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Subject: Fw: LTE-More biking, pedestrian infrastructure could be coming to Howard County

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My unpublished LTE....

Glass and debris litter Centennial Lane, particularly at the intersection at Glastonbury as of 845AM this morning...

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From: Jo McLaughlin <bluebirds09@yahoo.com>
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Subject: LTE-More biking, pedestrian infrastructure could be coming to Howard County

I read with interest, Erin B. Logan's article "More biking, pedestrian infrastructure could be coming to Howard County" in the September 5th issue of the Columbia Flier. As someone who walks 50+ miles a week in and around Howard County, I would like to see safer pedestrian pathways, sidewalks and shared bike ways.

For example, Howard County spent millions of County capital dollars building and rebuilding the Centennial "Streetscape". Howard County Government acquired both sides of Centennial Lane from the Burleigh developer in the 80s to retain the character of the Lane and the tree canopy. (I worked for Rec and Parks) Part of the plan was to create a Streetscape, including a sidewalk and lighting. A bike lane along the east side of Centennial Lane was removed during a Centennial Lane realignment. Bike Lanes were added in the 2016-2017 retrofit of the Streetscape.. An auto accident that took out a streetlamp Labor Day Weekend resulted in the street being cleared, yet the bike lanes and sidewalk were littered by glass and other debris. A flag down of a police officer, doing a "school patrol" at 9 AM on 9/11, and a discussion of public safety with that officer, yielded no County action. Debris remained as of 9/14.

It's unclear who, in County Government, planned for maintenance, safety augmentation and enhancements. The sidewalk is not maintained. Callers to the County are told that it's the adjacent property owners responsibility to maintain the sidewalk, but don't offer who the adjacent property owner is... There are no signs indicating where County maintenance ends, and property owner responsibility begins.

How many County Departments (HCPD, HCDPW, HCR&P, HCCommServices, etc.) does it take to manage, maintain and enhance safe, accessible sidewalks/pathways; to manage, maintain, and enhance (shared) bike lanes? How and when will Howard County be responsible AND accountable for caring for the capital pedestrian and bike lane facilities it already has??

Thank you!
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From: Chiara D'Amore <cdamore@communityecologyinstitute.org>
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2019 7:58 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Complete Streets

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Dear Howard County Council,

I am writing in support of enacting a new, world-class “streets for all” law that will ensure a future with better biking and walking, requiring new neighborhoods, new businesses and rehabbed public spaces to have safe places to bike and walk. This will help create communities where all people can thrive.

Howard County needs better and better connected streets, sidewalks, paths, bus stops and intersections so people can walk, bike, use their wheelchair or ride the bus more safely and easily. It is important that everyone in Howard County feel like they can safely, easily and comfortably get where they need to go without dependence on a car.

In the Columbia neighborhood where the Community Ecology Institute recently purchased a farm the sidewalks stop about a block away and we watch the students from Atholton walking down Harriet Tubman road to get to and from school, which is not safe. The lack of a bus stop from which people can walk to the farm via complete sidewalks is a also constraint on being able to make the farm accessible to as many Howard County residents as possible.

The Complete Streets effort is a chance to take a strong leadership position in Howard County and improve human quality of life and environmental quality at the same time.

Thank you for your consideration,

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