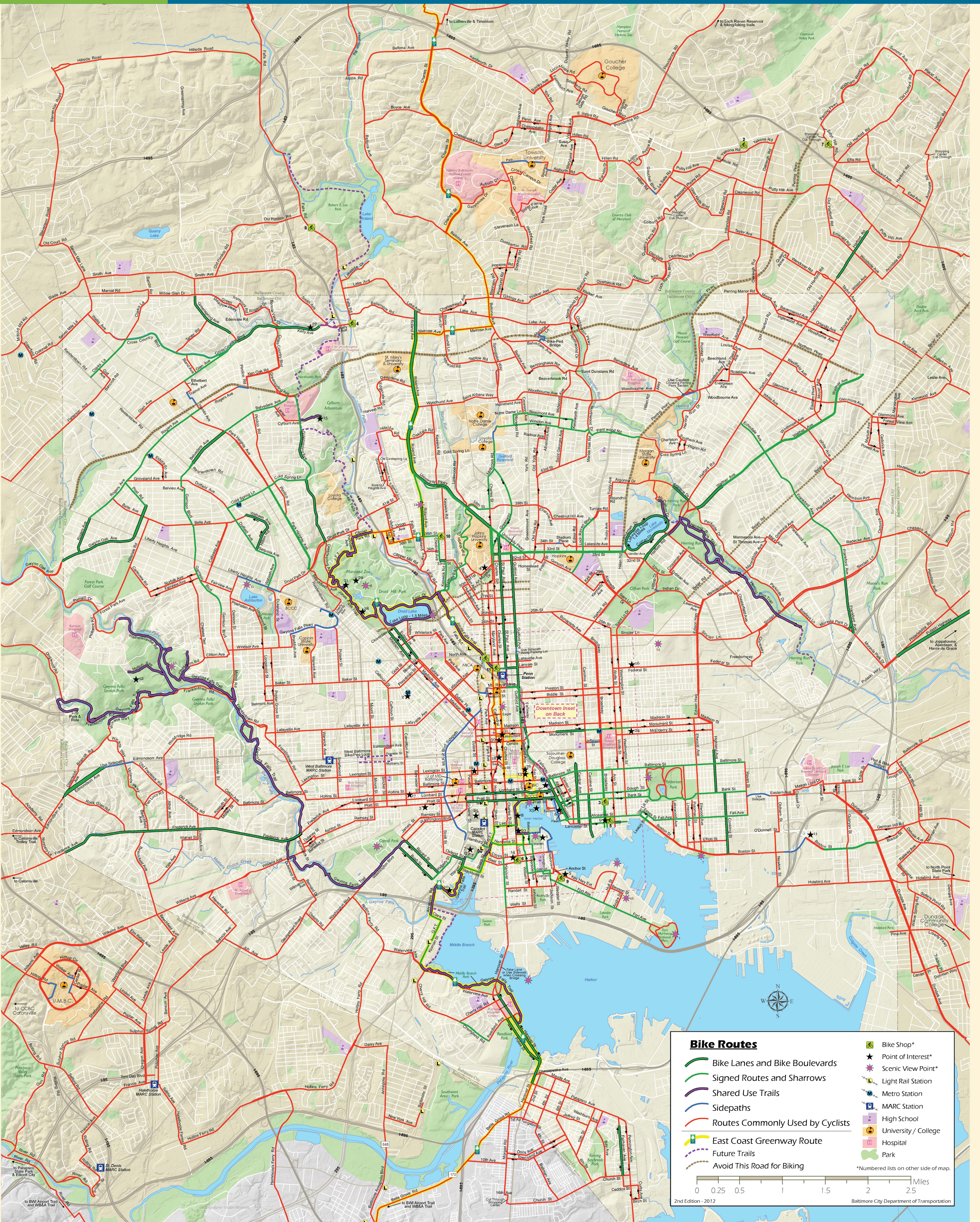


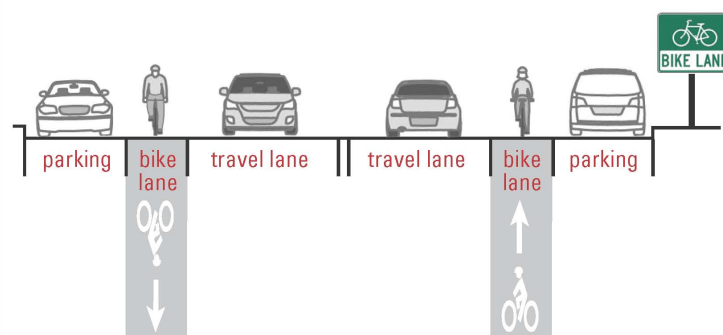
# Baltimore Metropolitan Area







## MARKINGS, SIGNS AND SIGNALS FOR SAFE CYCLING



### RULES OF THE ROAD

- Always ride WITH traffic, never against traffic.
- Obey all traffic signs and signals as cyclists have the same responsibilities as motorists.
- Give pedestrians the right-of-way.
- Avoid riding on the sidewalk. It's often more dangerous than riding in the road and ILLEGAL in Baltimore.

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 roadway.

- Ride 4' away from parked cars, avoiding the "door zone." Be alert for car door openings and cars pulling out from sidestreets and driveways.
- When safe, keep right to allow faster traffic to pass.



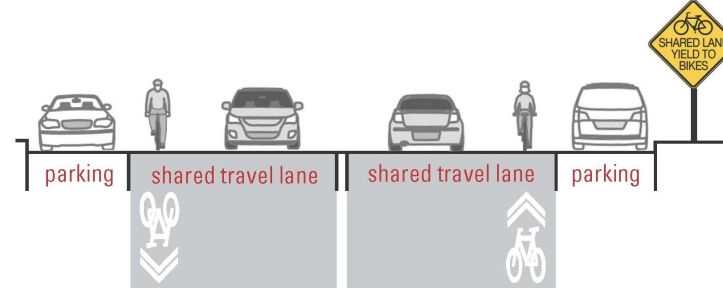
- Use eye contact and hand signals to tell motorists where you intend to ride.
- Wear bright clothing for safety.
- Use a head light and tail light at night.
- Use a bell or horn to alert pedestrians when passing.
- Helmets are required for everyone under the age of 16, including passengers, who ride their bicycles on the road, bicycle paths, or any public property.
- 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.
- 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 spot."
- Avoid road hazards such as sewer grates, slippery manhole covers, oily pavement, gravel and ice.



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for links to the Maryland Transit Administration site and more!

