

### Bikeable Baltimore Region Project

Baltimore Regional Safety Subcommittee Meeting March 28, 2024



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A Plan for a Safe and Connected Biking Network

UPWP project, Vision for a Regional Bicycle Network

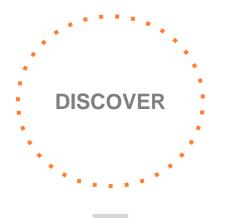


## Purpose

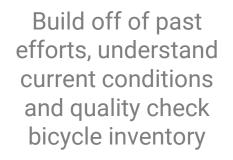
- Develop a regional bicycle network vision
- Equitable and connected bicycle network that is comfortable for and all ages and abilities
- Regional network will benefit the region by improving safety, equitable access to housing, job opportunities, transit, schools, core services, and recreational amenities while also increasing active transportation rates











Collaborate with stakeholders and the public to identify a vision for biking Recommend criteria to identify and prioritize a regional network

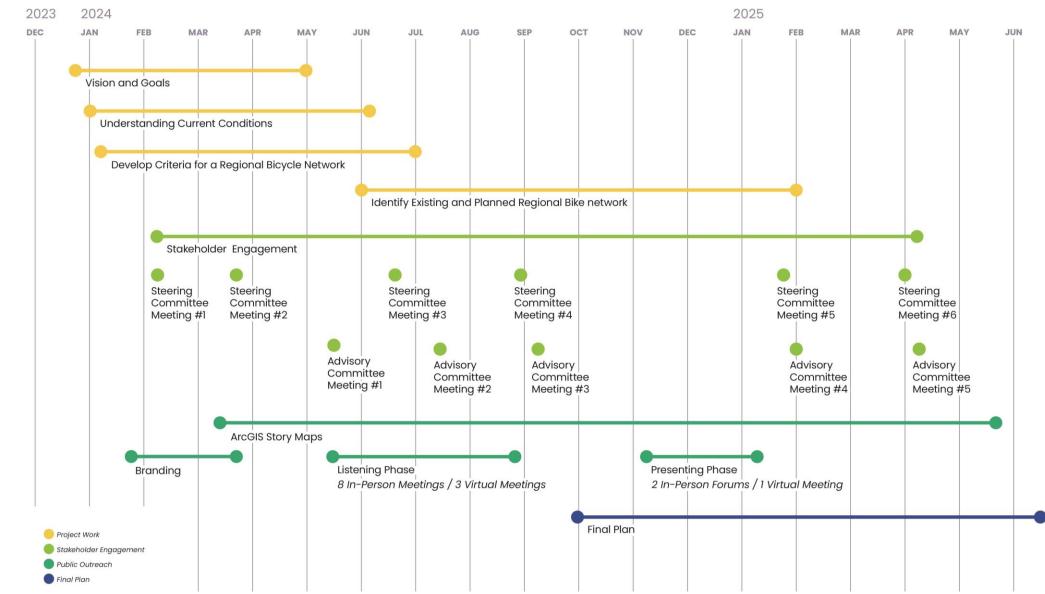
DEVELOP





Identify implementation strategies that are context sensitive and increase awareness

### Schedule



## **Engagement Approach**



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Steering Committee

Advisory Committee

BRTB Technical Committee + BPAG Presentations

#### **Listening Phase**

- 8 local jurisdiction inperson meetings
- 3 pop-up equity focused meetings (inperson or virtual)

#### **Presenting Phase**

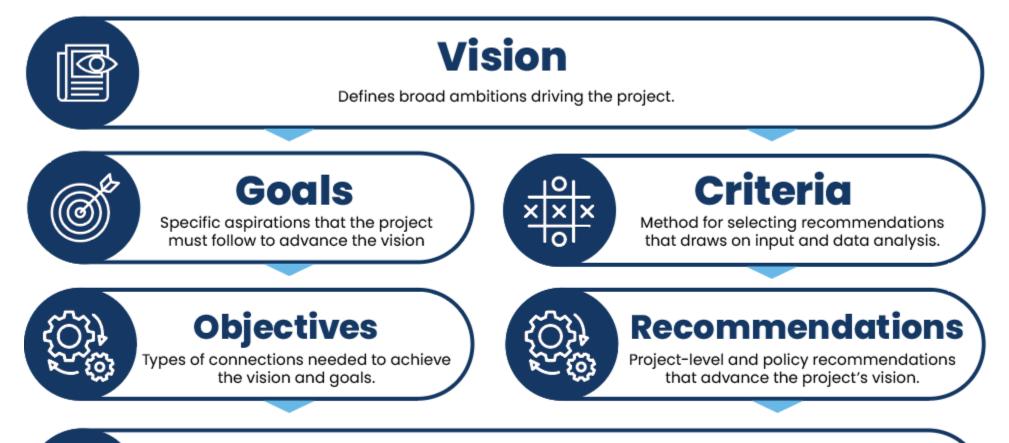
- 2 In-person Meetings
- Virtual Meeting

Handlebar Interviews in 6 locations across the region

Meeting-in-a-box materials to extend our reach Interactive StoryMap updated 3x throughout the project

**Online Surveys** 

## **Proposed Framework**





#### **Performance Measures**

Measure how the recommendations are achieving the project's objectives over time.

