WalkHoward Master Plan. WalkHoward is Howard County’s pedestrian master plan which seeks to create a safe, accessible, and connected pedestrian network for County residents. It was adopted in February 2020 by County Council. WalkHoward: Moving Forward, is an update of the County’s 2007 pedestrian plan and continues our efforts to improve walkability in Howard County. Those efforts include a vision for a more comprehensive, connected, and accessible system of sidewalks, pathways, bus stops, and roadway crossings – to make it easier to get around by walking and using assistive walking devices, like wheelchairs and walkers.

WalkHoward addresses pedestrian movement in all its forms – running errands, getting to work or school, running for exercise, or pushing a child in a stroller. However, WalkHoward also integrates our pedestrian network with our transit, biking, and micromobility networks to make transportation via more than one mode more viable in Howard County. Visit the WalkHoward website for more.

WalkHoward Recommendations. The recommendations provided in the WalkHoward Plan address three areas: network and facility, program, and policy. Key considerations include: filling in gaps in the sidewalk and crosswalk networks, establishing safe and convenient pedestrian connections to all transit locations, meeting and exceeding ADA standards for pedestrian facilities, and supporting efforts to increase walking to schools.

- **Network and facility recommendations** translate into sidewalks in 1,044 new locations, repairs at 492 locations, and a resulting 240 miles in sidewalk improvements. 621 intersections are identified for curb or crosswalk improvements, and 494 improvements at bus stops are targeted to better serve and connect the pedestrian network.
- **Key program recommendations** include: developing a “beyond the minimum” program for ADA accommodation, expanding non-motorized police patrol units, analyzing and publicizing pedestrian crash data, adopting pedestrian friendly laws and policies, and establishing a countywide Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program.
- A **full description of the recommendations** can be found on the WalkHoward Master Plan.

Program recommendations begin on page 40. Policy recommendations begin on page 46. Detailed structured project recommendations begin on page 62.

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