

Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan



Planning Better Paths to Carroll's Future

Carroll County, Maryland

CarrollBikePedPlan.org

Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan: Chapter 6 Discussion/Decision

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Progress

Chapter	Title	Action
1	Introduction, Background, & Plan Development	October Distribution
2	Plan Vision & Goals	October Distribution
3	Existing Conditions	Accepted April 17, 2018
4	Future Connections	Accepted April 17, 2018
5	Making Connections Beyond the Path	Accepted January 16, 2018
6	Transportation Alternative	In Progress
7	Design Alternatives & Safety	Accepted July 17, 2018
8	Implementation Strategies & Funding Mechanisms	September Distribution

Chapter 6: Goal

- Goal 4:
 - Place a greater emphasis on walking and bicycling in all planning and development processes.
- Goal 5 of the 2014 County Master Plan:
 - “provide a safe and functional intra-County transportation system that promotes access and mobility for people and goods through a variety of transportation modes.”

Chapter 6: Overview







- Complete Streets
 - Why in Carroll County
 - Benefits
 - Supportive Data
 - Carroll's Challenges
 - Elements of a Policy
 - Alternatives for Low- and Fixed-Income
 - Alternatives for Students

Updates and Changes








- Complete Streets provided an opportunity to work with the state's newly established Complete Streets Program.
 - Revisions - If Carroll County establishes its own policy and has it approved by MDOT, then there is matching funding available through this ~~grant~~ program. This program was just signed into law in May 2018. ~~and is expected to go into effect July 1, 2018.~~ However, money must be appropriated for it to go into effect.

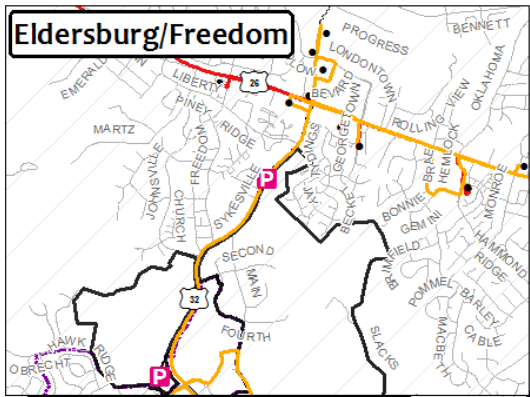
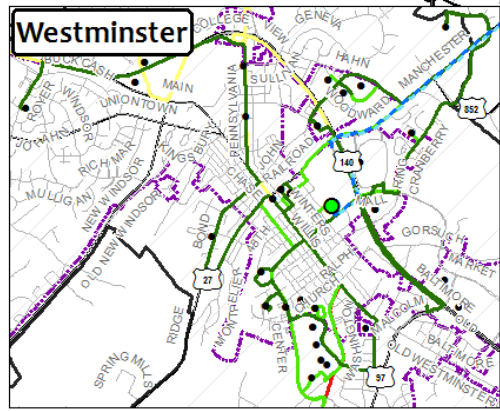
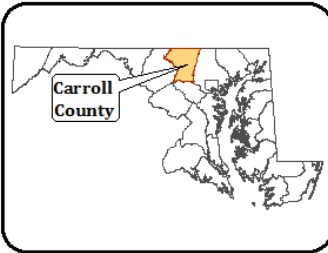
County Park and Ride and TrailBlazer Routes

Legend

-  Growth Area Boundary
-  Corporate Limits
-  County Border
-  Park and Ride
-  BERC (Hub)
-  TrailBlazer Stops

