Meet WABA!

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WABA's Mission

WABA empowers people to ride bikes, build connections, and transform places. We envision a just and sustainable transportation system where walking, biking, and transit are the best ways to get around.

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What is a “Just” Transportation System?

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Improved Access to Transportation Options

While many people drive, others can't or choose not to:

- Disability
- Cars, insurance, gas, and maintenance is expensive
- Personal, ethical choice

Those who do not drive rely on walking, biking, e-scooters, and using public transit (Metro, train, bus) to get around.

These people are disproportionately affected when public transportation is unreliable, inconvenient, difficult to use, or doesn't get them to where they need to go.

And when public transportation is not convenient or fast, those who drive are less likely to use it.

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How Do We Improve Access?

- **Increase connectivity** - More trains, buses, trails, and bike lanes
- **Decrease cost** - Make it less expensive for people to bike and use public transportation
- **Offer more options** - Micromobility services like bikeshare and e-scooters give people more options for how to get around
- **Improve safety** - Build street infrastructure that prioritizes pedestrian and bicyclist safety, and encourage safe behaviors
- **Make the experience better** - When transportation is designed with users in mind, the experience is easier and more enjoyable

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WABA's History

- The DMV's largest and longest operating bicycle advocacy organization
- WABA has been advocating for safer streets since 1972!
- 30 full time staff working in advocacy, education, development, operations, membership, outreach and community organizing

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WABA in Action: Staff!

What We Do: Advocacy

- Dedicated community organizers working on advocacy in Washington, DC, Maryland and Virginia (that's me!)
- Organize community members around bicycling and safe streets; get more people involved
- Build strong relationship with decision makers; push for better bike infrastructure
- Work with allied groups to show how vital transportation investments are

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WABA in Action: 15th St & Hains Point

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What We Do: Education

- Lead ‘Bike Week’ learn-to-ride classes in DC public charter schools and 2 week-long summer ‘Bike Camp’ sessions
- Teach 100+ adult, youth and family classes in DC, Montgomery County, Alexandria, Arlington and Prince George's County
    - Range of class offerings include learn-to-ride, basic skill building, and on-street & trail riding
- Vision Zero Youth Leadership Institute - high school internship program in Prince George’s County and DC (as of this October!)

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WABA in Action: New Riders!

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What We Do: Trail Rangers

- Recently expanded! Now 7 full-time Trail Rangers servicing DC's trail system w/ strong equity focus on Wards 7 & 8
- Basic maintenance: trash cleanup (including glass and SO many tires), vegetation management, snow clearing
  - NEW! Invasives management certification
- On-trail community events including monthly MBT coffee hour

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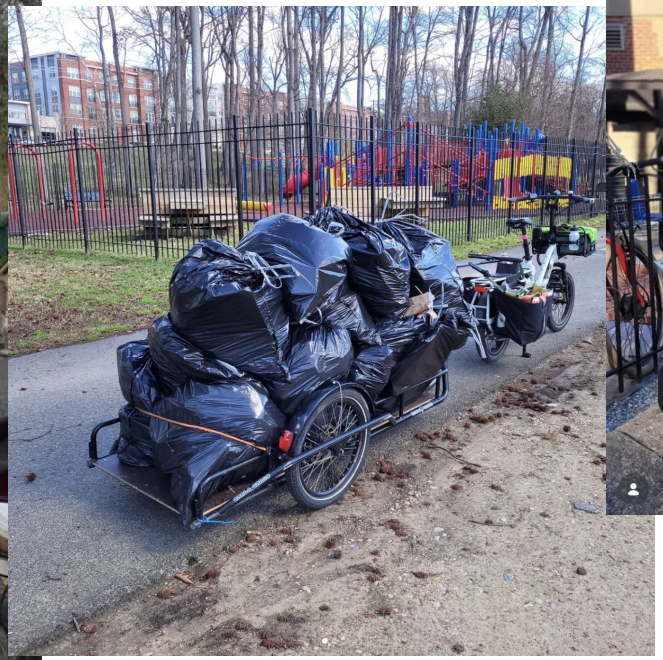
WABA in Action: Work & Play!



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What We Do: Gearin' Up

- Continuing on a 10+ year tradition – much of it located in Ward 5!
- Revamped community bike shop located directly next to Alethia Tanner Park; programs include:
  - Volunteer shop nights (including womxn/femme, LGBTQ sessions)
  - "Earn a Bike" classes where youth learn to fix bikes and then – earn a bike!
  - Participate in Mayor Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment Program

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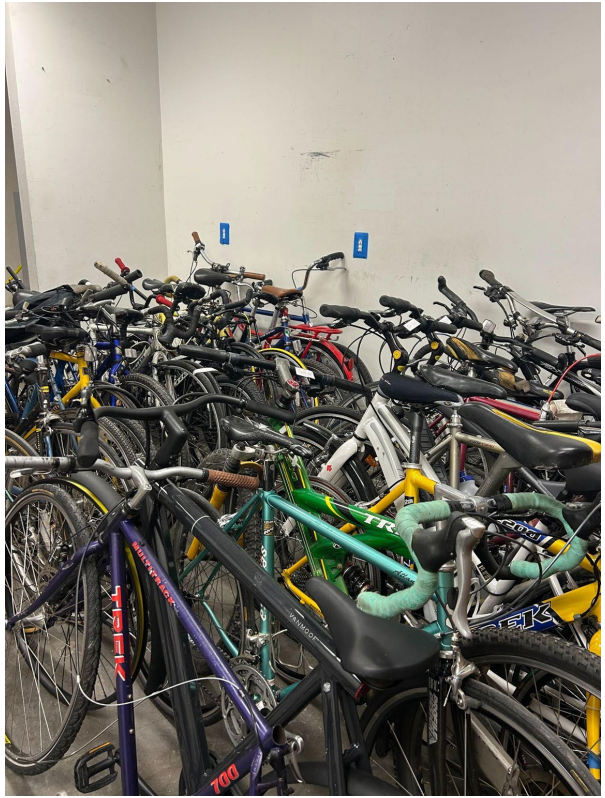
WABA in Action: Brand New Hub!



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What We Do: Bike Events

- Host three Signature Events annually across the region
  - 50 States Ride in September; route touches all 50 state-named streets in the District
  - Cider Ride in DC and Maryland in November
  - Spring Ride in DC and Virginia in April/May (in redevelopment)
- WABA Awards every fall
- Advocacy Summits, bike expos and more!

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WABA in Action: Donuts & Accolades!

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New Frontiers

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Questions? Comments?

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