

Clarification of PBTSAC's action item for the County to develop a pedestrian master plan.

- The development of the plan should be led by the Montgomery County Department of Transportation in close coordination with the MNCPPC and other critical stakeholders such as SHA.
- A consulting firm should be procured to help determine the most effective TYPE of plan. The plan may consolidate and update goals and action items previously developed by county agencies. It may include: an action plan, engineering standards, detailed complete streets initiative, implementation strategies, training, public awareness and education. All or a selection of these elements can be referred to as a "Pedestrian Master Plan". It is the job of the consulting firm, in coordination with MCDOT to determine the most effective and necessary components and priorities at the outset of the master planning process.
- Montgomery County should look to other cities for innovative plans best practices and models of Pedestrian Plans. For example:

"The Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan is a long-term action plan to make Seattle the most walkable city in the nation. The plan establishes the policies, programs, design criteria, and projects that will further enhance pedestrian safety, comfort, and access in all of Seattle's neighborhoods."

<http://bostoncompletestreets.org/>

<http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/Transportation/PedBike/Pages/Pedestrian%20Master%20Plan.aspx>

http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/pedestrian_masterplan/

<http://www.walkarlington.com/>

Action item addressing concerns raised by disabled community regarding need for improved safety by the development of a Pedestrian Master Plan:

1. **Voted**, that the PBTSAC recommend to the County Executive and the County Council that Montgomery County develop a **Pedestrian Master Plan** to establish overarching goals for the County regarding pedestrian mode share, crash rates, and facilities. Agreed-upon goals help guide individual projects and construction and raise awareness of the need to accommodate pedestrians equally with motorists. A master plan provides evidence of national best practices for facilities and sets the design and engineering standards for pedestrian facilities in road construction and development projects. A pedestrian master plan will not only address concerns raised by the disabled community regarding street crossings, but also about maintaining a clear path of travel on sidewalks (often blocked by utility poles and street furniture and construction projects), and improving safety in parking lots and access to bus stops.