Built Environment Subcommittee Survey Monkey Comments, April 11, 2012

1. Connectivity

a. Connectivity is a policy-related activity and something that needs to be written into the code.

2. Promote walking paths

- a. Build them and they will come. People use the MA-Pa trail all the time. Let's build more!
- b. Hold "Walk-at-Work" Day events sponsored by CEO's, County Council President, etc. where everyone meets at an agreed location and walks for 20 -30 minutes together.
- c. Use the website for brochure and maps.

3. Engage community support

a. This is difficult and selling walking and cycling will be a constant, and regular part of efforts to reduce auto dependency and increase walking an cycling.

4. Promote existing activities

a. This is social media efforts. Its public awareness and have little to do with the planning and policies relating to the built environment.

5. Bike share program

- a. These programs have been successful in high-density cities that already have a bicycle infrastructure in place. This is an expensive program it takes a lot of bikes, they have to be maintained, and it takes a full time 7-day a week staff to constantly shift bikes from high destination locations back to an even distribution of bikes per location.
- b. Not sure how to rank ease of implementation better suited to easy, moderate, difficult. This could be difficult only because of bureaucracy

6. Ideas that other communities are doing

a. Harford County's primary idea of traffic calming is speed humps. This doesn't work. Traffic calming needs to be integrated in roadway design at the very beginning. Another area not addressed is curb radius at corners and lack of pedestrian safety in the design of the many roundabouts in Harford County. Our efforts need to translate the failures in our existing infrastructure into (1) programs to fix them, and (2) policies and codes to prevent from doing them again.