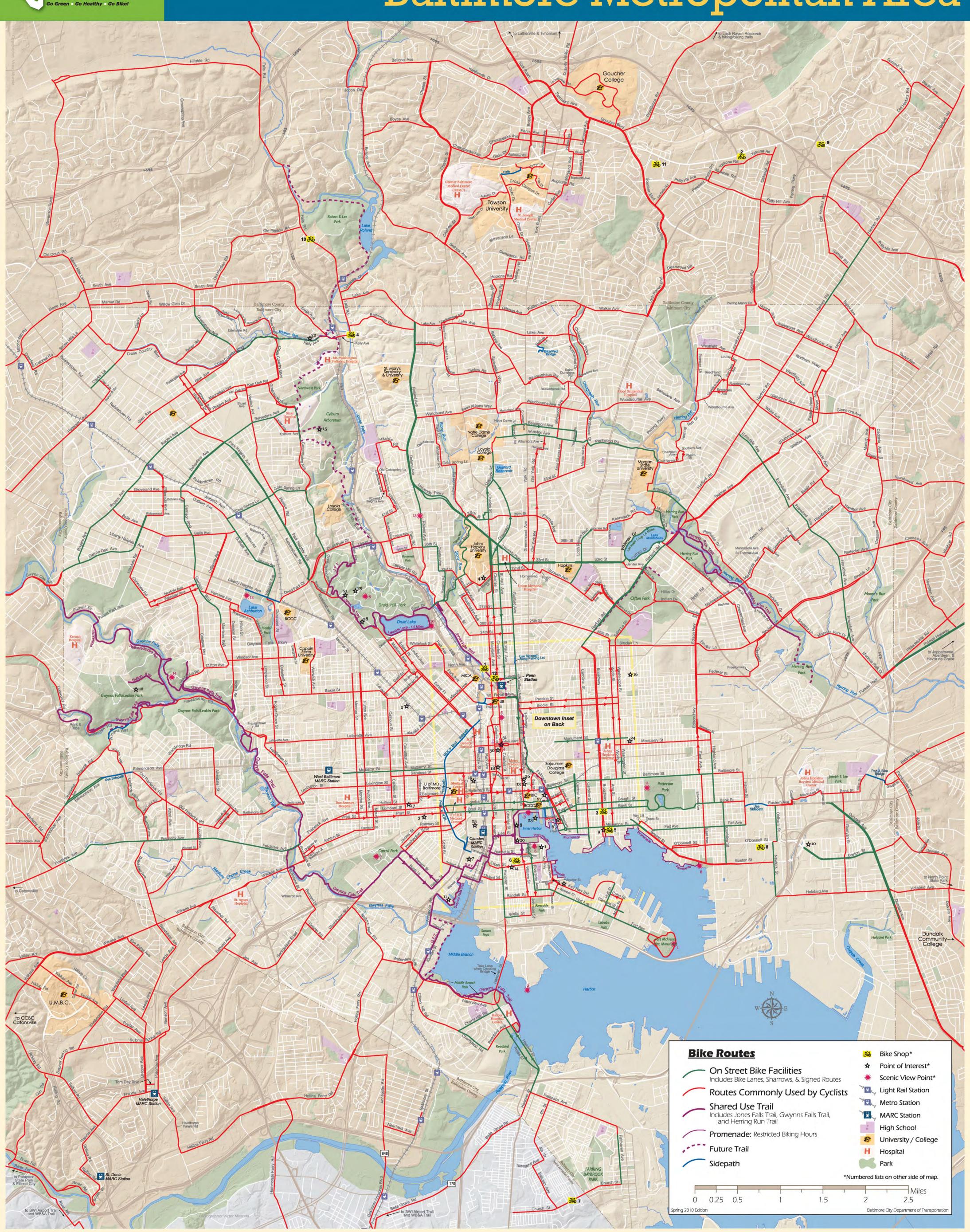
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RULES OF THE ROAD

- 1. Always ride WITH traffic, never against traffic.
- 2. Obey all traffic signs and signals as cyclists have the same responsibilities as motorists.
- Give pedestrians the right-of-way.
- 4. Avoid riding on the sidewalk. It's often more dangerous than riding in the road and ILLEGAL
- The directive USE SIDEPATH indicated on the maps encourages sidewalk use as they are a minimum of 8' wide and are safe alternatives to the adjacent
- **5.** Ride 4' away from parked cars, avoiding the "door zone." Be alert for car door openings and cars pulling out from sidestreets and driveways.
- **6.** When safe, keep right to allow faster traffic to pass.



