

Referenced Goals and Objectives
Montgomery County Draft Pedestrian Master Plan
Friendship Heights Village Council Agenda Item
September 11, 2023

Goals

1. Increase walking Rates and Pedestrian Satisfaction in Montgomery County
2. Create a Comfortable, Connected, Convenient Pedestrian Network
3. Enhance Pedestrian Safety
4. Build an Equitable and Just Pedestrian Network

Objectives recommended for support

1.1 12 % of all trips by Montgomery County residents will be pedestrian trips....22 % of trips in urban areas will be pedestrian trips along transit corridors

1.2 3% of residents will commute on foot

1.3 4% of people who commute on foot in the Friendship Heights Transportation Management District (other TMDs exist in the County)

1.5 50% of elementary students will walk to school; 30% of middle school students; 15% of high school students

1.7 Greater satisfaction with: access to retail, restaurants, parks and other destinations; amount of sidewalks along routes; width of sidewalks; shading of trees or buildings; how often driveways cross sidewalks; distance between sidewalks and cars; snow removal; speed of cars along sidewalks and paths (increase in all metrics)

2.2 Comfortable pedestrian access to schools on pathways and crossings within one mile of elementary schools, 1.5 miles of middle schools and 2 miles of high schools : 80/60% elementary; 65/50% for middle school; 30/20 for high schools

2.3 Comfortable pedestrian access on pathways and crossings: 80/40% for parks; 85/70 for libraries; 90/70 for recreation centers.

3.1 Pedestrian fatalities will be reduced to zero (80 in 2019)

3.2 Residents satisfied or very satisfied with their personal safety while walking, 75%

4.1 All pathways will be accessible to persons with disabilities

4.4 Parks, libraries, and recreation centers will be as comfortable to access from Equity Focused Areas (EFAs) as from outside EFAs

Themes (Generally)

Build, Maintain, Protect, Expand, Access, Fund
Create cross County Departmental Coordination, Coordination with State Departments and Municipalities, Prioritization and Operationalization

Actions recommended for support

B2: Eliminate the need to press a button to cross a street

B3: Create direct and accessible street crossings

B4: Build more walkable places

B5: Improve lighting for roadways, intersections and pedestrian and bike facilities

B6: Reduce pedestrian pathway temperatures

B7: Create more pedestrian connections and formalize pedestrian shortcuts

B8: Reduce natural barriers to walking and rolling

B9: Make traffic calming easier to implement

B10: Assume county control of state highways

MA2: Keep sidewalks and curbs clear

P2: Improve and expand protected crossings

P7: Ensure pavement markings and street furniture are installed in pedestrian safe locations

P8: Increase traffic enforcement activities

EA1: Prioritize the repair of brick sidewalks

EA2: Remove sidewalk obstructions

EA3: Provide pedestrians more time to cross the street

EA4: Make pedestrian signals more accessible

EA5: Improve guidance for pedestrians with low or no vision

EA8: Regulate shared space

Note: See reference to Downtown Friendship Heights reference on page 159 and reference on page 240 to pedestrian shortcut for Sherrill, Baltimore, and Saratoga and Avenues