

Joint Meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Group and Transit and Pedestrian Advisory Group



September 15, 2020

Howard County Office of Transportation
3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043

3:00 p.m.

Held via WebEx



Howard County
OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION

Responsibilities of the BAG and TPAG



1. Advise and inform the Office on transportation matters
2. Provide additional subject matter expertise to the Office
3. Provide feedback and Technical Assistance on the Implementation of Master Plans and other initiatives and policy issues

Today's Agenda



1. Welcome, review, and approval
 - ✦ Agenda
 - ✦ Minutes from last meeting
2. Key topics
 - ✦ Complete Streets
 - ✦ HoCo By Design
 - ✦ Safety
3. Business from last meeting
4. Upcoming events
5. Open discussion
6. Adjournment

Review and Approve



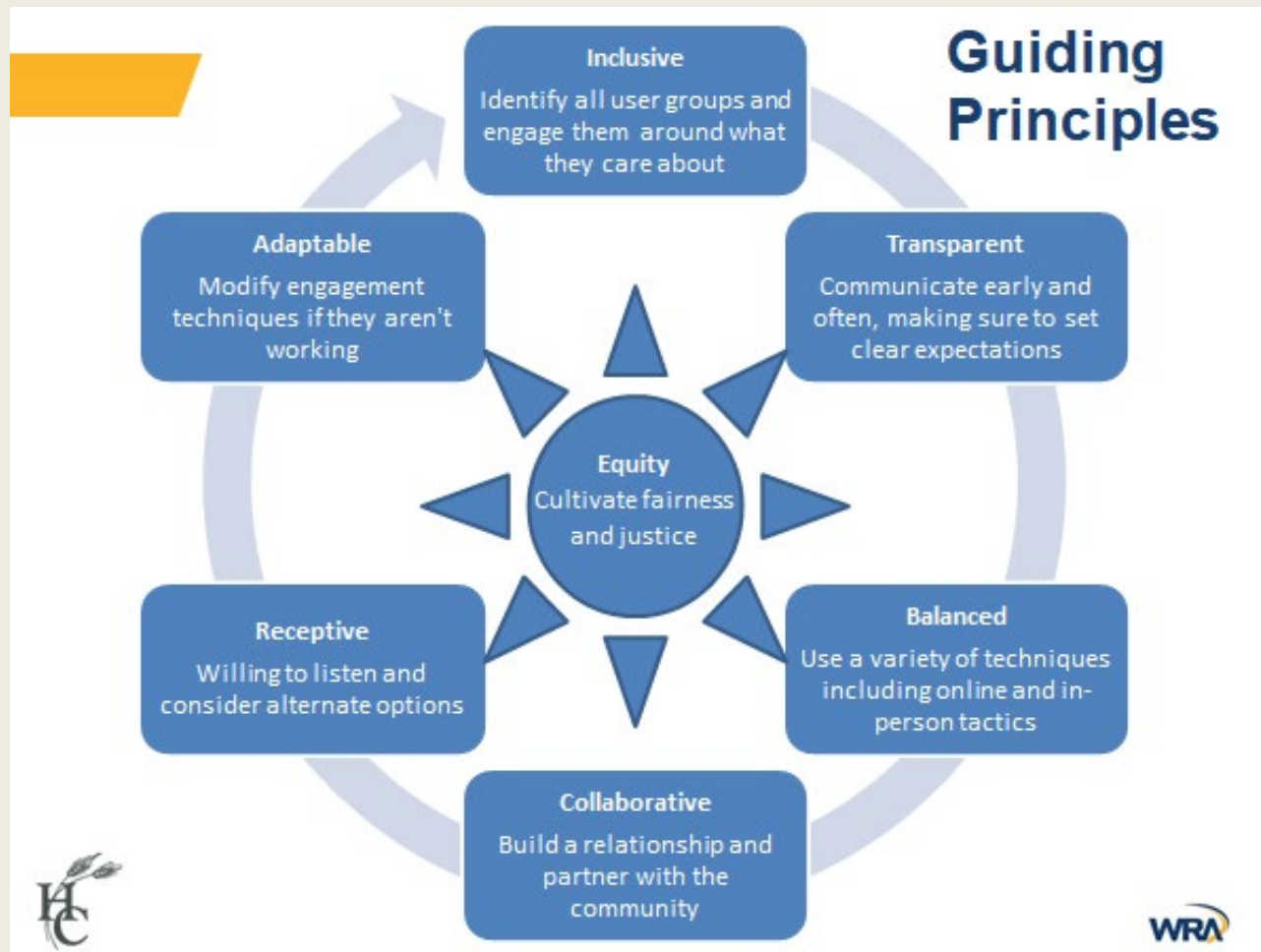
1. Today's Agenda
2. Joint TPAG and BAG Meeting Minutes - from April 7, 2020

