

2021 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION OPEN HOUSE

COMPLETE STREETS - IN PROGRESS, UPCOMING

In progress. Several elements of Howard County's Complete Streets implementation are underway, including the following:

1. Howard County is developing a **Complete Streets Design Manual** that will be completed by October 2021. This is an update of the County's current Roads and Bridges Design Manual and is being overseen by the Complete Streets Implementation Team. This initiative was recommended in both the Howard County General Plan (PlanHoward) and the Howard County Bicycle Master Plan (BikeHoward); it is also a requirement of the County's Complete Streets policy. The effort will include outreach and input by both the public and the development community as the Design Manual is reviewed and revised through workshops and online surveys.
2. Additionally, **training sessions** in Complete Streets and its application will be developed and available, and in some cases required, to ensure understanding and compliance with new County standards. In the coming year, consideration is being given to three training modules – an overview of Complete Streets for Howard County for the general public and interested advocates; an overview of the Design Manual updates for citizen advisory boards, technical staff, developer community, etc.; and lastly, a detailed explanation of the revised technical requirements included in the Complete Streets Design Manual for the County staff who are tasked with ensuring future projects meet the newly revised guidelines, etc.

Upcoming. As the Design Manual is completed, resources will be dedicated more fully to the following initiatives:

1. Another piece of the Complete Streets policy implementation is the review and update of the County Subdivision and Land Development Regulations. A July 2022 completion date is required, however the CSIT and County staff will look for opportunities to institute selected updates more quickly.
2. Lastly, the Complete Streets policy includes several performance measures the County must track and try to improve that concern safety, public health, access, and equity. The list of performance measures in full can be found on pages 4-5 of the [Complete Streets policy statement](#).

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