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Summary of Comments Received at the BikeHoward Open House January 28, 2017

General Comments

Many comments focused on the need for improved behavior from both drivers and bicyclists. Commenters noted that drivers made rolling stops and were generally aggressive towards bicyclists, suggesting that improved education and outreach was necessary. In addition, commenters noted that bicyclists' behavior should be addressed as well.

Several commenters also mentioned the need to address missing links in the bicycle network, noting that they would use the network more often if it offered better connectivity, and stating that bicycle lanes that ended abruptly—rather than leading to another lane or pathway—led to a need to dart into traffic.

One particular type of missing link that received a great deal of attention was a lack of bicycle facilities at major interchanges. Specifically mentioning the I-95/MD-175, US-1/MD-175, and US-1/MD-100 interchanges, commenters expressed a desire for better bicycle links across these interchanges along MD-175 and US-1. One commenter pointed out that there were no bicycle connections across I-95 between Meadowridge Road and Guilford Road, and several commenters noted that the CSX tracks, Route 40, and Route 108 posed barriers as well.

Finally, improving partnerships was a theme among the comments. Commenters suggested better engaging with local bike shops and with Columbia Association as well as increasing coverage in local newspapers would create better awareness of BikeHoward projects and allow for cross-promotion of events. A second avenue of partnership frequently mentioned was better bike access to mass transit, in the form of better bike infrastructure leading to MARC stations and park and ride lots, as well as provision of bike parking at mass transit facilities.

Comments on Specific Projects

Comments were received in favor of bike infrastructure on Centennial Lane, Frederick Road, Gray Rock Drive, along Sanner Road, Tridelphia Road, Homewood Road, and Folly Quarter Road.

Comments were received (both in favor of and in opposition to) a proposed pathway along the Little Patuxent River adjacent to Allview Estates.