

2021 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION OPEN HOUSE

BIKEHOWARD - PLAN, LEGISLATION

BikeHoward Plan. *BikeHoward* is the County's first ever Bicycle Master Plan which identifies specific recommendations for transportation and recreational bicycling improvements in Howard County. The Plan was adopted by County Council in 2016 and includes a series of recommendations in the areas of infrastructure improvements, policy, and programs. The Office of Transportation is the lead agency to administer the planning process, and the Plan itself was developed with significant input from the community and other County agencies, including the Departments of Planning and Zoning, Public Works, and Recreation and Parks.

The vision of *BikeHoward* is for Howard County to become a bicycle-friendly county where residents and visitors of all ages and abilities feel comfortable and safe bicycling on our roads and paths for both daily transportation and for healthy recreation.

BikeHoward's goals include:

1. Identifying and developing a countywide system of bicycle facilities to foster connectivity within, throughout, beyond the County to parks and recreation centers, schools and educational institutions, commercial and centers, and regional and local transit facilities.
2. Facilitating recreational and transportation trips by bicycle in the County and improving the safety for all levels of bicyclists.
3. Recommending County policies that will support bicycling, including bikeway facility design.

The *BikeHoward* website includes the *BikeHoward Plan*, descriptions of [bike projects](#), information on current and past [special events and meetings](#), [biking and bike facility resources](#), and a [map of site specific *BikeHoward* recommendations](#). We encourage you to visit and check out all the great information.

New legislation. Recent changes in Howard County law now prohibit motor vehicle parking in bike lanes. The new law, [CB49-2020](#) was enacted December 7, 2020. Except when it is necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or at the direction of police or emergency services, it is no longer allowable to stop or park a vehicle in designated bike lanes.

For more on BikeHoward and other topics, see the additional boards on the [Open House webpage](#).

