

TRANSPORTATION IN HOWARD COUNTY

- Transit Development Plan- draft will go before the Howard County Multimodal Transportation Board
- BikeHoward- Submitted by the County Executive and approved by the County Council in 2016
- WalkHoward- Next round of community input
- Complete Streets Policy and updated Design Manual

Chapter 1 Central Maryland Transit Development Plan - Introduction

INTRODUCTION

This report documents the results and recommendations of the short-range (five-year) Transit Development Plan (TDP) for the Central Maryland area including Anne Arundel County (except the City of Annapolis'), Howard County, and northern Prince George's County including the City of Laurel. The Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) requires the Locally Operated Transit Systems (LOTS) in Maryland to conduct a TDP update every five years. The LOTS use their TDPs as a basis for preparing their Annual Transportation Plans (ATPs) that serve as their Annual Grant Application (AGP) for transit funding. The TDP planning process builds on or formulates the county's or region's goals and objectives for transit, reviews and assesses current transit services, identifies unmet transit needs, and develops an appropriate course of action to address the objectives in the short-range future, typically a five-year horizon. A completed TDP serves as a guide for the local transit system, providing a roadmap for implementing service and/or organizational changes, improvements, and/or potential expansion during the five-year period.

This particular TDP is a significant development in the planning process for transit in this region. Previously TDPs were developed separately for Howard County, Anne Arundel County, and for Connect-a-Ride (now RTA) services in Prince George's County. In addition, the staff of the RTA (and predecessor organizations) and the counties performed a great deal