- **7.** Use eye contact and hand signals to tell motorists where you intend to ride.
- 8. Wear bright clothing for safety.
- 9. Use a head light and tail light at night.
- 10. Use a bell or horn to alert pedestrians when
- 11. Helmets are required for everyone under the age of 16, including passengers, who ride their bicycles on the road, bicycle paths, or any public property.
- **12.** When making left hand turns, cyclists may: - use the left turn or left travel lane as vehicles do - or dismount and use crosswalks as pedestrians.
- **13.** Use caution when passing vehicles. Motorists don't always signal their intentions and they may not see you on their right, so stay out of their "blind
- 14. Avoid road hazards such as sewer grates, slippery manhole covers, oily pavement, gravel and ice.



Go to our website: www.baltimorecity.gov/bike for links to the Maryland Transit Administration site and more!

SECURING YOUR BIKE

police precincts.

Bike theft in an urban setting is an unfortunate reality.

While bicycle theft is not uncommon, it is preventable.

Following these simple rules will help improve your

1. Register your bicycle with the National Bike

2. Mark your bikes with a unique identifier; Write/

3. Insure your bike against theft. Bikes may be

4. Store bicycles inside when possible. Place bikes

5. When riding, never leave a bicycle unlocked and

6. Park bicycles in a well-lighted area where it can be

7. Use a bike rack whenever possible. Parking bikes

8. If bike racks are not available, lock to a fixture

firmly secured to the ground. Avoid locking to

unattended even if it's "just for a minute."

up. You can never be too careful!

together improves security for all.

seen from inside buildings.

included with homeowners or renters insurance.

out of sight from prying eyes and consider locking

of rims or on paper inside the handlebars.

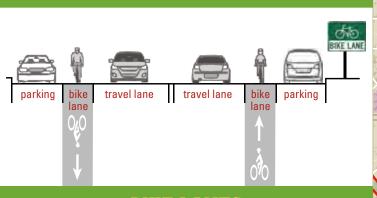
Registry online and with the Baltimore Police

Department. Police department registration forms

are available at local bike retailers, libraries and

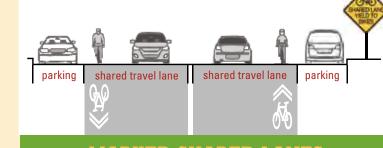
inscribe your name under the seat, on the tire side

MARKINGS, SIGNS AND SIGNALS FOR SAFE CYCLING



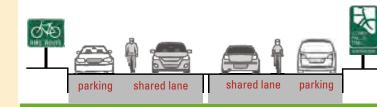
BIKE LANES

5' to 6' wide section of street reserved for bike use. Usually found on high traffic streets. Special pavement markings and signs identify the



MARKED SHARED LANES

- Cars and bikes share the street, usually with lots of traffic but too narrow for bike lanes. Beware aware of the "door zone." Signs and markings encourage cars to share the



SIGNED BIKE ROUTES Parked cars share the lane with cars and bikes.

Signed route signs might have a directional arrow and distances to destinations Bike routes are usually streets not wide enough for bike lanes but are good streets for biking



MULTI-USE TRAILS

Separated from the road for bicyclists, walkers, runners, and in-line skaters (such as portions of All users keep to the right of the trail unless passing.

Warn others when passing with bell, horn or call



HAND SIGNALS (as viewed from back)

trees as they are easily damaged.

