Some of our partners in active transportation in the region include:

**Baltimore Metropolitan Council** (BMC) is a nonprofit organization that works collaboratively with the chief elected officials of the eight jurisdictions in the greater Baltimore area to create initiatives to improve the quality of life for its residents and economic vitality for its businesses. Transportation planning is one of the focal points of their work.

The **Baltimore Regional Transportation Board** (BRTB) is the region’s metropolitan planning organization (MPO). It is housed at and staffed by the BMC.

- Several ways to engage with the BRTB are provided on their [Getting Involved webpage](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/ATOH2022).
- One BRTB’s projects of interest is the **Patapsco Regional Greenway Plan**. The project will create a 40-mile, shared-use trail running through the Patapsco Valley from Baltimore’s Inner Harbor to Sykesville in Carroll County and pass by or near several communities, including Ellicott City. A general description of the project and the components already in place can be found on the project webpage. Details on the Elkridge to Guinness segment are included on the project storyboard.

The **Maryland Department of Transportation’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans and Programs** division is working to shift mode choice towards active transportation and transit as critical components to building efficient, equitable, and sustainable cities. To join their Bike Ped mailing list, follow the prompts on their [website](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/ATOH2022).

**Regional Transportation Agency of Central Maryland** (RTA) is a public transportation service providing fixed route and paratransit services within Howard County, Anne Arundel County, Northern Prince George’s County and the City of Laurel. RTA services connect to other regional services such as MTA, Metrorail, and Metrorail. All of the fixed-route buses have a bike rack on the front, can accommodate two bicycles, and are easy and quick to use.

**Maryland Transit Administration** (MTA) provides local and commuter bus service, and MARC train service throughout the Baltimore Metropolitan area, including Howard County. **Schedules** are available for MARC trains and commuter buses. A map of stations and stops can be found [here](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/ATOH2022).

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