

**Amendment 8 to Council Bill No. 58-2009 (as amended)**

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**and at the request of the County Executive**

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*(This amendment clarifies the scope of the pilot pathway program between Blandair and Howard County General Hospital.)*

1 In the attachment, on page 22, after “Bicycle Routes” paragraph, insert:  
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3 “As an integral component of the new Downtown-wide Design Guidelines, design  
4 standards will be prepared for sidewalks, bicycle lanes and multi-use pathways.  
5 While sidewalks and bicycle lanes will be part of the design for “complete  
6 streets” and the urban core of Downtown, multi-use pathways typically used by  
7 pedestrians, joggers, skaters and bicyclists as two-way facilities will extend from  
8 and to Columbia’s Downtown from outlying areas. These pathways will offer an  
9 aesthetic experience that attracts cyclists and pedestrians while also connecting  
10 land-uses, such as businesses, shopping, downtown, schools, recreational facilities  
11 and other community destinations to allow for alternate commuting and  
12 transportation modes.  
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14 These multi-use pathways will strive to be separated from traffic and roadways by  
15 locating them within existing recreational pathway alignments through  
16 Columbia’s open space, and on existing County road Rights of Way adjacent to a  
17 roadway. Where they are adjacent to roadways, there should be a minimum five  
18 foot or greater planting buffer, bio-swale or other physical barrier separating the  
19 path and edge of roadway.  
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21 Multi-use paths which are intended for two-way use by commuters and  
22 recreationists will be designed and built to a standard that accommodates the  
23 various users with minimal conflicts. The standard width of these paths will be  
24 ten feet with a two foot clear distance on both sides for safe operation.  
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26 Decorative light poles scaled appropriately for pedestrian usage will be placed  
27 along the path alignments to heighten visibility and safety of users. Shoulders  
28 will be widened at regular intervals for placement of benches and trash cans for  
29 user convenience and enhanced landscaping as well as enhanced landscaping and  
30 clearing of undergrowth on existing pathways to increase visibility to housing and  
31 businesses.  
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1 Bicycle parking facilities should be provided at both the trip origin and trip  
2 destination locations and at intermediate facilities and points of recreational  
3 interest. Providing bicycle parking facilities is an essential element in an overall  
4 effort to promote bicycling and path usage.  
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8 As its initial pilot pathway program and after completion of the new Downtown  
9 Wide Design Guidelines, GGP will complete the first multi-use pathway from  
10 Blandair Park on Columbia's east side, through Oakland Mills Village Center,  
11 linking Downtown Columbia, Symphony Woods and Howard Community  
12 College and Howard County Hospital on Columbia's west side. Inclusive in this  
13 program will be a renovation of the existing Route 29 bridge to include new  
14 decorative guard rails allowing clear sightlines to vehicular traffic, resurfacing of  
15 the surfaces, enhanced and decorative lighting, potential video security and other  
16 enhancements to assure greater aesthetics and security of path users."