- 9. Use a secure lock that is resistant to cutting.
- 10. Do not use a larger lock than necessary as the extra space may by used as leverage by potential
- Frame
- 2 Front Wheel





- 12. Take any easily removable components with you;
- **14.** Never leave your bike locked in a public location for an extended period of time, especially over-

- Multiple small U-Locks are generally best. Cables, chains and pad locks are easily cut with bolt
- 11. Follow the 3-POINT LOCKING RULE, lock the:
- 3 Back Wheel



wheel and secure to rack with rear wheel and frame.

- such as seats, lights, computers/GPS, pumps or
- 13. Using locking hubs on both wheels will improve but not guarantee security.
- night. Avoid using the same locking location on a daily basis.
- **15.** If your bike is stolen, report theft to police immediately and remove any bicycle parts left behind.

BIKES ON TRANSIT

Tips for loading and unloading a bicycle using a Bus-mounted Bike Rack:

Baltimore City Center

MTA's local bus fleet is equipped to carry two bicycles each, although there may be an occasion when a bus in service does not have a bicycle rack. The bicycle racks are very easy to use and designed for cyclists to load and unload themselves.

Loading

- 1. To prepare your bike for loading prior to the arrival of the bus, take off loose items, water bottles, chain locks, or any other dangling
- 2. Stay back as the bus approaches the stop and do not allow your body or bicycle to extend past the 3. Alert the operator that you will place a bicycle on
- the rack, and then go to the front of the bus to load the bicycle from the curb side. Please do not step into oncoming traffic to load your bike.
- 4. If the rack is in the upright position, using one hand squeeze the handle to carefully lower the bicycle rack while holding your bike with the other
- Lift the bicycle, fitting wheels into the labeled slot closest to the bus. If it is the second bicycle on the rack it should face in the opposite direction of the first bicycle.
- 6. The front tire should be in the wheel slot with the

pull down rack HOW TO USE A BUS-MOUNTED BIKE RACK **7.** Raise the padded hook up and over the front tire so the hook rests at the highest point on the

Place bike in rack slot

Douglass &

front wheel. The hook adds lateral support for the **8.** Board the bus, pay the fare and tell the operator

B.I.C.

at which stop you will depart with your bicycle.

Enjoy the ride!

Unloading

Squeeze handle and

1. Don't forget your bicycle is loaded on the bus!

- **2.** Exit from the front door and remind the operator you have a bike to take off the rack.
- 3. Raise the padded hook off the tire by pulling up and away, and lower it around the tire to its original position on the rack.
- **4.** Lift your bike off the rack. **5.** If there are no other bicycles on the rack, return

the rack to the upright position by squeezing the

- handle and folding up the rack until it snaps into 6. Step away from the bus toward the curb and wait
- for the bus to pull away from the stop before safely beginning your bicycle journey.

Bikes on Rail

For current information visit: www.mta.maryland.gov/resources/bikesonmta/index.cfm

Grasp support arm ...

Bicycles may be brought aboard the MTA's Light Rail and Metro Subway trains operating in the Baltimore metropolitan area. When using these services be sure

- 1. Push or carry the bicycle when on the elevator, inside the station, on the platform or in the train.
- 2. If the train is crowded due to morning or afternoon rush hour, sporting events or special events, please wait for the next train.
- 3. Stay a safe distance from the loading platform edge at all times before boarding trains.

doorway before carrying the bicycle onto the transit vehicle. 5. Follow any instructions given by transit staff

4. Be considerate of other passengers and wait until

exiting and entering passengers have cleared the

- regarding bicycle transport.
- **6.** In the event a bicycle or other property falls into the track area of the Metro Subway system, DO NOT attempt to retrieve it personally. Immediately, approach the Station Attendant for assistance.
- Place the bicycle in the area reserved for seniors and people with disabilities. However, seniors and people with disabilities have priority over bicycles. Hold onto the bicycle and keep it out of the way of other passengers.

BIKE PARKING AT THE STADIUMS

Biking to the ball games is a great way to avoid traffic jams and the often crowded Light Rail. There are several places to park your bike once you get there.