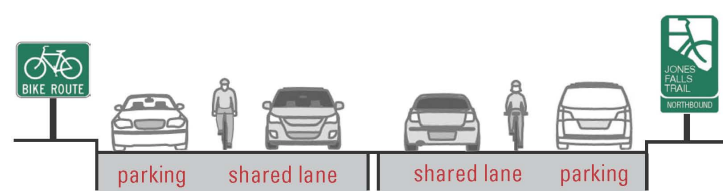
### BIKE LANES

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



### MARKED SHARED LANES

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



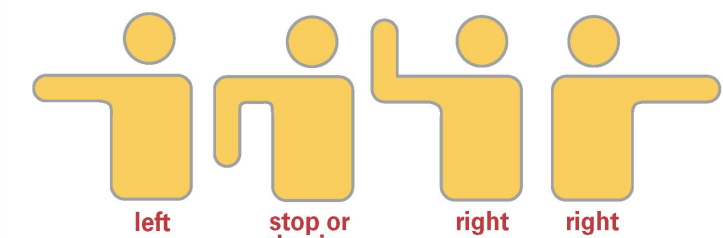
### SIGNED BIKE ROUTES

- 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

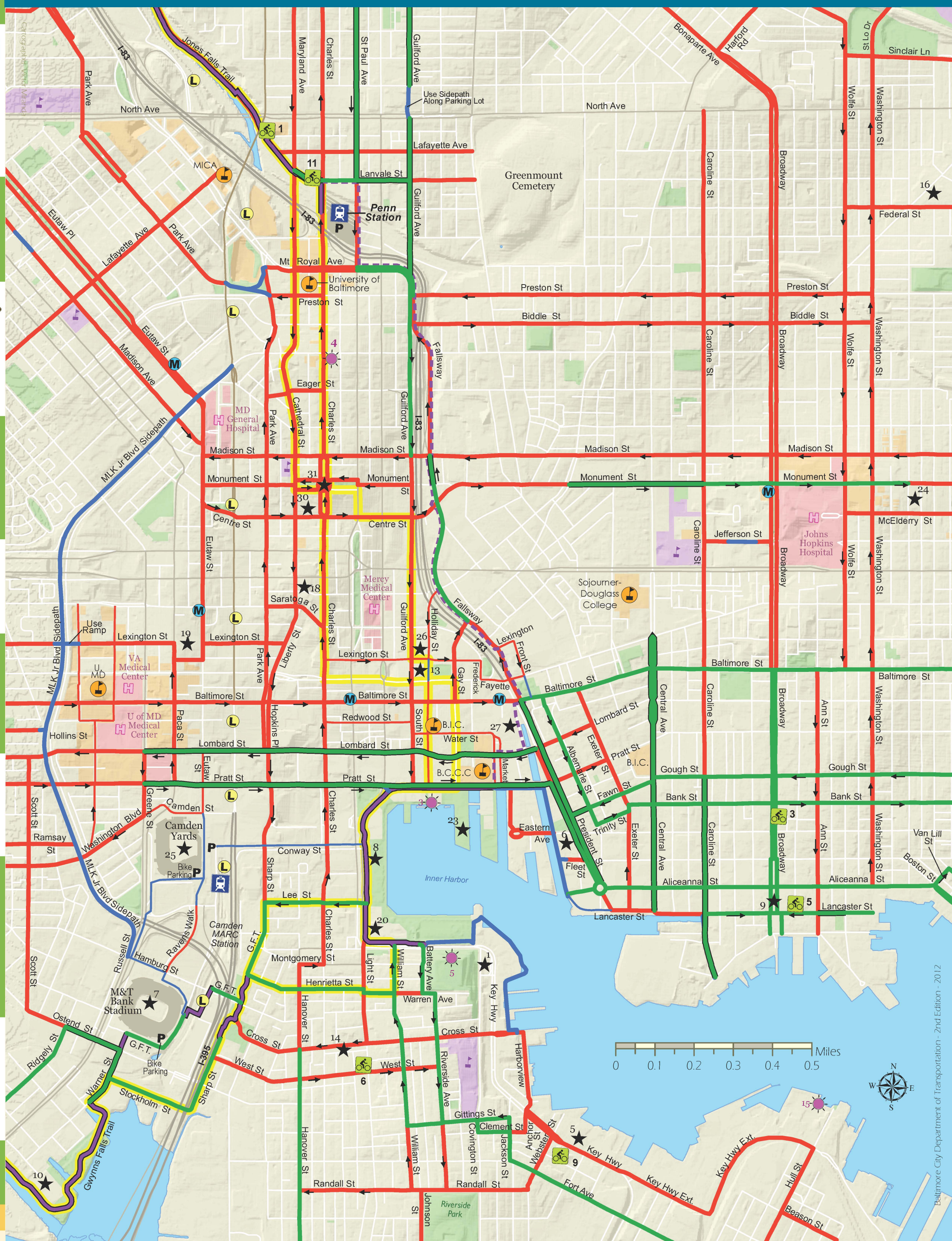
- Separated from the road for bicyclists, walkers, runners, and in-line skaters (such as portions of Gwynns Falls Trail.)
- All users keep to the right of the trail unless passing.
- Yield to pedestrians and equestrians.
- Slow down when trail traffic increases.
- Warn others when passing with bell, horn or call out.



### HAND SIGNALS (as viewed from back)

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### Points of Interest

- American Visionary Art Museum
- Avenue Market (Lafayette Market)
- B&O Railroad Museum
- Baltimore Museum of Art
- Baltimore Museum of Industry
- Baltimore Public Works Museum
- Baltimore Ravens / M&T Bank Stadium
- Baltimore Visitor Center
- Broadway Market
- Bus Terminal - Haines Street
- Bus Terminal - O'Donnell Travel Plaza
- Carrie Murray Nature Center
- City Hall
- Cross Street Market
- Cyburn Arboretum Visitor Center
- Historic Factory, Architectural Interest
- Hollins Street Market
- Hostelling International Baltimore Hostel
- Lexington Market
- Maryland Science Center
- Maryland Zoo
- Mt. Washington Arboretum
- National Aquarium
- Northeast Market
- Oriole Park at Camden Yards
- Peale Museum
- Port Discovery
- Rawlings Conservatory
- Rogers Mansion
- Walters Art Museum
- Washington Monument

