

# 2021 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION OPEN HOUSE

## WALKHOWARD

**Plan.** *WalkHoward* is Howard County's pedestrian master plan which intends to create a safe, accessible and connected pedestrian network for County residents. It was adopted by County Council in February 2020.

*WalkHoward: Moving Forward*, is an update of the County's 2007 pedestrian plan and continues our efforts to improve walkability in Howard County. Those efforts include a more comprehensive, connected and accessible system of sidewalks, pathways, bus stops and roadway crossings – to make it easier to get around by foot and assistive walking devices, including wheelchairs and walkers.

*WalkHoward* addresses pedestrian movement in all its forms – running errands, getting to work or school, running for exercise, or simply taking a stroll. However, *WalkHoward* also integrates our pedestrian network with our transit, biking, and micromobility networks to make transportation via more than one mode more viable in Howard County.

**Projects.** Howard County has many pedestrian projects underway. To see the current projects, including sidewalks, crosswalks, and pathways that are being planned, under design, or in construction, check out the projects highlighted in green on this list of [active transportation infrastructure improvements](#).

**WalkHoward Recommendations.** The recommendations provided in the *WalkHoward* Plan address three areas: network and facility, program, and policy. The recommendations for network and facility fall into four key areas:

- Fill gaps in the sidewalk and crosswalk networks,
- Establish safe and convenient pedestrian connections to all transit locations,
- Meet and exceed ADA standards for pedestrian facilities, and
- Support efforts to increase walking to schools.

Those areas translate into recommended new sidewalks in 1,044 locations and repairs at 492 locations totaling over 240 miles in sidewalk improvements. 621 intersections are identified for curb or crosswalk improvements, and 494 bus stops are identified for improvements to better serve and connect the pedestrian network. Key program recommendations include:

- Developing a “beyond the minimum” program for ADA accommodation
- Expanding nonmotorized police patrol units,
- Analyzing and publicizing pedestrian crash data,
- Adopting pedestrian friendly laws and policies, and
- Establishing a countywide Safe Routes To School (SRTS) program.

To read about each of the recommendations in detail, please visit the [WalkHoward Plan](#) here. To see a map of the projects' location, visit the [WalkHoward online map](#). Please visit the [WalkHoward website](#) in full, as well.

For more, see the additional boards on our [Open House homepage](#).

