

2021 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION OPEN HOUSE

BIKEHOWARD - PROJECTS

Projects. Howard County has many bicycle facility projects underway. To see the current projects, including bike lanes and shared-use pathways that are being planned, under design, or in construction, check out the projects highlighted in light blue on this list of [active transportation infrastructure improvements](#).

Bike Wayfinding. Howard County has developed a state-of-the-art system of [bike wayfinding signs](#) to help guide cyclists to destinations using bike friendly routes throughout the County. The draft signs and routes are designed and awaiting approval. Projected roll out is phased for 2021 and 2022.

North Laurel Connections. In 2020, Howard County received a Maryland Bikeways Grant for construction of the [North Laurel Connections](#) project, which connects Savage Park to the Laurel MARC Station, via the North Laurel Community Center. Construction is projected to start later in 2021.

Oakland Mills Road. Oakland Mills Road from Old Montgomery Road to Dobbin Lane has been identified as a road with additional capacity that would benefit from a “road diet” conversion to a complete street with safe and comfortable conditions for all road users. A [2020 study](#) coordinated closely with the community developed recommended configurations. Implementation scheduling depends on the resurfacing of the road.

Hickory Ridge Bike Corridor. The [Hickory Ridge Bike Corridor study](#) developed a preferred route for continuous bicycle facilities to connect Grace Drive to Downtown Columbia through a technical assessment, Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress. The study was completed in 2020 and implementation is expected to be phased. Some segments, such as on-street bike lanes for Owen Brown Road can be completed in coordination with road resurfacing, while some segments, such as the shared-use pathway for Cedar Lane, will require more engineering and potential grant funding.

South Entrance Trail. The [South Entrance Trail project](#) would connect Downtown Columbia to Stevens Forest Road, passing under U.S. Route 29 and Broken Land Parkway and under the existing overpasses for the Little Patuxent River. The project is currently in the design phase.

Dobbin Road Pathway. The [Dobbin Road Pathway project](#) would provide a shared-use pathway for walking and biking alongside Dobbin Road from Oakland Mills Road all the way to Columbia Crossing (on the north side of MD Route 175). The project is currently being designed in three phases using grant funds from Maryland Bikeways and Transportation Alternatives. While this project will take several years to complete, construction on Phase 1 is expected to begin in 2021.

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