

#### Update on Active Transportation Related UPWP Projects BPAG

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# **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

- An annual or biennial statement of work identifying the planning priorities and activities to be carried out within a metropolitan planning area
- Includes:
  - Description of the planning work and resulting products
  - Who will perform the work
  - Time frames for completing the work
  - Cost of the work
  - Source(s) of funds
- MPOs are required to develop UPWPs to govern work programs for the expenditure of FHWA and FTA planning funds. [23 CFR 450.308)(b)]

Source: Federal Transit Administration





# Active Transportation Related UPWP Projects

- Pedestrian Infrastructure Assessment Tool and regional sidewalk inventory (FY 2021)
- LOOK ALIVE Campaign (FY 2023)
- Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Program (ongoing)
- Transportation & Land Use Connections Grant Program (FY 2022 awarded and FY 2023 coming)
- Concept Plan for Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements along US 40 (FY 2022)
- Preliminary Design: Patapsco Regional Greenway Guinness to Southwest Area Park (FY 2022)
- Preliminary Design: Patapsco Regional Greenway (FY 2023)
- Vision for a Regional Bicycle Network (FY 2023)
- Safe System Approach (FY 2023)





#### **Pedestrian Infrastructure Assessment Tool**

- ArcGIS-based desktop tool that will assist planners in:
  - Prioritizing sidewalk projects
  - Identifying sidewalk mileage and gaps
  - Visualizing sidewalk data
  - Facilitating pedestrian planning in general
- Comprehensive regional sidewalk and crosswalk dataset
  - BMC acquired in support of the tool
  - Created by Ecopia using artificial intelligence



Example of regional sidewalk and crosswalk dataset





#### **Pedestrian Infrastructure Assessment Tool**

#### • November 2022

 Planners and GIS staff from Carroll County and the City of Annapolis test the tool and provide feedback

#### • December 2022/January 2023

- Pedestrian Infrastructure Assessment Tool and the sidewalk inventory delivered to planners and GIS staff in the Baltimore region
- Trainings on use of the tool held





# LOOK ALIVE Campaign

- BMC and MDOT Motor Vehicle Administration Highway Safety Office (MDOT MVA MHSO) collaboration with local partners
- Campaign seeks to:
  - Educate drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists about the safe use of roadways in the Baltimore region
  - Raise awareness about pedestrian and bicycle safety

#### Campaign Components

- Media outreach/pitching interviews
- Signal People Street Teams and VR Events
- Signal Woman on Social Media
- Paid Media (bus ads, video ads, social media)





## **LOOK ALIVE Campaign**















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## **Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Program**

- Weeklong counts conducted throughout the region on a project specific basis
  - Project specific counts: before/after counts, potential permanent counter locations, safety assessments
- Goals
  - Inform prioritization of bike/ped improvements
  - Track before/after volumes in locations with improvements
  - Determine user type (commuter, recreational, mix)
  - Assist in the selection of continuous count locations
  - Contribute to statewide bike/ped count database
- Counts conducted in all seven member jurisdictions
- Count type
  - Crosswalk
  - Screenline
  - Intersection





# **Transportation & Land Use Connections (TLC) Grant Program**

- Provides support in the form of an annual competitive grant available to member jurisdictions
- Focus of the program is to improve the quality of life for residents in the region through:
  - Enhanced transportation access and mobility
  - Better air quality
  - Improved economic opportunities
- Selected projects will be completed by one of two oncall consulting firms in consultation with the grantee and BMC
- Project types
  - Concept plans and preliminary planning projects
  - Preliminary design efforts (up to 30% design is eligible)
- Anticipated to be offered in future years by BMC





# **Transportation & Land Use Connections (TLC) Grant Program**

#### **Round One Projects**

- City of Annapolis
  - Bicycle infrastructure design guidance and conceptual design plans
  - Along approximately 1.8 miles of 6th Street, Bay Ridge Avenue and Hillsmere Drive from the Spa Creek Bridge to the entrance of Quiet Water's Park

#### Baltimore City

- Wabash Avenue separated bicycle lane feasibility study and 30% preliminary design plans
- Along approximately 2.15 miles of Wabash Avenue between Cold Spring Lane and Patterson Avenue





## **Concept Plan for Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements along US 40**

- Multi-modal concept plan for an approximately 5 mile segment of US 40 in Harford County between the City of Havre de Grace and the City of Aberdeen
- Goals include:
  - Develop a multimodal concept plan that can guide the development of a cohesive and low stress facility
  - Evaluate options for the separation of multimodal facilities from motor vehicle traffic
  - Create typical cross sections
  - Develop an implementation and maintenance strategy





## **Concept Plan for Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements along US 40**

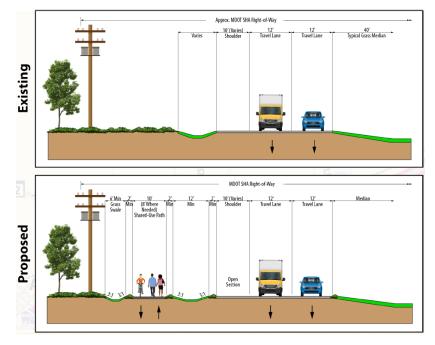






# **Concept Plan for Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements along US 40**

- November 2, Public meeting #1
  - Focused on presenting existing conditions and alternative concepts
- November 27, Public comment period #1
  - Public comment period on alternative concepts ends
  - Visit the project page to take the survey, add your comments, and learn more about the project
- Early 2023, Public meeting and public comment period #2
  - Will focus on presenting the preferred concept







# **Preliminary Design: PRG Guinness to Southwest Area Park**

- Preliminary design of a 6.4 mile segment of the Patapsco Regional Greenway (PRG) from Guinness Open Gate Brewery to Southwest Area Park in Baltimore County
- October 2022
  - Project kicked off
- Winter/Spring 2023
  - Public meeting and comment period #1 with focus on alternative alignments
- Fall 2023
  - Public meeting and comment period #2 with focus on preferred alignment

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# Vision for a Regional Bicycle Network

#### Project Purpose

 To develop a vision for a network of bicycle and shared-use facilities that improve regional connectivity, safety and mobility

#### Goals

- Establish a vision and goals for the regional bicycle network
- Develop criteria for and identify the regional bicycle network
- Assess existing regional bicycle network for connectivity, access and equity
- Develop a funding and implementation plan
- Outline recommended regional policies and actions
- Identify economic and social benefits of regional network
- Public outreach opportunities throughout





## Safe System Approach

- Identifying best practices and methods for incorporating the Safe System Approach into local planning
- A Safe System Approach:
  - Accounts for all roadway users
  - Anticipates that people make mistakes
  - Emphasizes that road safety is a shared responsibility for all users and those that design, build and operate the roadway system
- Non-motorists make up a disproportionate share of serious and fatal crashes
  - Crashes involving non-motorists made up 3.8 percent of all crashes in the Baltimore region in the last five years (2016-2021). However, they accounted for 28.6 percent of all fatalities and 9.3 percent of all injuries.





## Safe System Approach

#### The project will:

- Identify best practices
  - Collect examples and evaluate planning organizations utilizing the Safe System Approach
  - Conduct a literature review and compilation of case studies
  - Identify methods and approaches that may be useful to the Baltimore region
- Develop Guidelines
  - Prepare guidelines for applying the identified methods and approaches within regional and local planning agencies





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