



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board
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SUBJECT: Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Update
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This memorandum summarizes upcoming bicycle and pedestrian planning activities for FY 2026.

Proposed major products for FY 2026 include an updated National Capital Trail Network, and an updated Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

NATIONAL CAPITAL TRAIL NETWORK

This 1500-mile+ network of existing and proposed shared-use paths covers the entire region, including both existing and planned facilities. It was first adopted by the TPB in 2020 and revised in February 2024.

The network will provide healthy, low-stress, reliable transportation for people of all ages and abilities. People will be able to get on these trails and be confident that they can go as far as they like, from one end of the region to the other, without encountering dangerous or stressful conditions.

Completing the National Capital Trail Network is one of the TPB's priorities. As such, any project that helps complete the network receives additional consideration for funds that the TPB administers, such as Transportation-Land Use Connections and Transportation Alternatives.

A revised Network map and progress report will be prepared in FY 2026.

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

The plan examines the status of bicycling and walking in the National Capital Region, including existing facilities, programs, mode share, and current policies and planning.

The most recent, May 2022 edition of the plan identified the capital improvements, studies, actions, and strategies that the region proposes to carry out by 2045 for major bicycle and pedestrian improvements in state, local, and agency plans. It shows how implementation of these improvements, actions, and strategies will advance the goals of the region's long range transportation plan, *Visualize 2045*.

A revised plan and map will be prepared in FY 2026.

OTHER BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLANNING ACTIVITIES

- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee:** Support the Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee in its coordination, advisory, and information exchange roles.
- **Monitor Nonmotorized Accommodation:** Monitor and update nonmotorized recommendations for project information in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Project Info Tracker (PIT).
- **Emerging modes:** Conduct regional planning regarding emerging mobility technologies, such as dockless bikesharing and electric scooters.
- **Street Smart:** Provide technical advice to the “Street Smart” regional pedestrian and bicycle safety public outreach campaign.
- **Workshops:** Conduct two or more regional bicycle and pedestrian planning or design training, outreach, or professional development opportunities for member agency staff.