



Support for Resolution 45-14 **Complete Streets Policy**

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Press Complete Streets from Policy to Implementation to Improve Anne Arundel County's Health, Environment, Traffic and Competitiveness

Bicycle Advocates for Annapolis & Anne Arundel County ([BikeAAA](http://www.bikeaaa.org)) is an all-volunteer 501c3 promoting safe bicycling for transportation, recreation & fitness throughout Anne Arundel County. We originated as a project of the [Leadership Anne Arundel](#) Flagship program and now represent hundreds of cyclists. We support the commitment to *Complete Streets* by the state of Maryland and more recently by the Anne Arundel County Council. *Complete Streets* assures that investment in new roads and maintenance/renovation of existing roads will address the needs of multiple transportation modes including cars, trucks, bicycles and pedestrians. This nationally recognized strategy provides more safe transportation options at little incremental cost. Safe bicycle and pedestrian routes to work, school, shopping and other destinations reduces traffic, protects the environment, stimulates the local economy and addresses Anne Arundel's #1 health issue – obesity. It prepares Anne Arundel County for the transportation demands of the current and next generation.

We supported the formation of a Complete Streets Working Group earlier in 2014 and our vice president, Alex Pline serves on the group following his role as co-chair of the county's Transportation Commission. We have also worked closely with Planning & Zoning on the Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan Update and more recently to secure a state grant for design of an improved bike/ped connector from the B&A Trail to Anne Arundel Community College. We have also worked very closely with County Police and Recreation Parks to host yesterday's highly successful inaugural Lifeline 100 Century Ride. 514 cyclists from inside and outside the county registered to ride in 15, 56 and 100 mile routes throughout the county. We also provided a free bike rodeo for children. We have worked hand in hand with Chief Davis and his team to promote bike safety, especially following incidents.

The state of Maryland was recently ranked #7 in the nation for bicycle-friendliness and the commitment of MDOT to *Complete Streets* is an important component. BikeAAA stands ready to work with county staff and elected officials to bring Complete Streets to life to make our beautiful county an even more attractive place to live, work, play and visit. The next generation demands transportation alternatives and this policy is a critical low-cost step strategy for achieving that.

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