M&T Bank Stadium

A bike rack is located outside Gate C near the guard post. (Security officials are not responsible for damage to or loss of bicycles.)

Oriole Park at Camden Yards

- 1. Camden Line MARC station
- 2. Eutaw Street Entrance Northside (adjacent to Will Call window)
- 3. Eutaw Street Entrance Southside

- **☆** Points of Interest
- 1 American Visionary Art Museum

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- 2 Avenue Market (Lafayette Market)
- **3** B&O Railroad Museum
- 4 Baltimore Museum of Art

- 5 Baltimore Museum of Industry 6 Baltimore Public Works Museum
- **7** Baltimore Ravens Stadium
- 8 Baltimore Visitor Center
- **9** Broadway Market 10 Bus Terminal - Haines Street
- 11 Bus Terminal O'Donnell Travel Plaza
- 12 Carrie Murray Nature Center
- 13 City Hall **14** Cross Street Market
- **15** Cylburn Arboretum Visitor Center **16** Historic Factory, Architectural Interest
- 17 Hollins Street Market
- **18** Hostelling International Baltimore Hostel
- **19** Lexington Market 20 Maryland Science Center
- 22 Mt. Washington Arboretum

21 Maryland Zoo

- 23 National Aquarium **24** Northeast Market
- **25** Oriole Park at Camden Yards
- **26** Peale Museum
- 27 Port Discovery 28 Rawlings Conservatory
- **29** Rogers Mansion
- **30** Walters Art Museum **31** Washington Monument
- **56** Bike Shops
- 1 Baltimore Bike Works 2 Baynesville Bicycle Service
- **3** Broadway Bicycle
- 4 Joe's Bike Shop 5 Joes' Fells Point
- **6** Light Street Cycles **7** Mr. Bikes
- 8 Outlaw Bike Shop **9** Performance Bicycle Shop
- **10** Princeton Sports **11** Sports Authority **12** Velocipede Bike Project
- Scenic Viewpoints
- 1 View all around across harbor and into bay
- 2 View all around across water **3** View all around from top floor of World Trade Center
- **4** View all around from top of Washington Monument **5** View north & south from top of Belvedere Hotel **6** View north from Federal Hill to downtown
- 7 View northeast to downtown **8** View south and west across harbor
- **9** View south oss city to downtown 10 View southeast from Moorish tower to downtown
- 11 View southeast from Pagoda to neighborhoods and bay **12** View southeast to downtown & bay bridge on clear day

13 View west across St. Mary's Cemetary to TV hill

14 View west from hill top to forest covered valley

BIKE ROUTES On Street Bike Facilities - includes Bike Lanes, Sharrows, & Signed Routes

- **Routes Commonly Used by Cyclists** Shared Use Trail - includes Jones Falls Trail, Gwynns Falls Trail,
- & Herring Run Trail **Promenade** – with Restricted Biking Hours Future Trail

Side Path

Metro Station

- **MAP SYMBOLS** Bike Shop
 - MARC Station
- High School Point of Interest Scenic View Point Light Rail Station
 - University/College H Hospital

Park

property damage or injury that may arise from use of this map. Map Design by Victor Miranda; Graphic Design by Paula Simon, Highmeadow

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EAST COAST GREENWAY

the remainder on carefully-selected roadways.

key-partners - local, state, and national

organizations and agencies - local trails are

network. Look for signs like this on on trails

through Baltimore along the Jones Falls

being woven into this nationally-important

from Maine to Florida, marking segments

The East Coast Greenway is signed

Trail and Gwynns Falls Trail. Future

ECG designation will continue with

East Coast Greenway

trail expansions.

