



# *Safe & Equitable Bicycling 2018 Legislative Priorities Anne Arundel County State Delegation*

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Bicycle Advocates for Annapolis & Anne Arundel County ([BikeAAA](#)) 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 more than 700 county cyclists and work closely with our statewide counterpart, [BikeMD](#).

## **Recent accomplishments in Anne Arundel County:**

- First full time Bike/Ped Planner now in place at AA Cty Office of Transportation
- Annapolis, AA County and SHA adding bike lanes on county roads
- Trail plan includes Broadneck Tr. , South Shore Tr. and Patuxent River Hiker/Biker Bridge
- AAMC is first certified Bike-friendly Business in AA County
- Over 1,000 children rode on Bike to School Day; many requiring police escort
- 861 registered; \$33,000 nonprofit awards at 4<sup>th</sup> annual [Lifeline100 Anne Arundel Century Ride](#)
- Chair County Bike Advisory Commission; 2 AA County Advocates on Maryland Bike Safety Task Force

## **Maryland's Recognized Commitment to Safe Bicycling Must Be Strengthened**

- Maryland ranked #11 bike-friendly state (down from #7) by League of American Bicyclists (“[LAB](#)”)
  - Safety laws, Safety Programs, Complete Streets & Infrastructure funding are key to this ranking
- Baltimore, Bethesda, Frederick, Hagerstown, Rockville, Salisbury and Columbia are bike-friendly communities
- Maryland's Bike/Ped Master Plan to be updated by 2019
- 3 state bills passed in 2017: Bikes in Crosswalks, No Coal-rolling, Bike Safety Task Force

## **2018 Legislative Priorities ( Align with Maryland Bike Safety Task Force Draft Report)**

1. **Vulnerable Road User Law** – More care required and stiffer penalties under current laws for drivers who seriously injure or kill pedestrians, cyclists, wheelchair users, etc.
2. **Safe Passing of Cyclists** – Address narrow road exception in current 3 foot passing law
3. **Increase Funding for Bicycle Transportation Infrastructure** – Bikeways, SHA, BPPA, education, other programs
4. **Broaden commitment to Complete Streets** – including MDTA (eg. Nice Bridge bikeway) and MTA
5. **Comparative Negligence for Car Crashes with Bikes/Peds** (a la DC law passed in 2016)

## **Anne Arundel County Key Project Priorities**

1. Patuxent River Hiker/Biker Bridge connecting AA & PG WB&A Trail (Bikeways-funded design study)
2. B&A to AACC/Broadneck Trail Connector (MD Bikeways grant)
3. Broadneck Trail, South Shore Trail, Patapsco Greenway
4. Rt. 175 / Ft. Meade Connector, Odenton Town Ctr, Downtown Annapolis
5. Odenton/Ft. Meade/Arundel Mills/BWI and Annapolis/Parole Corridors