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The following newsflash details current news, events, etc. in regards to biking and walking both in and around the Baltimore region. The information found in the newsflash is informative; it could inspire some to become more involved in the process of improving conditions for biking and walking. Or it could inspire a bike-ride or a walk...

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[*Update: the Baltimore Bicycle Master Plan*](#)



On January 18, the City of Baltimore Department of Planning held a public meeting to hear initial feedback on the Introductory and Full Networks and Goals and Objectives of the draft bicycle master plan - which will enhance and promote bicycling in the City. Over 90 people attended the meeting [!] to hear more of the plan to create a 400-mile network of designated bike lanes and shared roadways in the City. The plan slates an initial network to be designed and constructed with more than \$3 million of designated funds through 2010. Implementation will then continue with general road funds to complete the network.

[Check it out, AND MAKE A COMMENT!](#)



The 7th annual Bike-to-Work Day, sponsored by the Baltimore Metropolitan Council, will be celebrated in the Baltimore region on **Friday May 19**. Commuters throughout the Baltimore region will converge on four locations:

- Annapolis
- Baltimore
- Bel Air
- Towson

Registered participants will receive an event t-shirt, an on-the-go snack, morning coffee and the chance to win cool prizes. Each event will treat bicycle commuters to a festive program with the message that Bicycle commuting:

- reduces traffic congestion
- reduces air pollution
- reduces commuting costs
- improves public health
- is FUN!



On March 16 the Maryland Highway Safety Office will host a MANDATORY seminar for Safe Routes to School [SR2S] grant applicants. Applicants must register for the seminar by Friday, March 3. The upcoming round of funding will be the initial round for the SR2S program, which was created by the recent passage of the SAFETEA-LU federal transportation appropriation. The purposes of the SR2S program are: 1) to enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school; 2) to make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age; and 3) to facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety & reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity of schools (within two miles).

[Learn more, including registration info and directions](#)



When Karen Wolf walks in her Bryant neighborhood, she often takes along her "old lady shopping cart" to wheel her groceries home from the Metropolitan Market. Richard Gelb borrows his daughter's "kid scooter" to run errands on Phinney Ridge. That Wolf and Gelb are in sync about leaving their cars at home for local shopping trips is not surprising. Both are senior urban planning advisers who have been involved for the past two years in a King County study about making city and suburban neighborhoods more walkable....

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