



Kensington residents have long shared a deep sense of pride in our community, and





rightly so: Our abundance of beautiful parks; public art; unique and diverse businesses; and the ease and safety of exploring everything our town offers. At the same time, we face unique challenges to ensuring that the Town's assets remain available to all. For instance, several major, heavily trafficked corridors physically separate portions of the Town from each other, which test accessibility and safety for residents and visitors alike.

Kensington is committed to ensuring its residents and visitors can safely access all that our unique community has to offer. To that end, the Town Council established Kensington's Pedestrian and Bicycling Access & Safety (PBAS) Working Group (Working Group) in September 2020, which is charged with exploring how to increase pedestrian and bicycle access and safety in and around Kensington. The Working Group is co-chaired by Councilmember Nate Engle and Christopher Zappi and includes many active members.

For more information about walking and biking around Kensington, or to join the Working Group, please visit the Town of Kensington website at TOK.md.gov

Key Objectives

In fulfilling our mission, the Working Group has focused on several key objectives:

-  Pursuing pedestrian and bicycling improvements to major corridors in the Town, including Connecticut Avenue, University Boulevard, Knowles Avenue, Summit Avenue, Plyers Mill Road, Metropolitan Avenue, and Kensington Parkway.
-  Improving pedestrian and bicyclist safety by lowering the speed limit on certain roads and increasing street lighting in the area.
-  Conducting periodic walkability and bicycling audits to identify potential improvements, repairs, and enhancements.
-  Securing a Bicycle & Pedestrian Priority Area (BPPA) Designation for Kensington. Maryland's BPPA is designed to designate geographical areas where the enhancement of bicycle and pedestrian traffic is a priority.

For more information about the Working Group's objectives, please see our Initial Report to the Mayor and Town Council.

Town of Kensington

Pedestrian and Bicycling Access & Safety Working Group








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Mission Statement & Guiding Principles

The Working Group aims to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety in the Town by advocating for improved transportation infrastructure and funding, building support and awareness of safety issues through education and engagement, and recommending strategic investments through analysis and planning.

The PBSWG advises the Town of Kensington to prioritize investments in the areas of greatest need, with a focus on:

-  Repairing barriers to pedestrian and bicycle connectivity such as Connecticut Avenue and the railroad tracks
-  Locations with a preponderance of vulnerable users such as near schools, parks, and communities for older adults
-  State roads with increased vehicular, cycling, and pedestrian traffic
-  Existing or planned high use areas such as shopping districts
-  High pedestrian, bicyclist, and vehicle crash locations

Working with county and state officials and neighboring communities, the PBASWG supports the equitable investment of bicycle and pedestrian improvements that promote safety, accessibility, and connectivity such as:

-  Trail connections that provide dedicated space for pedestrians and bicyclists
-  Sidewalks, crosswalks, and traffic signals that fill gaps in the network and promote usage and enjoyment of the infrastructure