A 3000-mile route connecting 25 major cities for

ECG aims to be routed entirely on shared-use paths. As

of early 2010, 24% of the route is on such paths, with

The East Coast Greenway Alliance is the nonprofit

organization creating this trail system. Working with

bicyclists, walkers, and other nonmotorized users, the

BALTIMORE BY BIKE

One of the best ways to know a city is to bike it! Seeing Baltimore from a "two-wheel perspective" helps the cyclist learn the unique neighborhoods, picturesque parks, active waterfront and many monumental landmarks. This map can help you do

Developed with the assistance of the Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Committee and One Less Car, this map identifies existing bike facilities and routes commonly used by cyclists. Such routes focus on lower traffic volume areas and where enough roadway space exists for both cars and bikes. When navigating by bike, be mindful of potential urban hazards such as potholes, unsafe storm grates, old streetcar rails and unfriendly

- Healthy alternative to driving/sitting in traffic
- No carbon footprint
- Shorter travel times in urban setting Interactive access with transit system
- (buses, light rail & Metro)



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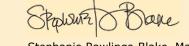
A Message from the Mayor

Thanks for choosing cycling to get around Baltimore. Not only is biking a quick, fun, and sustainable way to travel, but it helps you get to know Baltimore on a local level. Biking through our many neighborhoods gives a more intimate

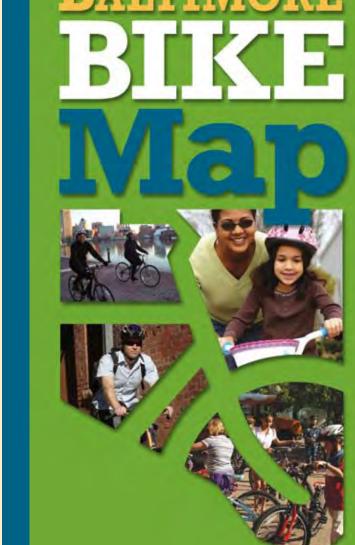
Biking is a great way to get exercise, whether during your commute or out on the weekends. The average bike commuter loses 13 pounds during the first year. Cycling helps fight heart disease, obesity and diabetes. Biking is also good for the environment: it has a minimal carbon footprint and helps reduce traffic congestion, and air and noise pollution.

Baltimore is making strides to become a better town for cyclists. We are adding bike lanes and routes across the city and expanding our trail system. New sections of the Jones Falls and Gwynns Falls Trails will begin construction soon. Additionally, we are installing more public bike racks throughout Baltimore to increase access to

Wish you many miles of safe rides around







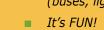
Go Green Go Healthy Go Bike!

just that!

WHY RIDE A BIKE?

Inexpensive transportation

- Reduces traffic congestion







LOCAL BIKE GROUPS &

Department of Transportation

Visit our website to find out what we're doing to make

Baltimore a bike-friendly city! Get the latest news about

improvements to our streets and bikeways, and find

links to the many bicycling resources and activities in

Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Committee

MBAC helps promote cycling by advising city officials,

increasing safety awareness and holding local events.

OLC advocates for providing safe and effective transpor-

tation alternatives for all citizens through education,

lobbying, and facilitation between our communities,

governments, and state and local representatives.

CYCLING CLUBS

www.baltimorecity.gov/bike

Google Groups & Facebook

One Less Car (OLC)

Velocipede Bike Project

4 W. Lanvale St., Baltimore 21201

MORE (Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts)

MORE is committed to environmentally sound and socially

responsible mountain biking, facilitating recreational

trail cycling, educating about the sport of mountain

biking, maintaining local trails, and advocating for

This not-for-profit recreational organization's mission is

to promote and sponsor bicycling activities in Baltimore

City and neighboring Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll,

Harford, and Howard counties. The BBC also promotes, defends, and protects the rights of bicyclists for a safe

road riding environment in our communities through

DISCLAIMER: This map does not guarantee safe cycling conditions or

reflect road conditions including pavement conditions, traffic volume, or speed. The user of this map is responsible for evaluating road and trail

conditions in accordance with the cyclist's riding ability. The Mayor and

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www.velocipedebikeproject.org

increased multi-user trail access.

Baltimore Biking Club

www.baltobikeclub.org

advocacy and education.

their own bicycles.

www.more-mtb.org

www.onelesscar.org

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