## Existing Conditions Analysis



## **Current Conditions**

**Demand Analysis:** Where is the most demand for biking?

**Existing Network Summary:** What is the bike network like today?

**Equity:** Where are vulnerable populations that we need to serve?

**MDOT LTS Regional Summary:** How comfortable and accessible is the bike network?

**Mode Share:** How and where are people biking today?

**Safety Analysis:** What areas are experiencing the most critical safety issues?

These analyses will be compared to provide cumulative insights.

# **Demand Approach**

#### **MDOT Short Trip Opportunity Areas:**

- Population and Employment Density
- Transit and School Coverage
- Zero Car Households

#### Layers (Bivariate):

- Park and recreational areas
- Equity ۲
- **Existing Network / Bicycle**  $\bullet$ Accessibility

#### 20% SCHOOL COVERAGE

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TRANSIT COVERAGE

Census block.

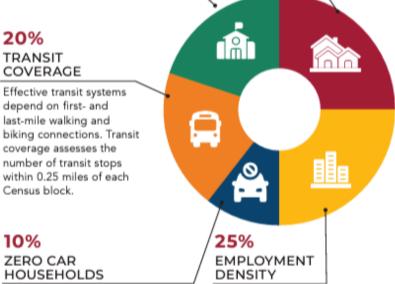
ZERO CAR

10%

School age children are vulnerable users of the transportation sytem with limited transportation options. School coverage assesses the number of schools within 0.5 miles of each Census block.

#### 25% POPULATION DENSITY

Population density provides an indicator of network density and latent demand for walking and biking. Population is assessed using 2020 Decennial Census data at the block level.



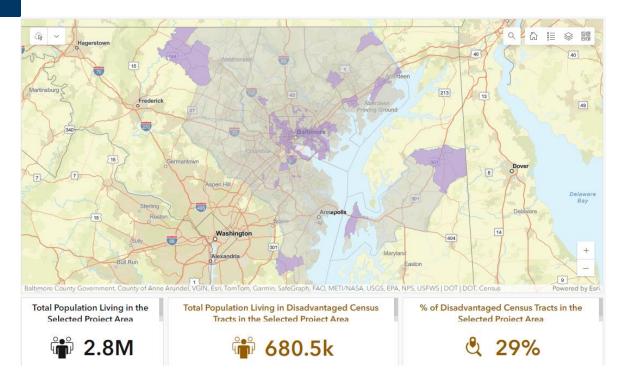
The inclusion of households without access to a car reflects the need for high quality walking and biking infrastructure where people have limited transportation options. Zero car households are assessed at the block level using American Community Survey (ACS) data.

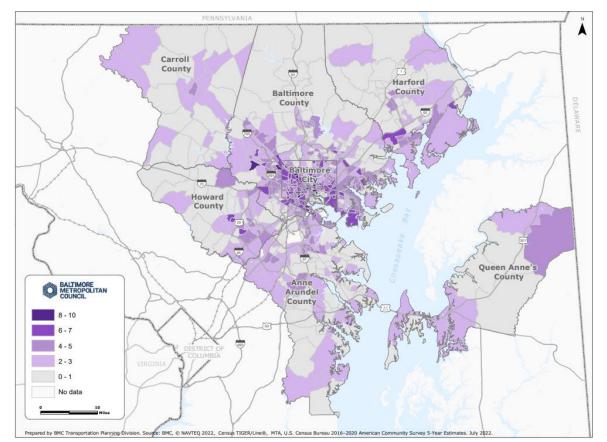
Employment density provides an indicator of network density and latent demand for walking and biking. Employment density is assessed using 2019 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD) origin-destination data assigned to the block level.

FIGURE 10: Short Trip Opportunity Area Criteria Weighting

#### Graphic: 2050 Maryland Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

# **Equity Approach**



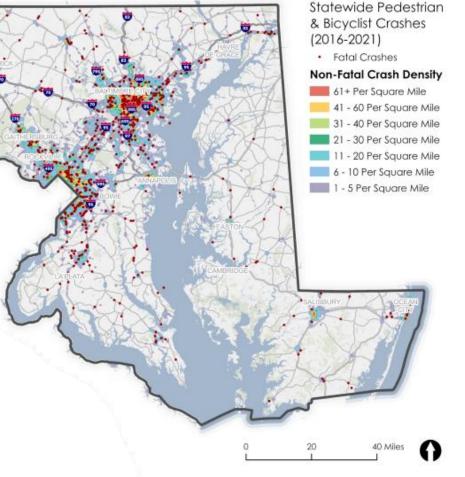


Vulnerable Populations Index (BMC) Disadvantaged Communities (USDOT)

**Compare** to each other and with other data (demand, accessibility/existing network)

# Safety Approach

- Refer to previous plans and use findings where appropriate, such as:
  - Vulnerable Road User (VRU) Assessment
  - 2050 Maryland Statewide Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan
- Analyze safety at the regional level using updated crash data (2019-2023):
  - Heat map
  - Statistics
  - Crash Severity Index map



Graphic: 2050 Maryland Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

FIGURE 12: Statewide Pedestrian & Bicyclist Crashes (2016-2021)

### **For More Information**

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