

2021 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION OPEN HOUSE

PARTNERS - REGION

Partners in the region. Some of our partners in active transportation in the region include:

1. **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. The BMC's eight local jurisdictions work together to identify mutual interests and develop collaborative strategies, plans and programs to help improve the quality of life and economic vitality in the region. 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. One of the BRTB's projects of particular interest is the Patapsco Regional Greenway Plan. The project would 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 in Howard County. A general description of the project and the components that are already in place can be found on the project website. Details on the proposed Elkridge to Guinness segment can be found on the project storyboard.
2. **Columbia Association** is a community services non-profit that manages Columbia, Maryland, home to approximately 100,000 people, 10 villages, and an array of recreational, cultural and community services.
3. **Downtown Columbia Partnership** 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.
4. **MDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans and Programs** are 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, sign up on their website.
5. **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 service gives riders the ability to connect to other regional services such as MTA, Metrobus, and Metrorail. All of the fixed-route buses have a bike rack on the front. The bike racks can accommodate two bicycles and are both easy and quick to use.

For more on Partners in Non-Profits and Advocacy and other topics, see the additional boards on the Open House website.