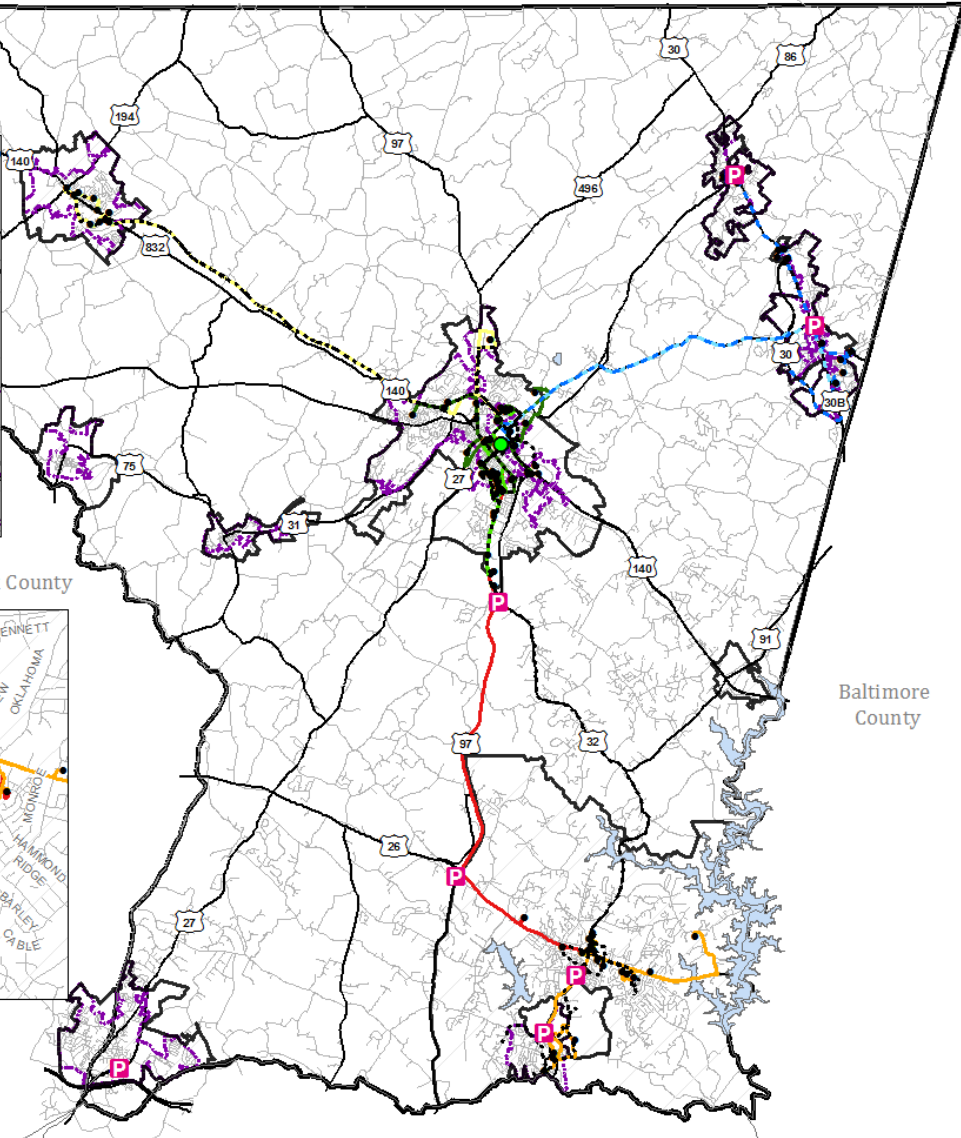
TrailBlazer Routes

-  Hampstead Manchester Original*
-  Hampstead Manchester Alt Rte*
-  Westminster #1**
-  Westminster #2**
-  Taneytown
-  South Carroll
-  Eldersburg/Westminster



0 1.25 2.5 5 Miles

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Chapter 6: Recommendations

The following are recommended to improve and enhance transportation options in the County:

- Work with other County departments and municipalities to explore developing a countywide Complete Streets Policy where applicable **within Designated Growth Areas** as design, construction, and maintenance funding are available
 - The policy should include but is not limited to transit, students, those who are economically disadvantaged, and minority populations

Chapter 6: Recommendations

- **Build collaborative groups:**
 - Work with the state to accommodate Carroll County Complete Streets policy recommendations when making changes to state roads that connect municipalities and growth areas
 - Work with the state to ensure installations of state road crossings accommodates best practices and Carroll County Complete Streets policies for all transportation users
 - When initiated by municipalities, work with municipalities to create and implement local Complete Streets policies
 - Work with parent and student groups to incorporate Complete Streets that accommodate alternate transportation to schools

Chapter 6: Recommendations

- Consider studying the need for bike-ped accommodations that lead to TrailBlazer stops
- Consider studying the feasibility and demand for bicycle accommodations on the TrailBlazer shuttle and routes, including bike racks at stops and on buses
- Consider bicycle accommodations, such as bike racks, at the BERC Transportation Hub
- Consider alternate routes to roads that may include sidewalks, paths, and trails that connect people to frequented destinations such as parks, schools, recreation facilities, libraries, senior centers, shopping centers, and employment centers

Chapter 6: Recommendations

- Consider studying the need for bike-ped connections to Park and Ride lots
- Consider completion of the pedestrian network by filling in sidewalk gaps and providing sidewalk on both sides of the street
- Consider requiring developers to incorporate Complete Streets concepts within the site design process
- Consider a regularly planned Pedestrian and Bicycle Census at select locations within the County's growth areas to determine pedestrian and bicycle activity on County roads and infrastructure

Photo Contest

- Public voting ended August 17th
- Congratulations to Kristan, of Westminster, for winning a **\$50 Race Pace gift card**
- 110 responses



Next Steps

- Distribution of Chapter 8 – Implementation
 - September
- Chapters 1 & 2 – Introduction & Vision/Goals and Final Draft (8 chapters)
 - October



Questions?

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