

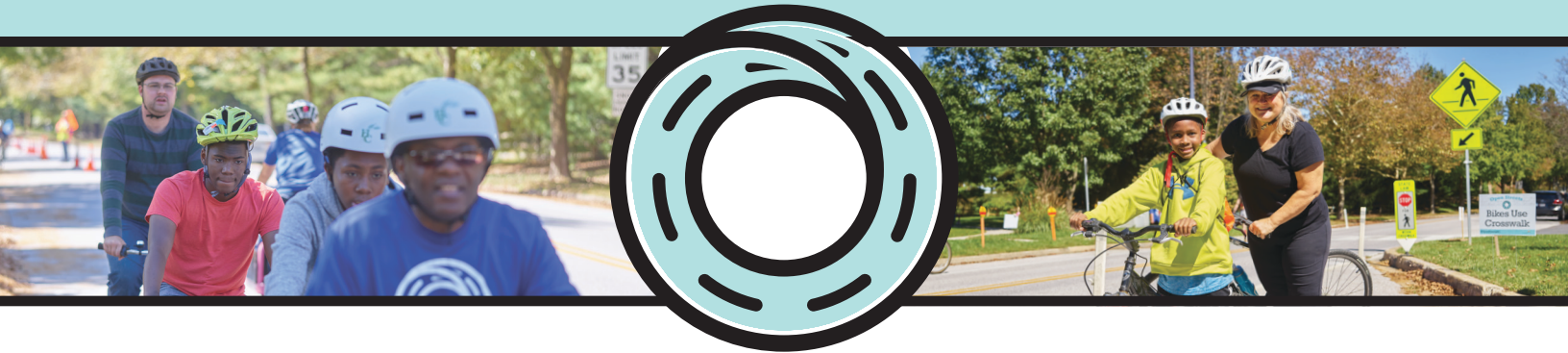
# OPEN STREETS

## HOWARD COUNTY

SATURDAY MAY 5, 2018, 1 TO 4 P.M.

• TAMAR DR, COLUMBIA MD •

*Route taken from the proposed Bikeway*



### Get Fit Getting There

Nearly half of adults in the United States fail to meet the recommended amount of physical activity. But people living in areas with safe, comfortable, healthy transportation options — like bike lanes and sidewalks — are far more likely to meet those guidelines. Reimagining our roads as “complete streets” that accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders and drivers will help us more easily integrate walking and biking into our daily lives.

### About Open Streets

Open Streets Howard County is an initiative of the Horizon Foundation that seeks to promote a more bikeable and walkable community where everyone can safely and easily travel by bike or on foot. Many residents, leaders, businesses and organizations have supported these efforts and believe they will improve health, the environment, the local economy and transportation equity.

## Benefits of Biking & Walking



The numerous benefits of walking and bicycling include helping to prevent chronic conditions like Type 2 diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.



Increasing biking transportation options helps people that don't own cars, and those that want to age in place and reduce car usage.



According to a NASA analysis, motor vehicles are the greatest contributor to atmospheric warming.

## Making Progress

- ▶ More than 1,500 people and 40 businesses and community institutions have voiced support for the Bikeway, a connected network of routes from the Bicycle Master Plan that will make biking easier, safer and more accessible to everyone.
- ▶ In spring 2016, Howard County passed its first Bicycle Master Plan and in winter 2017, the County introduced its new draft Pedestrian Master Plan, which is undergoing review and approval.
- ▶ Howard County Bikeshare launched in summer 2017, bringing 70 bicycles to seven stations across Downtown Columbia. Since then, riders have taken roughly 2,500 trips on the system.
- ▶ Columbia, Md., was honored as a bronze-level bicycle friendly community and noted for its extensive trail system by the League of American Bicyclists in May 2016.



## Save the Date

Meet us on the street May 5, 2018 from 1 to 4 p.m. on Tamar Dr. in Long Reach in Columbia, Md., for Open Streets Howard County and see how better street design and projects like the Bikeway can make getting around easier, safer and more comfortable for everyone! This FREE event will include action-packed stops with pop-up bike and pedestrian infrastructure demos, food trucks, kids' activities and more.

**Get the latest details on our Facebook event page at  
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