

# Support

Bike Maryland by joining as a member and giving a generous tax deductible donation to expand safe and fun cycling in the great state of Maryland.



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# Bicycling

has been identified as the common solution to many of the world's pressing issues including traffic congestion, rising obesity rates, exercise needs, transportation equity, responsible economic development, and climate change.



# That is why for more than 15 years, **Bike Maryland** has promoted bicycling and protected cyclist rights throughout the state.

Founded as **One Less Car** in 1999, the original focus of the organization was to reduce automobile dependence and promote sustainable transportation options. Shifting to a cycling focus in 2011, Bike Maryland was born and has since **focused on cycling education and advocacy**. BikeMD has increased access to bicycle education for all ages, represented cycling interests in Annapolis, and promoted the creation of new bicycle lanes and trails.

Within the past year, Bike Maryland has undergone a positive transition towards an effective advocacy organization that truly **represents every county in Maryland**, from the Alleghenies to the Atlantic. In developing a five year **Strategic Plan**, Bike Maryland has measurable action items to actualize safe and fun biking, whether on streets or trails. During this time, the Bike Maryland staff has galvanized local bike advocacy groups to have a coordinated presence in Annapolis on bike issues.



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Bike Maryland's Mission:  
**To create a more bikeable Maryland that's fun & safe.**

Bike Maryland hosts two major events to fund general operations. In 2014, Tour du Port in Baltimore and Larry's Ride in Baltimore County hosted 1,500 riders to support Bike Maryland's mission.

## Bike Maryland has many accomplishments aligned with our strategic plan:

### Advocacy

- Led the bike community following the tragic death of cyclist Tom Palermo by hosting a memorial ride and working with community leaders to ensure a peaceful time of mourning.
- Enabled MORE, the regional mountain biking organization, to overcome a 6 year stalemate to create a partnership with Baltimore City Department of Public works that will provide a sustainable trail system at Loch Raven Reservoir.
- Supported BikeMore, the Baltimore City bicycle advocacy group, to expedite bike projects with the City of Baltimore including a new bike master plan, the Mayor's Bike Advisory Commission, and the installation of conventional and projected bike lanes.
- Promoted Hagerstown and Salisbury as nationally recognized Bicycle Friendly Communities.
- Fostered creation of Harford Cycling Alliance and West Ocean City Pedal and Ped local advocacy organizations.
- Led a Bicycle Friendly University Summit attended by 15 universities and colleges
- Reach over 20,000 subscribers to BikeMD newsletter.

### Education

- Bike Maryland utilizes diverse sources to fund operations and education outreach.
- Our Bike-Minded Safety Education program is made possible through an annual grant from the Maryland Highway Safety Office. In 2014, this program reached over 11,000 children and over 5,000 adults on cycling safety aspects of cycling.
  - With partners AAA Mid-Atlantic and the Parking Authority of Baltimore, the new Bike Friendly Driver program has reached hundreds of drivers on safe road sharing practices and has earned media coverage that expands the impact to thousands of viewers.

### Why Invest in Bike Maryland?

- With your financial support and membership Bike Maryland is ready to accomplish much more:
- Support the Maryland General Assembly to produce an enforceable 3 Foot passing law
  - Expand Bike Friendly Community, University, and Business outreach
  - Effectively track and report on Maryland's bicycle traffic and crash data
  - Ensure a safe bicycle crossing of the Susquehanna River between Havre de Grace and Perryville
  - Foster local advocacy groups in Carroll County and the upper Eastern Shore

**We're here to help, but we need your support**



Tom Palermo Memorial Ride



Harford Cycling Alliance



Salisbury Bike Lanes



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