CHAPTER 9: IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

The implementation of this Plan will require the commitment of many people and effective partnerships among many organizations. The task of building new bikeways and walkways in the Baltimore region will not fall on any one single jurisdiction or agency alone – rather it will require a cooperative effort among a wide variety of state, regional and local agencies. Citizen advocates will play a strong role in this process, as well, providing vocal support for new programs and facilities.

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With the Regional Plan now complete, now the work of implementing it begins. The strategies and targets in Chapter 5 suggest a critical path to success. Some actions should be commenced in the near term to build upon the momentum and enthusiasm from the process of creating this Plan. There are other actions that naturally follow and will be determined, in a large part, to opportunities that emerge in the future.

A schedule for implementation is provided below, however the timing for each action will ultimately be determined through discussion and consensus-building. This Plan will be the guide for these decisions, but the details will be defined as the strategies are undertaken.

HIGH PRIORITY ACTIONS: YEARS 1-5	
Action	Partner Organizations
Incorporate bicycle and pedestrian improvements during roadway construction and improvement projects.	MDOT, BRTB, Local Transportation and Public Works Agencies
Pursue implementation of high priority projects identified in this Plan.	MDOT, BRTB, Local Transportation and Public Works Agencies
Develop a regional bicycle information center on the Web.	BMC Staff
Fully integrate the bicycle and pedestrian modes in the Baltimore Regional Multi-Modal Traveler Information System and other planning functions at the state, regional and local levels.	MDOT, BRTB, Local Transportation and Public Works Agencies

Establish multi-modal levels of service standards in the region.	MDOT, BRTB, Local Transportation and Public Works Agencies
Establish mobility-friendly land development standards in the region.	Local Planning Agencies
Establish a strong regional advocacy organization in the Baltimore region.	Citizen advocates
Take actions to preserve greenway corridors, either through land acquisition, conservation easements, or other methods.	Local governments, MD Dept. of Natural Resources
Conduct/participate in a regional forum/training session on ADA design requirements within the public right-of-way.	BMC Staff, Local Planning and Public Works Agencies, Citizen advocates
Launch regional and/or local spot improvement/hazard elimination programs.	BMC Staff, Local Transportation and Public Works Agencies, Citizen advocates
Develop cycling informational guides for local college students that contain safety tips.	University Transportation Depts., BMC Staff, Local Transportation Agencies
Undertake a *Biking and Walking for Healthy Communities* initiative.	MD Dept of Health, Local Health Depts., BMC Staff, MD Dept. of Aging, Local Gov. Agencies, other Health Organizations, Citizen advocates
Develop a Baltimore Regional Bike Map.	BMC Staff, Local Planning and Parks Agencies, Citizen advocates
Develop employee commute incentive programs in the region.	BMC staff, Local Planning/Transportation Agencies, MDOT
Adopt and implement a traffic safety education program for school children in the region.	MD Dept. of Education, Local school districts, Citizen advocates
Participate in Walk a Child to School Week in October of each year.	MD Dept. of Education, Citizen advocates, BMC Staff, Maryland Council on Physical Fitness, Local law enforcement agencies
Continue to conduct Bike to Work Day events in the Baltimore region.	Citizen advocates, MD Dept. of the Environment, BMC Staff, Local agencies
Address misconceptions regarding legal liability among local, county and state agencies.	BMC staff, MDOT, Local Transportation and Public Works Agencies, Legal Counsel for Local Governments
Establish and maintain a full-time bicycle and pedestrian coordinator position within the Baltimore Metropolitan Council, as well as in Baltimore City's Bureau of Transportation.	BRTB, Baltimore City
Continue the activities of the regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Group	BMC Staff, Local Planning Agencies