



# Recap of earlier bike prioritization efforts

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# April 2016

- **MDOT coordinated regional meetings around the state to support identification of critical facilities.**
- **Each regional meeting included participants from each jurisdiction (bike planner, economic development, local elected official) and SHA and MTA reps.**

## **Workshop Goals**

- 1. Determine the critical gaps.**
- 2. Prioritize the critical gaps.**
- 3. Reach consensus on the top 10 priority trail projects.**

## **Key Considerations**

- 1. The state is not trying to tell anyone what their trail priorities should be.**
- 2. We need to think about connectivity, within and beyond jurisdictional borders.**
- 3. The decisions made at the workshop are not binding.**
- 4. Being on the priority trail list will not guarantee funding because in order to move a project forward for funding, there must be a coalition & champion.**
- 5. There are funding and technical resources available for trails from the state.**

## TOP 10 PRIORITY TRAILS

1. Connect the Torrey C. Brown Trail to the Jones Falls Trail.
2. Build a bridge across the Patuxent River, connecting Anne Arundel and Prince George's counties.
3. Complete multiple projects that are part of the Patapsco Greenway Trail System, connecting the Grist Mill Trail, Ellicott City, BWI Trail, Gwynn's Falls Trail, and the Baltimore City trail network.
4. Connect MD 97 to MD 26, and then to the Gov. Frank Brown Trail.
5. Improve MD 175 to Odenton, Ft. Meade, Arundel Mills, and the BWI Trail.
6. Develop the missing link on the MA & PA Trail north of Baltimore.
7. Develop the Cromwell Bridge Trail and link to the Towson Spoke Trail (MA & PA Trail).
8. Develop trails within and around Westminster.
9. Complete the South Shore Trail
10. Develop the BGE Northeast Regional Trail.

## Next Steps

1. Use this priority trail list as a critical planning and development tool for determining regional priority trail projects and pursuing grant funding.
2. Share this information with as many interested people and groups as possible, including elected officials.
3. Determine who will shepherd each project to completion and who will manage the trail.
4. Now that we have made this significant personal connection with one another, please continue to network with your counterparts to help implement these critical regional trail projects.
5. Get outside and enjoy a trail!

# NORTHWEST

1. Develop trails within and around Westminster. (Some are underway and some planned.)

*Critical Regional Gap*

2. Continue to build the Governor Frank Brown Trail.

*Critical Local Gap*

3. Connect MD 97 to MD 26, and then to the Frank Brown Trail.

*Critical Regional Gap*

4. Continue to build the Gillis Falls Trail.

*Critical Local Gap*

5. Develop the Northwest Passage Trail north of Westminster.

*Critical Local Gap*

# NORTHEAST

1. Connect the Torrey C. Brown Trail to the Jones Falls Trail and Baltimore.

*Critical Regional Gap*

2. Develop a 35-mile Loop Trail around Baltimore City (7 miles of new construction)

*Critical Local Gap*

3. Develop the missing link on the MA & PA Trail north of Baltimore.

*Critical Regional Gap*

4. Develop the Cromwell Bridge Trail and link to the Towson Spoke Trail (MA & PA Trail)

*Critical Regional Gap*

5. Develop the BGE Northeast Regional Trail.

*Critical Regional Gap*

# SOUTHWEST

1. Complete multiple projects that are part of the Patapsco Greenway Trail System, connecting the Grist Mill Trail, Ellicott City, and the Baltimore City trail network.

\*This was also a priority for the Southeast.

*Critical Regional Gap*

2. Develop Watershed Trails - Liberty Reservoir, Loch Raven Reservoir, and Pretty Boy Reservoir.

*Critical Local Gap*

3. Connect Columbia to Laurel via Savage Trail & the Green T Trail.

*Critical Local Gap*

4. Close the critical gaps along state highways and county roads to connect multiple trails.

*Policy Priority*



# SOUTHEAST

1. Build a bridge across the Patuxent River, connecting Anne Arundel and Prince George's counties.

*Critical Regional Gap*

2. Improve MD 175 to Odenton, Ft. Meade, Arundel Mills, and the BWI Trail.

*Critical Regional Gap*

3. Connect the BWI Trail to the Patapsco Greenway Trail System and the Gwynns Falls Trail.

*Critical Regional Gap*

4. Complete the South Shore Trail

*Critical Local Gap*

## **SOUTHEAST Cont.**

- 5. Develop critical Annapolis City connections - the B&A Trail into Annapolis; Annapolis through Parole to the South Shore Trail; Annapolis south to Edgewater**  
*Critical Local Gap*
  
- 6. Develop the Mountain Road & Fort Smallwood Connector.**  
*Critical Local Gap*
  
- 7. Connect Odenton to Maryland City**  
*Critical Local Gap*