Complete Streets - Community Engagement Plan

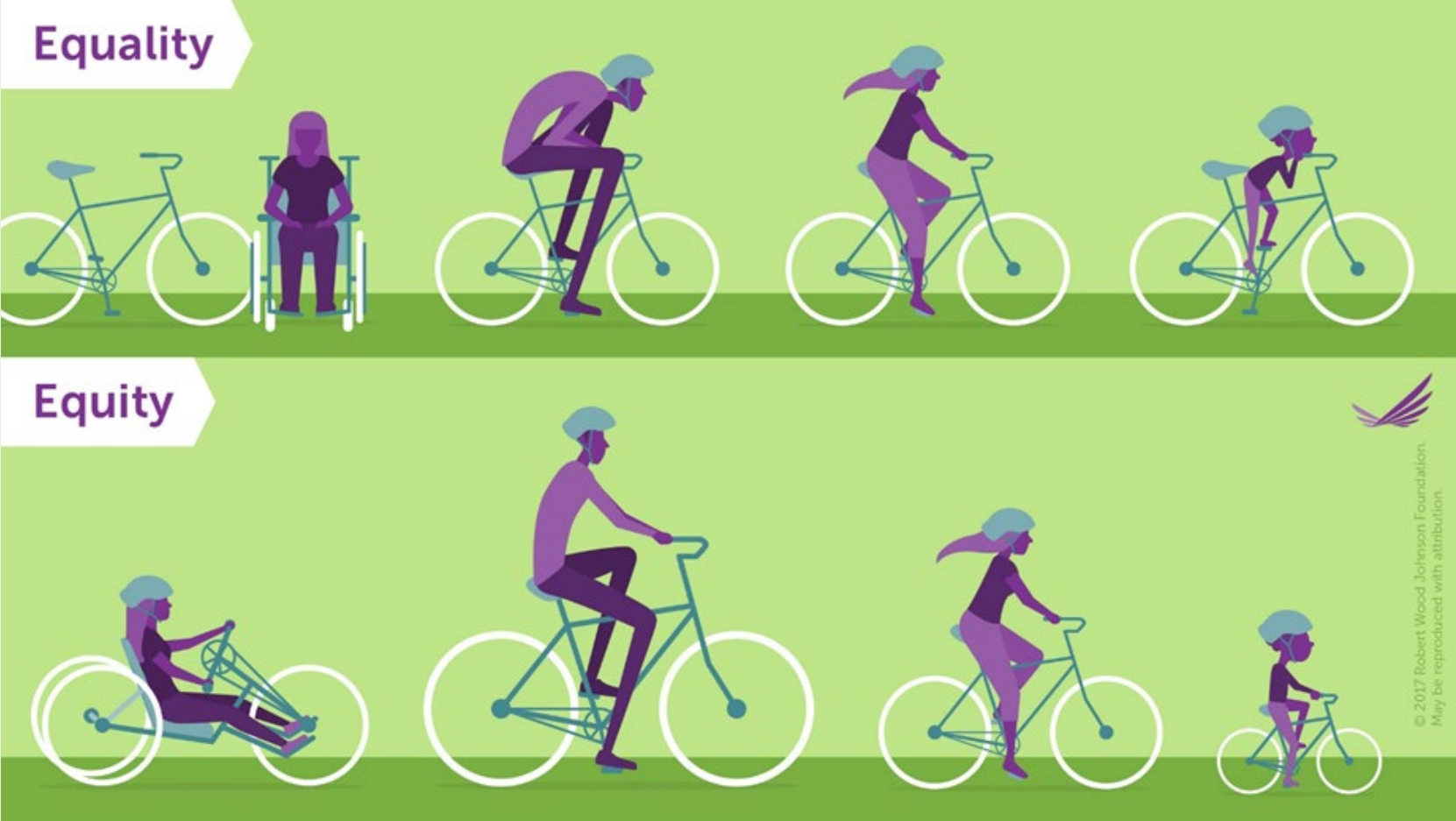


- Draft will be posted on Complete Streets website on 9/16/20: <https://bit.ly/3hfCXNt>
 - Workshops on 9/23/20 at 1pm and 7pm
 - Due to County Council in October 2020
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- ❖ Strategies for more inclusive outreach
 - ❖ Public input at the early stages, before the project scope and funding are set
 - ❖ Coordination with other agencies that are also looking to improve community engagement

