

Partners in the County

Some County partners in active transportation include:

Age-Friendly Howard County is a three- to five-year plan for the County to join the AARP Network of Age Friendly States and Communities through a focused effort to create a "livable" community for all to grow up and grow older. The County's action plan was recently approved by the AARP and is a critical milestone to joining the AARP Network. To hear from our County Executive and stakeholders the initiative and action plan click here or listen to a video on the program by the County's Age-Friendly Manager. For more information on AARP's Network, click here.

Columbia Association is a community service non-profit that manages Columbia, Maryland. Columbia is home to approximately 100,000 people, 10 villages, and an array of recreational, cultural and community services.

Cycle2Health is a non-competitive, peer-led, bicycling club for adults of all ages and riding abilities, coordinated by the Health & Wellness Division of the County's Office on Aging and Independence.

Downtown Columbia Partnership (DTC) is a nonprofit association supporting businesses and providing a collective voice for Downtown Columbia. They support and promote a sustainable, stimulating community where both businesses and people can thrive.

Go Howard provides information on ridesharing, transit, biking, and other alternatives to driving by yourself in Howard County. Formerly known as Howard Commuter Solutions, Go Howard explains the area's Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program.

Howard County Planning and Zoning seeks to shape the growth and future of Howard County by facilitating the development of safe, healthy, equitable, connected, and sustained communities, while respecting individual rights and protecting the County's natural environment, historical integrity, and character. Once each decade, Howard County updates its General Plan, a long-range, visionary document that guides land use decisions. The current update, *HoCo By Design*, is in the planning phase. The final design will reflect the County's shifting demographics, regional growth, and changes to priorities and community goals.

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Additional partners in active transportation in the County include:

Howard County Police Department (HCPD) watches over our roads to ensure the safety of all users of our transportation systems. It also includes the Pathway Patrol Unit which focuses on the safety and enforcement of the County's 190+ miles of pathways and

trails via mountain bikes and electric motorcycles.

Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) provides bus transportation or safe biking and walking routes to over 57,000 students every school day. The Student Transportation Office works with the Office of Transportation to improve access, safety, and connectivity for all students in

Howard County.

Howard County Department of Public Works (DPW) is responsible for the construction and maintenance of Howard County roads and sidewalks.

Howard County Recreation and Parks oversees all regional, community, and neighborhood parks, as well as scenic trails, facilities, and programs.

Live Green Howard is an initiative that brings together agencies and resources in Howard County that are dedicated to encouraging sustainability, protecting the environment, and being "green." One of the areas of focus is transportation, which includes bicycling and walking.

Local Health Improvement Coalition (LHIC) works to achieve health equity and to

identify and

reduce health disparities in Howard County. The LHIC organized and sponsored this year's Walk to Berevents and provides support to walking, hiking, and biking programs all year round in Howard County.

Partners in the Region

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.](#)

- 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](#).

[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, Metrobus, 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](#).