Welcome, everyone, to the first annual Howard County Active Transportation Open House. This Open House builds upon the momentum of our previous BikeHoward open houses and reflects the County's goals and priorities to make Howard County bikeable and walkable. As we know, active transportation is good for us individually, for our community, and the environment.

In addition, the County will be hosting e-scooters starting in March in two of our business districts. Although this year's Open House is virtual due to the pandemic, we look forward to seeing you next year in person. For now, we hope you will “walk around,” learn more about the topics that interest you, and give us your valuable feedback on the Open House and the topics covered here today.

The Open House is available from Friday, February 19 noon to February 26 at 5pm. Staff will be available to chat and answer questions at our “office hours”:

- Tuesday, February 23, 1pm-2pm
- Wednesday, February 24, 6pm-7pm
- Thursday, February 25, 6pm-7pm
- Friday, February 26, 11am-noon

Please send questions to transportation@howardcountymd.gov and we will respond to them on the Active Transportation Open House webpage as soon as we can.

Please click here to sign in and let us know you stopped by. You can also sign up here for our mailings.

Thank you!

**BikeHoward Plan.** BikeHoward is the County’s first ever Bicycle Master Plan which identifies specific recommendations for transportation and recreational bicycling improvements in Howard County. The Plan was adopted by County Council in 2016 and includes a series of recommendations in the areas of infrastructure improvements, policy, and programs. The Office of Transportation is the lead agency to administer the planning process, and the Plan itself was developed with significant input from the community and other County agencies, including the Departments of Planning and Zoning, Public Works, and Recreation and Parks.

The vision of BikeHoward is for Howard County to become a bicycle-friendly county where residents and visitors of all ages and abilities feel comfortable and safe bicycling on our roads and paths for both daily transportation and for healthy recreation.

BikeHoward’s goals include:

1. Identifying and developing a countywide system of bicycle facilities to foster connectivity within, throughout, beyond the County to parks and recreation centers, schools and educational institutions, commercial and centers, and regional and local transit facilities.

2. Facilitating recreational and transportation trips by bicycle in the County and improving the safety for all levels of bicyclists.

3. Recommending County policies that will support bicycling, including bikeway facility design.

The BikeHoward website includes the BikeHoward Plan, descriptions of bike projects, information on current and past special events and meetings, biking and bike facility resources, and a map of site specific BikeHoward recommendations. We encourage you to visit and check out all the great information.

**New legislation.** Recent changes in Howard County law now prohibit motor vehicle parking in bike lanes. The new law, CB49-2020 was enacted December 7, 2020. Except when it is necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or at the direction of police or emergency services, it is no longer allowable to stop or park a vehicle in designated bike lanes.

For more on BikeHoward and other topics, see the additional boards on the Open House webpage.