



**Council Connections**  
**Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties**  
**August 28, 2025**



**MDOT in Motion: Strategizing for Transportation Trails**  
**Thursday, September 4, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

[Register today](#) for the **MDOT in Motion: Strategizing for Transportation Trails Webinar** on September 4 at 11:30 a.m.! This webinar is open to the public, transportation practitioners, employers, and anyone who is interested in learning more about this topic.

MDOT in Motion is a series of webinars, interactive sessions, and educational opportunities offered by the Maryland Department of Transportation's (MDOT) Office of Active Transportation and Micromobility. The series highlights multi-modal projects and programs that are designed to get Marylanders moving safely, and to connect them to opportunities and to each other. In Maryland, Complete Streets is the deliberate approach to planning and designing streets for all users, MDOT in Motion demonstrates opportunities to make options like walking, biking, and transit more accessible.

The September 4 webinar will explore transportation trails and how community members can be involved from building support to reaping the benefits. At the

webinar, MDOT will unveil the 2025 Maryland Statewide Transportation Trails Strategic Plan and interactive website. Guest speaker Greg Lawson will showcase resources from Rails to Trails Conservancy, with a spotlight on their Baltimore Greenways Trails Coalition. Jeffrey Simcoe, Executive Director of the Frostburg Outdoor Recreation Economy Institute (FOREI) and Great Allegheny Passage (GAP) Conservancy board member, will speak to the impact that the GAP, an established and maintained trail, has on the economies of small and rural communities in western Maryland.



### **Maryland Coordinated Transportation Planning Workshops and Focus Groups**

On behalf of the Maryland Department of Transportation's Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) the KFH Group invites you to participate in the update of the Maryland Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plans. These regional plans identify the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults, and people with low incomes; provide strategies for meeting local needs; and prioritize transportation services and projects for funding and implementation.

Importantly, the plans serve as the basis for funding through MDOT MTA's Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) Program, as future projects funded through this program will be derived from the updated plans. Therefore, current Section 5310 Program subrecipients and prospective applicants for future funding are required to be involved in the planning process.

Input from you and a wide range of stakeholders is a key component in the update of the Coordinated Transportation Plans, and therefore regional workshops and focus groups have been scheduled across the state. Please plan to join us at the upcoming workshop or focus group most appropriate to your services or interests. **Follow this link to the project website where you will find more information on the planning process and can register to attend –**  
<https://marylandcoordinatedplans.com>.

We also encourage you to forward this e-mail to others that may have interest in participating in one of the upcoming workshops or focus groups.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this important planning effort. Please see the contact information on the project website if you have any questions or need additional information.



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**Every Small Business Needs a Retirement Plan - And How to Choose the Right One**

September 4, 2025

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Cost: Free

For more details and to Register, follow [this link](#).

**The Book of Business: How to Gain Financial Clarity As a Business Owner**

September 9, 2025

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Cost: Free

For more details and to Register, follow [this link](#).

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