

Bike Friendly Community

Rockville was recognized as a Bicycle Friendly Community at the Bronze level by the League of American Bicyclists in 2016 and continues efforts to improve bicycling for all residents through education, infrastructure and outreach. This award shows how far bicycling has come in Rockville as a sustainable, healthy, and equitable mode of transportation and recreation. The Rockville Bikeway Master Plan (Plan) provides a vision for a safe and efficient multimodal transportation system. First adopted in 1981, the Plan was updated in 1998, 2004, and most recently in 2017. This Plan was prepared by the City of Rockville Department of Public Works, Traffic and Transportation Division. Internal assistance was provided by the Department of Community Planning and Development Services, Department of Recreation and Parks, and the Police Department. The Plan proposes 21.9 miles of new dedicated bikeway facilities and 19.1 miles of new shared roadway designations in the City of Rockville within the next ten years.

In 1999, the Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee (RBAC) was created to assist in the development of the City's bicycle and pedestrian-specific policies. Since then, the RBAC has worked closely with the City to improve bicycling conditions so that the City now boasts 34.6 miles of shared-use paths, 3.9 miles of bike lanes, and 2.9 miles of roads with sharrows and continues to plan pedestrian/bicyclist safety improvements. Additional bicycle programs include: Capital Bikeshare, bike rack grants to local businesses, bike safety checks, organized bike tours, bike award and recycling programs, and the celebration of Bike Month in May.

Funding for bicycle programs is included in a variety of budgets: the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety CIP (link below); the Traffic and Transportation operating budget includes the Pedestrian and Bicycle Coordinator; and the Recreation and Parks operating budget includes maintenance of off-road shared use paths and recreation programs to encourage bicycling.

Bike webpage with maps and : <https://www.rockvillemd.gov/319/Bicycles>

Bikeway Master Plan: <https://www.rockvillemd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6968/Draft-2016-Bikeway-Master-Plan?bidId=>

Bike Friendly Report Card:
https://bikeleague.org/sites/default/files/bfareportcards/BFC_Spring_2016_ReportCard_Rockville_MD.pdf

Bike CIP (Pages 304-305): <https://www.rockvillemd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/38943/Fiscal-Year-2021-Adopted-Budget>

Rockville Bike Advisory Committee: <https://www.rockvillemd.gov/327/Rockville-Bike-Advisory-Committee>