Joint Meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Group and Transit and Pedestrian Advisory Group

September 15, 2020

Howard County Office of Transportation
3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043
3:00 p.m.
Held via WebEx
Responsibilities of the BAG and TPAG

1. Advise and inform the Office on transportation matters

2. Provide additional subject matter expertise to the Office

3. Provide feedback and Technical Assistance on the Implementation of Master Plans and other initiatives and policy issues
Today’s Agenda

1. Welcome, review, and approval
   - Agenda
   - Minutes from last meeting

2. Key topics
   - Complete Streets
   - HoCo By Design
   - Safety

3. Business from last meeting

4. Upcoming events

5. Open discussion

6. Adjournment
Review and Approve

1. Today’s Agenda
2. Joint TPAG and BAG Meeting Minutes - from April 7, 2020
Complete Streets - Community Engagement Plan

- Draft will be posted on Complete Streets website on 9/16/20: [https://bit.ly/3hfCXNt](https://bit.ly/3hfCXNt)
- Workshops on 9/23/20 at 1pm and 7pm
- Due to County Council in October 2020

- Strategies for more inclusive outreach
- Public input at the early stages, before the project scope and funding are set
- Coordination with other agencies that are also looking to improve community engagement
Complete Streets - Prioritization Process

- Transportation Improvement Prioritization System (TIPS) to provide priority guidance on future projects (not including system preservation projects)
- Based on criteria from Complete Streets Policy:
  - Safety
  - Multimodal access
  - Equity
- Drafted and under review
- Will be an iterative process
- Due to County Council in October
Complete Streets - Design Manual

- Chapter outlines drafted
- Complete Streets Implementation Team and consultant will focus on Design Manual updates after October 2020 deadlines
- Due to County Council October 2021
Complete Streets - Sidewalk Policy

- New policy for installation of sidewalk on public property next to County roads
- Requires notification to adjacent property owners rather than 2/3 approval
- Does not change the process for property acquisition
- Replaces 1999 sidewalk policy
- Approved by Complete Streets Implementation Team and Multimodal Transportation Board
- To be implemented by the County Executive in October 2020
• General Plan update
  ○ HoCo By Design will be a visionary document reflecting a process that encourages the community to think big about its long-term future
  ○ Will present official statements and preferences toward growth, development, and conservation in the County and help current and future leaders make decisions about regulations, requirements, ordinances, and policies
WHAT DOES THE GENERAL PLAN INFLUENCE?

**LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS**
- County's Subdivision and Land Development regulations are based on the recommendations and policy direction in the General Plan.
- Individual development plans must follow the County's Land Development Regulations and Zoning Regulations, which are informed by the General Plan.

**HOWARD COUNTY REGULATIONS**
- The General Plan’s Future Land Use Map informs zoning regulations and maps.

**FUNCTIONAL & MASTER PLANS**
- Functional Plans (e.g., Walk Howard and Bike Howard) and Master Plans (e.g., Downtown Columbia Master Plan) take a deeper dive into specific issues or geographies with guidance from the General Plan and further refine policies and recommend more specific implementation strategies.

**CAPITAL BUDGETS**
- The County makes capital budget decisions based in part on the recommendations of the General Plan.
HOCO BY DESIGN

PROJECT SCHEDULE

- Project Begins
- General Guidelines Adopted
- Begin Developing Future Scenarios
- Present Future Scenarios
- Draft General Plan Document
- General Plan Adopted

- Project Discovery & Strategic Guidelines Development
- Identify & Refine Emerging Important Planning Themes
- Scenario Modeling & Testing
- Develop & Refine Growth Framework
- General Plan Presented & Revised

- Feb - June
- July
- Summer
- Fall-Winter
- Winter
- Spring
- Summer
- Fall-Winter

2020
- RESEARCH RECENT INPUT

2021
- ONGOING PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Current Project Status
Project Milestones
Major Project initiative
Safety

Howard County
Strategic Road Safety Plan
2021-2025

- Serves as a roadmap to guide County policies and actions to reduce the number of traffic-related crashes, injuries, and fatalities using a comprehensive and strategic approach based on the four E’s of traffic safety:

  Engineering, Enforcement, Education, and Emergency Medical Services
Safety

The SRSP is guided by a core vision to prevent all traffic crash-related fatalities and serious injuries and to reduce the number and severity of crashes in Howard County.

- 2040 goal to reduce number of fatalities by at least 50%.
- 2025 target to reduce the rate of fatalities by 20% to 0.35/per 100 Million vehicle miles traveled.
- 2025 target to reduce the rate of injuries by 20% to 28.80/per 100 Million vehicle miles traveled.
- 2025 target to reduce the rate of serious injuries by 19% to 2.35/per 100 Million vehicle miles traveled.
Safety

The Plan selected the following six emphasis areas to develop strategies and action plans that will have the greatest impact:

- Aggressive driving and speeding
- Distracted driving
- Crashes caused by impaired driving
- Crashes related to infrastructure
- Occupant protection, such as seatbelt and child seat use
- Crashes involving pedestrian and cyclists, which are called out due to their unique vulnerability
Safety

How we compare:

- Howard County accounted for less than 10% of crashes in each of the categories.

- However, a higher percentage of fatalities in those areas occurred in the County. This shows that pedestrian, distracted driving, and impaired driving crashes were more severe in Howard County because its share of the fatalities was higher than its share of the crashes.
## COUNTYWIDE FATALITY AND INJURY RATES

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## Safety

### Pedestrian / Bicycle Crashes

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Upcoming Events

- **RTA and Transit App**
  - Official Campaign Launch – September 21

- **Love to Ride initiatives available from BMC**
  - [Bike to Work Week](#) – September 21-27
  - [Cycle September](#)

- **Complete Streets Community Engagement Plan Workshops**
  - September 23 at 1pm and 7 pm

- **Robert Fulton Shared-Use Pathway** – October 21, 7pm

- **Virtual Transportation Forum** – November 18

- **Reinstating RTA fares** – January 1, 2021

- **Phase 3, General Paratransit fare increase** – Jan. 1, 2021
Open Discussion

Among BAG and TPAG Members
Next meeting will be held in approximately 6 months.

If you are attending the TPAG meeting at 4:00pm you can simply remain on this link.