

## BIKEABLE BALTIMORE REGION

### Vision Statement

"The Baltimore region will work together to create a bicycle network that expands opportunities for users of all ages and abilities. This connected network will support improved safety, mobility, and equitable access to jobs, schools, housing, transit, parks, and other daily destinations."

### Goals and Draft Objectives

Objectives define specific outcomes that can help achieve the project's goals. Objectives are organized by goal, and BMC can track progress through the performance measures that accompany each set of objectives. The below table includes a list of potential measures which BMC can elect to use for tracking progress towards objectives. Where relevant, all performance measures should disaggregate network segments by completion status to identify where segments are planned, programmed, under construction, and existing.

Goals	Draft Objectives
<b>Goal #1: Improve Safety and Accessibility</b> Expanding and enhancing the regional bicycle network will <b>improve safety and accessibility</b> by providing comfortable bicycle facilities for all users.	1.1 Eliminate bicyclist fatalities and serious injuries across the region.
	1.2 Build out a regional bike network of low-stress facilities, including shared-use paths, sidepaths, and protected bike lanes.
	1.3 Provide adequate bike parking along the regional bike network.
<b>Goal #2: Advance Equity</b> Implementation of the regional bicycle network will <b>advance equity</b> by reducing transportation costs and improving mobility for vulnerable populations.	2.1 Eliminate bicyclist fatalities and serious injuries in equity emphasis areas.
	2.2 Build out a regional bike network equitably.
	2.3 Provide adequate bike parking along the regional bike network equitably.
	2.4 Increase the number of households in equity areas with safe connections to transit, schools, and parks/greenspace.
	2.5 Increase the number of jobs in equity areas with safe connections to transit.
	2.6 Ensure adequate dedicated funding to advance the regional network in equity areas.
	2.7 Increase access to bike and e-scooter share programs for low-income residents.
	2.8 Increase access to personal bikes for low-income residents.

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<p><b>Goal #3: Connect People to Places</b> The regional bicycle network will <b>connect people to places</b> by developing comfortable and continuous bicycle facilities that offer opportunities for people to bike to where they live, work, play, or learn. The network will also increase first- and last-mile connections to transit.</p>	<p>3.1 Increase the number of households with safe connections to transit and schools.</p> <p>3.2 Increase connections between demand areas.</p> <p>3.3 Increase connections within demand areas.</p>
<p><b>Goal #4: Support Environmental and Health Benefits</b> The regional bicycle network will <b>support environmental and health benefits</b> by increasing opportunities for comfortable and convenient bicycle trips which may reduce the use of motor vehicles assisting in reducing air pollution and vehicle emissions which negatively impact our community and environment, including increasing the likelihood of childhood asthma. The network will also increase opportunities for physical activity to be integrated into daily life.</p>	<p>4.1 Increase the rate of bicycle travel and decrease the rate of single-occupancy vehicle (SOV) travel across the region.</p> <p>4.2 Increase the number of households with safe connections to parks/greenspace.</p>
<p><b>Goal #5: Consider Context</b> The Baltimore region is diverse and biking needs vary by jurisdiction. The regional bicycle network will <b>consider context in network design</b> to prioritize the right types of connections in the right places.</p>	<p>5.1 Adopt and implement Complete Streets policies and guidelines.</p> <p>5.2 Regularly update recommended bicycle facility types to ensure all segments meet applicable Complete Street guidelines.</p> <p>5.3 Regularly update recommended bicycle facility types to ensure all segments are appropriate for their relevant local context.</p> <p>5.4 Monitor travel behavior and attitudes about biking in the region.</p>
<p><b>Goal #6: Emphasize Collaboration</b> The regional bicycle network will <b>emphasize collaboration</b> by being implemented cooperatively with the community, stakeholders, and local, regional, and state partners. This collaboration will also help facilitate connections to neighboring jurisdictions.</p>	<p>6.1 Develop clear and transparent methods for emphasizing collaboration in advancing and measuring progress of the regional bike network.</p> <p>6.2 Continually track progress of the regional bike network.</p> <p>6.3 Increase network connections to areas outside the region.</p> <p>6.4 Maintain an implementation strategy which identifies the highest-priority projects.</p> <p>6.5 Hold an annual or bi-annual bike network summit.</p>
<p><b>Goal #7: Support Community Development</b> The regional bicycle network will <b>support community development and economic growth</b> by increasing access to transit, job opportunities, daily needs, and recreational and tourism opportunities.</p>	<p>7.1 Increase the number of jobs with safe connections to transit.</p> <p>7.2 Increase resident access to bike and e-scooter share programs.</p> <p>7.3 Increase resident access to personal bikes.</p>

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<p><b>Goal #8: Set Attainable Ambitions</b> The regional bicycle network will <b>set attainable ambitions</b> by prioritizing a network that can be feasibly implemented by member jurisdictions.</p>	<p>8.1 Ensure adequate dedicated funding to advance the regional bike network.</p>
<p><b>Goal #9: Maintain the Network</b> The regional bicycle network must be reliable and remain in a state of good repair, which means working with MDOT and local jurisdictions to develop and support maintenance strategies and needs.</p>	<p>9.1 Ensure adequate dedicated funding to maintain the regional network.</p>
	<p>9.2 Document maintenance and operations guidelines for the regional network.</p>
	<p>9.3 Identify quick-build facilities to convert to lower-maintenance permanent facilities.</p>

**Please send any comments or questions about the draft objectives to [BikeBaltoRegion@publicinput.com](mailto:BikeBaltoRegion@publicinput.com) by January 10, 2025.**