Significant progress on the implementation of Complete Streets in Howard County has already been made, including the following:

1. The Howard County Complete Streets Design Manual is a technical document that guides the design of Howard County streets. This is an update of the County’s current Roads and Bridges Design Manual, has been overseen by the Complete Streets Implementation Team, and incorporates best practices and Complete Streets concepts. This initiative was recommended in both the Howard County General Plan (PlanHoward) and the Howard County Bicycle Master Plan (BikeHoward); it is also a requirement of the County’s Complete Streets policy. The effort has included outreach and input by both the public and the development community through workshops, online surveys, and other means.

   The Howard County Complete Streets Design Manual was adopted by County Council as Council Resolution 17-2022 on February 7, 2022.

   Workshops were held in October 2021 to educate both the public and technical users of the Design Manual of the proposed changes. Further training on the new Design Manual and Complete Streets design requirements will occur in Spring 2022. The most current version of the Design Manual is available on the Design Manual webpage.

2. The Community Engagement Plan for Transportation Projects (CEP) was completed in October 2020. It provides best practices and procedures for County employees and others involved in development of transportation projects to engage the general public in the project development process. The CEP describes the significance of community engagement, the benefits of an inclusive process, and the importance of equity in decision making. It will greatly improve the County’s outreach and public engagement with specific tools and checklists for both capital and developer projects. The CEP and supporting materials are located on the Complete Streets and Community Engagement webpage.

   The Plan also includes a Citizen’s Guide to Community Engagement, to guide the public in their efforts to become more involved in the transportation planning process in Howard County.

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