Complete Streets - Community Engagement Plan



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Complete Streets - Prioritization Process



- Transportation Improvement Prioritization System (TIPS) to provide priority guidance on future projects (not including system preservation projects)
- Based on criteria from Complete Streets Policy:
 - ✦ Safety
 - ✦ Multimodal access
 - ✦ Equity
- Drafted and under review
- Will be an iterative process
- Due to County Council in October

Complete Streets - Design Manual



- Chapter outlines drafted
- Complete Streets Implementation Team and consultant will focus on Design Manual updates after October 2020 deadlines
- Due to County Council October 2021

Complete Streets - Sidewalk Policy



- New policy for installation of sidewalk on public property next to County roads
- Requires notification to adjacent property owners rather than 2/3 approval
- Does not change the process for property acquisition
- Replaces 1999 sidewalk policy
- Approved by Complete Streets Implementation Team and Multimodal Transportation Board
- To be implemented by the County Executive in October 2020

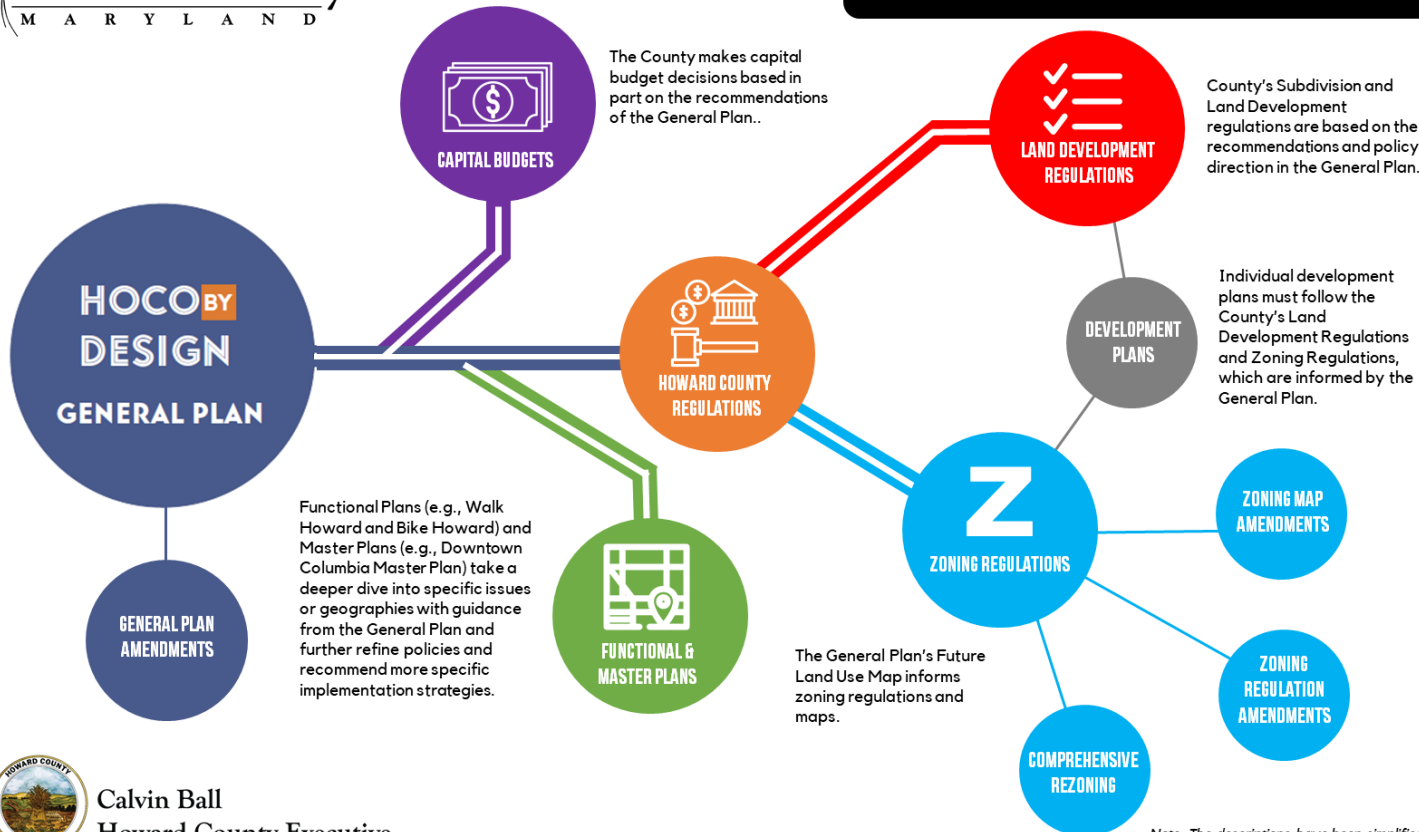


- General Plan update

- HoCo By Design will be a visionary document reflecting a process that encourages the community to think big about its long-term future
- Will present official statements and preferences toward growth, development, and conservation in the County and help current and future leaders make decisions about regulations, requirements, ordinances, and policies



WHAT DOES THE GENERAL PLAN INFLUENCE?



