



Bicycle & Trail Advisory Group

Prince George's County ◆ Founded January 1998

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Memorandum:

TO: Robert J. Herstein, Office of Traffic and Safety, State Highway Administration

FROM:  Prince George's County Bicycle and Trails Advisory Group (BTAG)

The Prince George's County Bicycle and Trail Advisory Group (BTAG) commends the State Highway Administration on incorporating signs that say "Bicycles May Use Full Lane" into the Maryland Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. We look forward to the placement of these signs along state highways in Prince George's County. Because the signs are appropriate along at least some portion of most state highways, we expect that setting priorities will be necessary.

We are writing to request that you post *Bicycles May Use Full Lane* signs on the appropriate sections of the following state highways in Prince Georges County:

1. US 1 from the DC line to Sunnyside Avenue
2. MD 450 from the DC line to Whitfield Chapel Road, and the contiguous section of MD 564 to Cipriano Road
3. MD 212 (Riggs Rd) from the DC line to Powder Mill Rd
4. MD 193 (University and Greenbelt Rd) from the Montgomery County Line to MD 564
5. MD 414 (Oxon Hill Rd and St. Barnabas Rd) from MD 210 to Silver Hill Rd (MD 458), and the contiguous section of MD 458 to the Suitland Metro Station
6. MD 337 (Allentown Rd) from the Henson Creek Trail to Auth Road
7. MD 953 (Glenn Dale Rd) from MD 450 to Prospect Hill Road
8. MD 214 (Central Avenue) from the DC line to I-495

The following criteria were used for identifying the priority corridors for the *Bicycles May Use Full Lane* signs. First we considered all state highways that either cross the Capital Beltway or connect a Metrorail Station to one of the three major trails in the county (WB&A, Henson Creek, and the Anacostia Tributaries Trails Network). We excluded those highways with shoulders, a safe, acceptable alternative bike route, or excessive highway speeds. MD-953 (Glenn Dale Rd.) was added because it crosses the WB&A trail, has substantial bicycle traffic, and was the subject of the original request that focused attention on the R4-11 signs by both cycling advocates and state policy makers.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss these items further, please contact Fred Shaffer of M-NCPPC at 301-952-3661. The Prince George's County Bicycle and Trails Advisory Group, or BTAG, has worked with and advised county agencies since the group was founded in 1998 by former County Executive Wayne Curry. BTAG is chaired by members of the M-NCPPC Planning Department and facilitates interaction and cooperation between state and county agencies and local trail groups, bicycle clubs, equestrian organizations and other county residents or groups interested in improving bicycle and pedestrian access and expanding the trails network in Prince George's County. Memorandums from BTAG are intended to convey the recommendations of the various trail and bicycle groups as expressed at quarterly and subcommittee meetings and facilitate further dialogue with implementing agencies. Although BTAG is facilitated by members of the Planning Department, it is a citizen-led group and opinions expressed do not necessarily represent policies or the position of M-NCPPC.

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