

Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan



Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan: Chapters 3 and 4 Distribution

Planning & Zoning
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Overview

- Progress
- Citizen Outreach
- Vision
- Chapter 3 - Existing Conditions
 - Goal, Findings
- Chapter 4 - Future Connections
 - Goal, Recommendations
- Next Steps



Progress

- Input from:
 - Town staff
 - Dept. of Rec & Parks
 - Dept. of Public Works
 - Citizens (outreach)

Progress

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

Citizen Outreach

- 2016 Interest Survey (January-March 2016)
- 2017 Citizen Outreach Meeting (3/21/17)

What improvements would influence you to walk in Carroll County more often?

85.3% More walking trails or paths

52.6% Improved sidewalks (fill in missing pieces, wider, etc..)

What keeps you from walking in Carroll County more often?

60.7% I don't have trails, sidewalks or appropriately paved areas.

66.1% I don't feel safe due to walking conditions/traffic

What keeps you from riding a bike to a Carroll County destination more often?

68.7% There is a lack of bicycle facilities (bike lanes, paths, wide shoulders, etc.)

65.8% I don't feel safe due to road conditions/traffic.



Citizen Outreach

- When asked to provide additional comments about walking and biking in Carroll County responses showed:
 - **Top Responses**
 - commented on the need for abundant & more efficient sidewalks, crosswalks, shoulders, paths, trails, and lighting (pedestrian and bicycle use)



Citizen Outreach

- Citizen Requests for consideration

Location	Place	Description
Gist Rd	Westminster	Gap between Stoner Ave and hospital entrance
Stoner Ave	Westminster	Gaps between the Senior Center and Advanced Radiology and hospital
Ridge Rd	Eldersburg	50 to 100 ft gap From Marvin Ave to Kali Dr



Plan Vision

- *“Carroll County is a diverse community made up of suburban centers, towns, rural areas, places of recreation and heritage destinations that are well connected in a safe and efficient manner to enable recreational choices and transportation options.”*

Chapter 3 Goal

- Goal 1:
 - Identify and assess existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities and networks.



Chapter 3

- **Existing:** a bicycle lane or route, sidewalk, shared use path, or off-road trail that is already in existence; full construction is complete.

76 Miles
Existing
Under Construction
Countywide bike facilities and trails



Chapter 3

- **Under Construction:** construction on a bicycle lane or route, sidewalk, shared use path, or off-road trail that is set to begin within the year or construction is currently taking place. A facility under construction may or may not be in a master plan.

Chapter 3

- **Adopted/Planned:** a bicycle lane or route, sidewalk, shared use path, or off-road trail that is identified in a Town or County master plan or site plan but is not yet under construction.





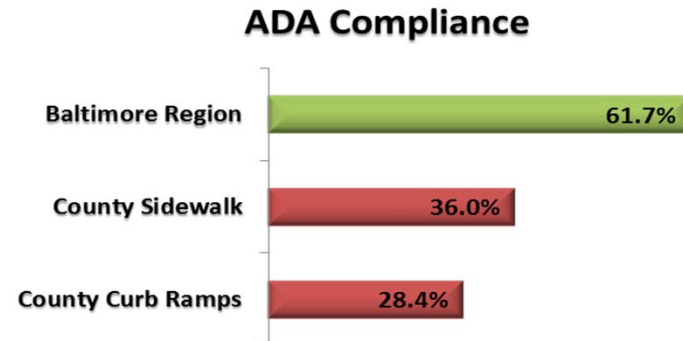
Chapter 3: Findings

- Projects take place in a disjointed manor
- Existing network is incomplete - gaps and a lack of connectivity
- Additional examination of existing infrastructure is needed. Consider
 - An inventory of County roads w/wide shoulders
 - A Walk Audit
 - crossing distance, signalization, intersection spacing, buffer from traffic, width and condition of sidewalk, gaps in sidewalk, and lighting



Chapter 3: Findings

- Continue with the plan to get existing sidewalks and curb ramps up to ADA compliance
- Best Practices in design for bicycle infrastructure (see Chapter 7)
- Bike-Ped Stakeholder Group



Chapter 4 Goal

- Goal 2:
 - Identify a hierarchy of key connections and destinations within Carroll County.



