

Bicycle Master Plan



Planning Board overview

The Bicycle Master Plan contains the text and supporting maps and tables for a comprehensive amendment to the 1978 Master Plan of Bikeways, 2005 Countywide Bikeways Functional Master Plan and all bikeway recommendations in past functional plans, area master plans and sector plans, bringing Montgomery County in line with leading practices in bicycle planning. The plan is a key element in Montgomery County's Vision Zero Two-Year Action Plan to eliminate traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries.

This plan makes recommendations for a low-stress network of bikeways throughout Montgomery County. The goal of this system is to ensure cyclists of all ages and abilities are comfortable and safe riding to transit stations, employment centers, shops, public facilities and other destinations in Montgomery County. It proposes a new bikeway classification system that organizes bikeways based on their level of separation from traffic. Long-term bicycle parking stations are recommended at all Metrorail Red Line and many MARC Brunswick Line, future Purple Line and Corridor Cities Transitway stations to encourage bicycling to transit.

Status: From the Planning Board October 19, 2018

Bicycle Master Plan Passes Major Milestone; Council Work Sessions Completed with an Affirmative Straw Vote.

The Montgomery County Council expressed significant support for the Bicycle Master Plan ... by voting 8-0 in favor of the proposed plan in a straw vote taken at the conclusion of their worksessions on the document. The plan, if adopted, would be a comprehensive update to the Bicycle Master Plan.

The Montgomery County Planning Department has been working on the project since late 2015. After an extensive public review process, the Planning Board approved a draft of the new plan and transmitted it to the County Council in May of 2018. The Council's transportation committee reviewed the plan in September and October, making numerous recommendations, before sending the document to the full Council.

Related documents

The proposed bicycle network map and the Master Plan can be seen at:

<http://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/functional-planning/bicycle-master-plan/2018-bicycle-master-plan-planning-board-draft/>

[County Council staff report](#)

Next Steps

A final vote by the County Council on the Bicycle Master Plan will be held in late November.