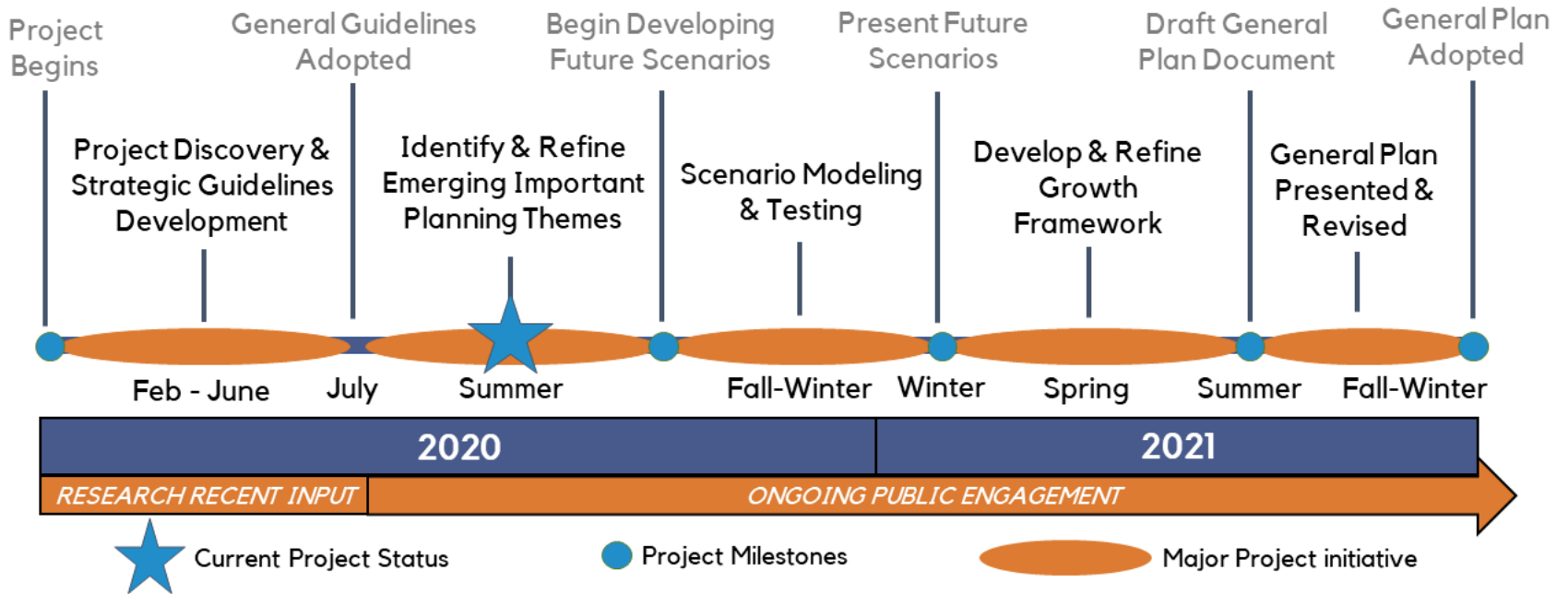
Calvin Ball
Howard County Executive

Note: The descriptions have been simplified for illustrative and educational purposes.



HOCO BY DESIGN

PROJECT SCHEDULE



Safety



- Serves as a roadmap to guide County policies and actions to reduce the number of traffic-related crashes, injuries, and fatalities using a comprehensive and strategic approach based on the four E's of traffic safety:

Engineering, Enforcement, Education, and Emergency Medical Services

Safety



The SRSP is guided by a core vision **to prevent all traffic crash-related fatalities and serious injuries and to reduce the number and severity of crashes in Howard County.**

- 2040 goal to reduce number of fatalities by at least 50%.
- 2025 target to reduce the rate of fatalities by 20% to 0.35/ per 100 Million vehicle miles traveled.
- 2025 target to reduce the rate of injuries by 20% to 28.80/ per 100 Million vehicle miles traveled.
- 2025 target to reduce the rate of serious injuries by 19% to 2.35/per 100 Million vehicle miles traveled.