### Bike Shops

- Baltimore Bike Works
- Baynesville Bicycle Service
- Broadway Bicycle
- Joe's Bike Shop Mt. Washington
- Joe's Bike Shop Fells Point
- Light Street Cycles
- Performance Bicycle Shop
- Princeton Sports
- Race Pace Bicycles
- Twenty20 Cycling Co.
- Velocipede Bike Project

### Scenic Viewpoints

- View all around across harbor and into bay
- View all around across water
- View all around from top floor of Baltimore World Trade Center
- View north & south from top of Belvedere Hotel
- View north from Federal Hill to downtown
- View southeast to downtown
- View south and west across harbor
- View south across city to downtown
- View southeast from Moorish tower to downtown
- View southeast from Pagoda to neighborhoods, industry and bay
- View southeast to downtown & bay bridge on clear day
- View west across St. Mary's Cemetery to T hill - good sunset spot
- View west from hill top to forest covered valley - no buildings in sight
- View of city and bay from Baltimore Cemetery
- View of harbor from Tide Point
- View of harbor from Silo Point patio

### BIKE ROUTES

- Bike Lanes and Bike Boulevards
- Signed Routes and Sharrows
- Shared Use Trails
- Sidepaths
- Routes Commonly Used by Cyclists
- East Coast Greenway Route
- Future Trails
- Avoid This Road for Biking

### MAP SYMBOLS

- Bike Shop
- Point of Interest
- Scenic View Point
- Light Rail Station
- Metro Station
- MARC Station
- High School
- University / College
- Hospital
- Park

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## LOCAL BIKE GROUPS & CYCLING CLUBS

### Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Committee (MBAC)

Google Groups & Facebook  
MBAC helps promote cycling by advising city officials, increasing safety awareness and holding local events.



### Bike Maryland

www.bikemd.org  
Bike Maryland advocates for providing safe and effective transportation alternatives for all citizens through education, lobbying, and facilitation between our communities, governments, and state and local representatives.



### Velocipede Bike Project

4 W. Lanvale Street, Baltimore, MD 21201  
www.velocipedebikeproject.org  
A collectively run non-profit dedicated to helping people use bicycles as transportation. Velocipede collects donated, second-hand, and landfill-bound bikes, which are then used to teach people how to repair and build their own bicycles.



### MORE (Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts)

www.more-mtb.org  
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 increased multi-user trail access.

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 City Council of Baltimore do not assume responsibility or liability for any property damage or injury that may arise from use of this map.

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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 feel to Charm City!

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. Additionally, we are installing more public bike racks throughout Baltimore to increase access to bike parking.

Wish you many miles of safe rides around Baltimore!

*Stephanie Rawlings-Blake*  
Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Mayor



# Baltimore Bike Map



Go Green Go Healthy Go Bike!

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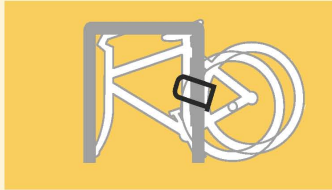
## SECURING YOUR BIKE

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 bike's security.

- Register your bicycle with the National Bike Registry online and with the Baltimore Police Department. Police department registration forms are available at local bike retailers, libraries and police precincts.
- Mark your bikes with a unique identifier; Write/inscribe your name under the seat, on the tire side of rims or on paper inside the handlebars.
- Insure your bike against theft. Bikes may be included with homeowners or renters insurance.
- Store bicycles inside when possible. Place bikes out of sight from prying eyes and consider locking up. You can never be too careful!
- When riding, never leave a bicycle unlocked and unattended even if it's "just for a minute."
- Park bicycles in a well-lit area where it can be seen from inside buildings.
- Use a bike rack whenever possible. Parking bikes together improves security for all.
- If bike racks are not available, lock to a fixture firmly secured to the ground. Avoid locking to



Secure front wheel and back wheel with section of frame to the rack.



Remove front wheel and secure to rack with rear wheel and frame.

- Take any easily removable components with you; such as seats, lights, computers/GPS, pumps or bags.
- Using locking hubs on both wheels will improve but not guarantee security.
- Never leave your bike locked in a public location for an extended period of time, especially overnight. Avoid using the same locking location on a daily basis.
- If your bike is stolen, report theft to police immediately and remove any bicycle parts left behind.

trees as they are easily damaged.

