrations for the four Walkinars during the month - Registration Increased by over 27%: <https://www.mdot.maryland.gov/tso/pages/Index.aspx?PageId=136>

- Governor Wes Moore proclaimed October WALKTOBER
- 51 Partners to the WALKTOBER campaign
- Governor Wes Moore proclaimed October 4, 2023, as Walk Maryland Day
- 84 registered Walk Leaders – 315 registered Solemates
- 23 Maryland jurisdictions participated in Walk Maryland Day
- Over 160 walk events throughout the month
- 11 Presentations from nationally renowned pedestrian experts

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 and provide timely information on MDOT's WalkCycle Facebook Page. <https://mdot.maryland.gov/tso/pages/Index.aspx?PageId=136>

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. Transportation Data Equity Project - Continue to support the Taskar

Other relevant plans and projects

- Provide 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 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 2023, continued to encourage articles for the bi-annual Pedestrian newsletter, help inform the Maryland Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan, Pedestrian Safety Action Plan, and support the Sidewalk Data Collaboration project.

Initiatives List

Pedestrians

- **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 occur online on 3/16, 6/15, 7/28 and 10/27.
- **MDOT Walk this Way Newsletter** – MDOT TSO OCP releases a newsletter to inform the public on pedestrian initiatives and programs undertaken by MDOT, local jurisdictions and national entities. Guest writers are invited to submit articles for the newsletter from both locally and nationally. The newsletter is sent 4 times a year. The latest FALL/WINTER 2022-2023 newsletter can be found here: <https://archive.aweber.com/newsletter/awlist5543061/MTc0MDEwNDg=/walk-this-way-winter-2023.html> .
- **Walk Maryland Day** – A statewide wide event held annually on 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 Leader or "Sole Mate" 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 and can register for a walk in their desired location. Walk to School Day is generally held on the same day as Walk Maryland Day.
- **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. Over 6,000 registrations were generated in 2022!
- **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.

BPMP subcommittee

The Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP) identifies goals and strategies for improving active transportation access across the State and helps advance the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) vision to provide safe and convenient active transportation that supports equitable access for all.

The BPMP relied on an engagement process to connect with a variety of stakeholders that included advisory groups (i.e., the Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (MBPAC), the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Sub-Committee and the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) which included members of the MBPAC (Nigel Samaroo, Citizen-At-Large Representative, Eli Glazier, MNCPPC representative, and Andrew Mengel, previous DNR representative.). The Plan was developed in coordination with the MBPAC throughout the process, and the project team was guided by the TAG which met bi-monthly. Input was also provided by the MBPAC Pedestrian Subcommittee. Activities the members of the MBPAC involved in the TAG included reviewing key milestone documents, assisting with public outreach, participating in the five TAG online meetings, soliciting feedback about the plan from members of the MBPAC and adding that feedback in a document that provided recommendations that was shared with the MDOT before the final plan was put together.

Once the plan was nearing finalization, MDOT hosted the fall meeting of the MBPAC and a member of the MDOT presented the plan to the Committee, feedback was requested and provided by members of the MBPAC. Many of the recommendations provided by members of the MBPAC were incorporated into the final plan.

Some of the feedback from members of the MBPAC included but were not limited to the following:

- A comprehensive and insightful look into what the state has been doing with respect to cycling and pedestrian advocacy concerns.
- Acknowledging and incorporating the Safe Systems Approach.
- Including the Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress (LTS) Mapping and Bicycle Network Gap Analysis and identifying priority areas using accessibility and equity and highlighting the regional trail networks as areas of opportunity.
- Establishment of Complete Streets planning and design approach.
- Supporting the update of the Statewide Trails Plan and the creation of a Statewide Trails Team.
- Detailing a process for rail-banking and for evaluating potential rail with trails on inactive or low-activity lines.

MDOT will track progress towards achieving the goals of the BPMP and report progress through the touchpoints of the annual Attainment Report and the Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (MBPAC).

Appendix D – MDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Key Staff -2023

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