Chapter 4 Goal

- **Future Connections:** bicycle lanes or routes, sidewalks, shared-use paths, or off-road trails that are not in an adopted comprehensive or master plan.

2000+  **Miles**

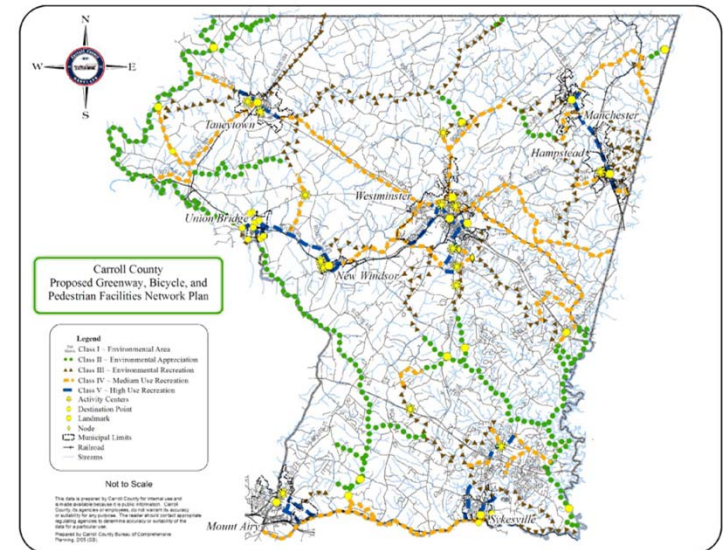
Future Connections

Countywide bike facilities and trails

Chapter 4: Recommendations

Consider the following:

- 1994 Technical Report (excluding the exceptions)
- A consultant bike-ped study (transportation study)
- A comprehensive study of:
 - Old Westminster Pike bike-ped from Finksburg to Westminster, and an MD 97 crossing
- Marking existing routes with wayfinding signage





Chapter 4: Recommendations

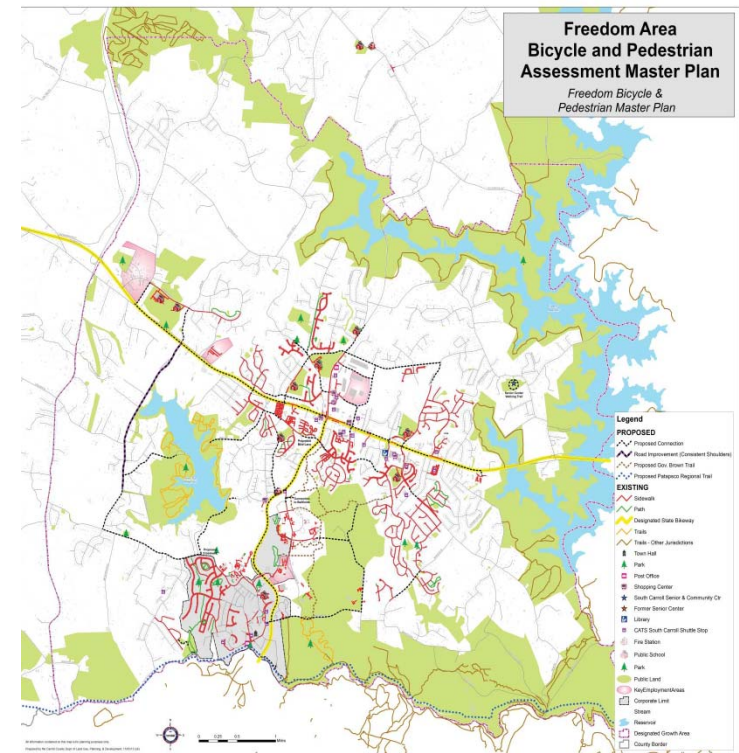
Consider the following:

- Linking neighborhoods to community and recreation centers
- Linking senior communities to nearby senior centers
- ~~Bike-ped accommodations at or near any future County Transit Hub~~
- Creating a citizen and/or stakeholder group

Chapter 4: Recommendations

Consider the following:

- Continuing working with municipalities to ensure interconnectivity
- Safe crossings at state highway intersections
- Work with the state to ensure policies are consistent with County plans
- Adopting the Freedom Bike-Ped Master Plan by reference





Next Steps

- Bike-Ped Picture Contest – people active on trails in Carroll County
- Chapter 7 – Design Alternatives



Questions?

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