- Use a secure lock that is resistant to cutting. Multiple small U-Locks are generally best. Cables, chains and pad locks are easily cut with bolt cutters.
- Do not use a larger lock than necessary as the extra space may be used as leverage by potential thieves.
- Follow the 3-POINT LOCKING RULE, lock the:
  - Frame
  - Front Wheel
  - Back Wheel

## BIKES ON TRANSIT

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

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

- Prepare your bike for loading prior to the arrival of the bus, take off loose items, water bottles, chain locks, or any other dangling objects.
- Stay back as the bus approaches the stop and do not allow your body or bicycle to extend past the curb area.
- 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.
- 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 hand.
- 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.
- The front tire should be in the wheel slot with the padded hook.



### HOW TO USE A BUS-MOUNTED BIKE RACK

- Raise the padded hook up and over the front tire so the hook rests at the highest point on the front wheel. The hook adds lateral support for the loaded bicycle.
- Board the bus, pay the fare and tell the operator at which stop you will depart with your bicycle.
- Enjoy the ride!

### Unloading

- Don't forget your bicycle is loaded on the bus!
- Exit from the front door and remind the operator you have a bike to take off the rack.
- 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.
- Lift your bike off the rack.
- 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 position.

- 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

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 to:

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

For current information about bikes on transit, visit: [www.mta.maryland.gov](http://www.mta.maryland.gov)

- Be considerate of other passengers and wait until exiting and entering passengers have cleared the doorway before carrying the bicycle onto the transit vehicle.
- Follow any instructions given by transit staff regarding bicycle transport.
- 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

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

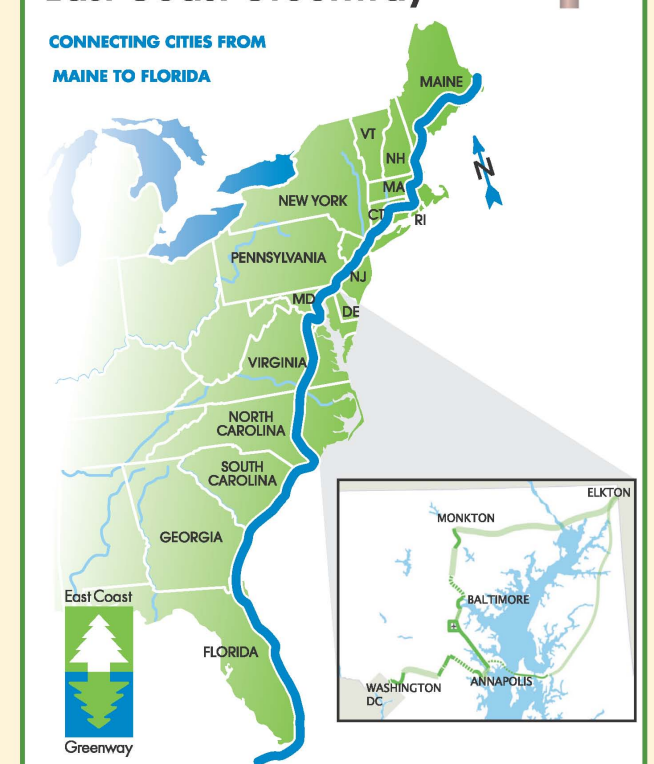
## EAST COAST GREENWAY

A 3000-mile route connecting 25 major cities for bicyclists, walkers, and other non-motorized users, the ECG aims to be routed entirely on shared-use paths. As of early 2010, 24% of the route is on such paths, with the remainder on carefully-selected roadways.

The East Coast Greenway Alliance is the nonprofit organization creating this trail system. Working with key partners - local, state, and national organizations and agencies - local trails are being woven into this nationally-important network. Look for signs like this on trails from Maine to Florida, marking segments of the ECG.

The East Coast Greenway is signed through Baltimore along the Jones Falls Trail and Gwynns Falls Trail. Future ECG designation will continue with trail expansions.

### East Coast Greenway



## 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 just that!

Developed with the assistance of the Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Committee and Bike Maryland, 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 areas.

### WHY RIDE A BIKE?

- Inexpensive transportation
- Healthy alternative to driving/sitting in traffic
- Reduces traffic congestion
- No carbon footprint
- Shorter travel times in urban setting
- Interactive access with transit system (buses, light rail & Metro)
- It's FUN!

