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\$16 MILLION AVAILABLE FOR KEY BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN & TRAIL PROJECTS

MDOT to Hold Public Workshops to Discuss Funding Sources and Project Requirements

HANOVER, MD (February 3, 2014) - As part of the O'Malley-Brown Administration's vision of building a true multi-modal transportation system, staff from the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and State Highway Administration (SHA) will hold regional workshops to detail four programs that provide funding for bicycling, pedestrian and recreational trail projects throughout Maryland: Bikeways, Safe Routes to School, Transportation Alternatives, Federal Lands Access Program and Recreational Trails. In 2014, \$16 million in reimbursable grant funding will be available for projects that enhance walking, biking, pedestrian safety and recreational trail and federal lands access. MDOT and SHA officials will discuss available funding sources, project eligibility / requirements and funding cycles. The free workshops are geared toward local governments and non-profit organizations and will be held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on / at the following dates / locations:

- **February 13th** at the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Headquarters, Auditorium, 6600 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale, MD. Event hosted by Prince George's County and the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area. To RSVP, go to: <http://bit.ly/1iGWS7o>;
- **February 20th** at the Harford County Council Chamber, 212 South Bond Street, 1st Floor, Bel Air, MD. Event hosted by Harford County and the Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway Heritage Area. To RSVP, go to: <http://bit.ly/1cpNp0D>;
- **February 27th** at the Queen Anne's County Department of Planning and Zoning, 160 Coursevall Drive, Centreville, MD. Event hosted by Queen Anne's County and the Stories of the Chesapeake Heritage Area. To RSVP, go to: <http://bit.ly/Lk9wuO>;
- **March 5th** at the Browning Building, located in Pinecliff Park, 8350 Pinecliff Park Road, Frederick, MD. Event hosted by Frederick County and the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area. To RSVP, go to: <http://bit.ly/1f7RUfR>.

For more information on the Bikeways, Safe Routes to School, Transportation Alternatives, Federal Lands Access and Recreational Trails programs, please visit the following sites:

- The Bikeways Program: <http://1.usa.gov/1d63gwP>
- The Safe Routes to School Program: <http://1.usa.gov/1begtah>
- The Transportation Alternatives Program: <http://1.usa.gov/1fkaTo9>
- The Federal Lands Access Program: <http://1.usa.gov/1a7CLMI>
- The Recreational Trail Program: <http://1.usa.gov/Ma8fXe>

The Maryland Department of Transportation recently updated the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, which establishes a 20-year vision to support cycling and walking as modes of transportation in Maryland. Learn more at www.mdot.maryland.gov/BikeWalkPlan.

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