Safety

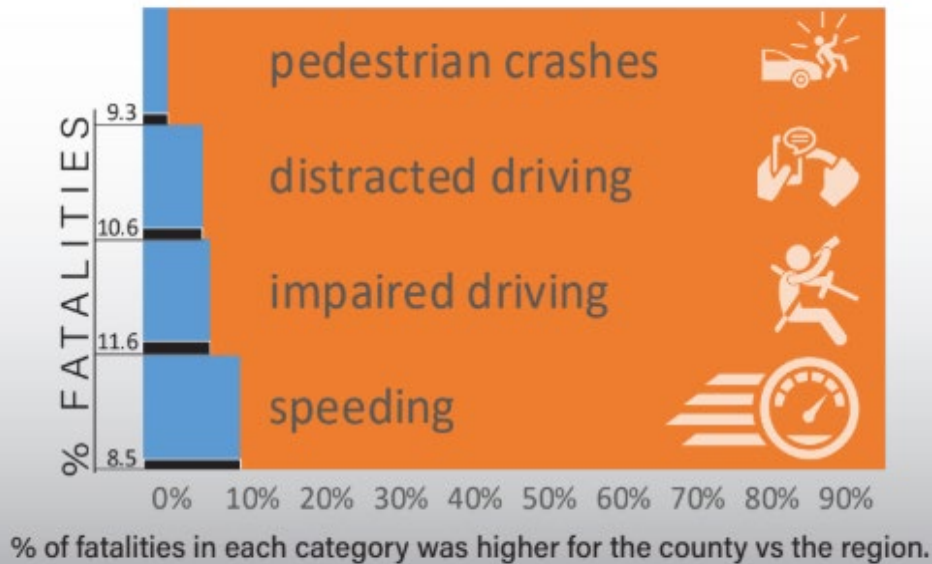


- The Plan selected the following six emphasis areas to develop strategies and action plans that will have the greatest impact
 - Aggressive driving and speeding
 - Distracted driving
 - Crashes caused by impaired driving
 - Crashes related to infrastructure
 - Occupant protection, such as seatbelt and child seat use
 - Crashes involving pedestrian and cyclists, which are called out due to their unique vulnerability

Safety



Crash Types in the Region's Seven Jurisdictions



How we compare:

- Howard County accounted for less than 10% of crashes in each of the categories.
- However, a higher percentage of fatalities in those areas occurred in the County. This shows that pedestrian, distracted driving, and impaired driving crashes were more severe in Howard County because its share of the fatalities was higher than its share of the crashes.

Safety



COUNTYWIDE FATALITY AND INJURY RATES

Total County Figures			Rates per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled			
	2014-2018 Annual Average	2021-2025 Annual Target	2040 Goal (2038-2042 average)	2014-2018 Annual Average	2021-2025 Annual Target	2040 Goal (2038-2042 average)
Fatalities (persons)	19	14	10	0.45	0.35	0.23
Injuries (persons)	1,499	1,153	749	35.74	28.17	17.87
Serious Injuries (persons)	116	91	58	2.79	2.23	1.39
Fatal Crashes	18	14	9			
Injury Crashes	1,096	839	548			

Safety



Pedestrian / Bicycle Crashes

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2014-2018 Average	2021-2025 Target	2040 Goal (2038-2042 average)
Fatal Crashes	2	3	8	2	6	4	2	2
Injury Crashes	57	60	74	74	69	66	53	33
Property Damage Crashes	4	6	7	5	8	6		
Total Crashes	63	69	89	81	83	77		
Total of All Fatalities	2	3	9	2	6	4	2	2
Total Number Injured	61	65	87	79	75	74	57	37

Upcoming Events



- RTA and Transit App
 - ✦ Official Campaign Launch – September 21
- Love to Ride initiatives available from BMC
 - ✦ [Bike to Work Week](#) – September 21-27
 - ✦ [Cycle September](#)
- Complete Streets *Community Engagement Plan* Workshops
 - ✦ September 23 at 1pm and 7 pm
- Robert Fulton Shared-Use Pathway – October 21, 7pm
- Virtual Transportation Forum – November 18
- Reinstating RTA fares – January 1, 2021
- Phase 3, General Paratransit fare increase – Jan. 1, 2021

Open Discussion



Among BAG and TPAG Members

Adjournment



**Next meeting will be held
in approximately
6 months**

**If you are attending the
TPAG meeting at 4:00pm
you can simply remain on
this link.**