

Reconnecting Castroville

Vision and Goals

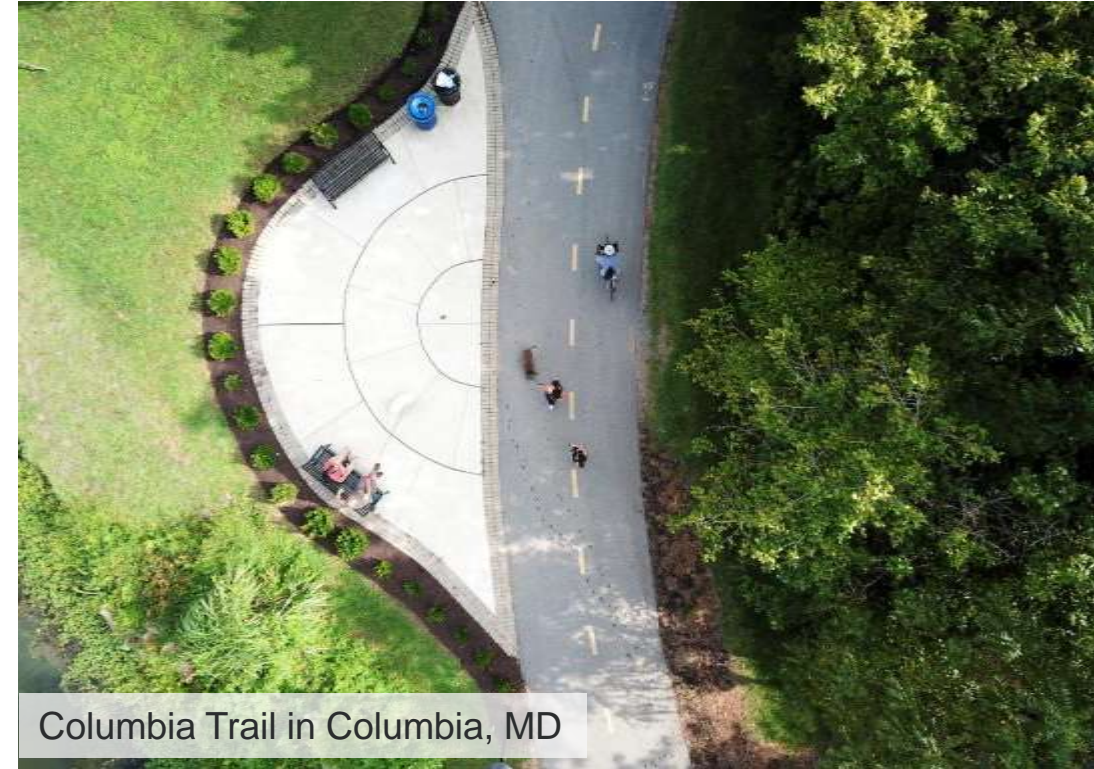
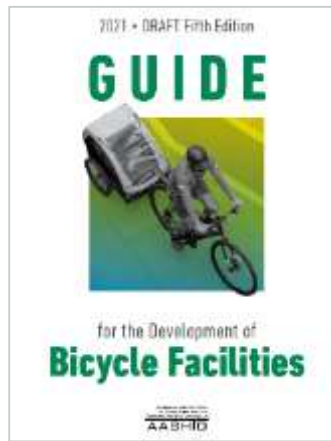
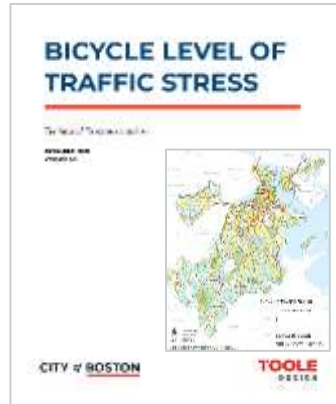
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1. Previously applied for a grant to build a pedestrian bridge near the Landmark Inn
2. TxDOT feedback: develop a plan first
3. Grant awarded in 2023 to develop an Active Transportation Plan
4. Active Transportation Plan contracted in May 2025
 - TxDOT selected Toole Design as a consultant to develop the plan

About Toole Design

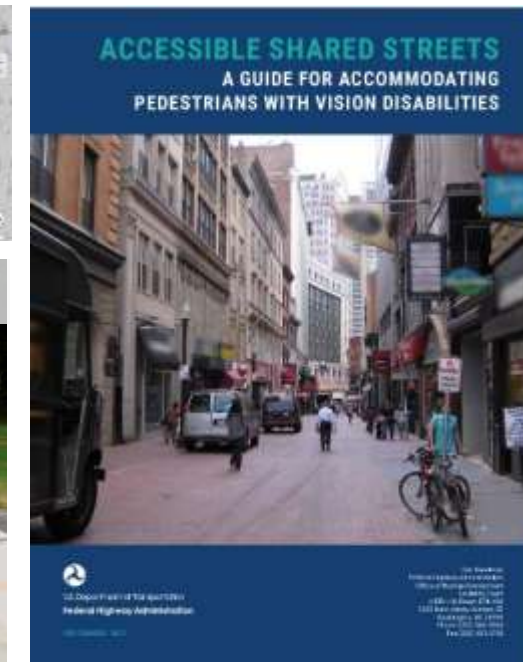
- Planning
- Policy
- Guidelines
- Design and Engineering
- Streets and Trails
- Engagement
- Consensus Building



Columbia Trail in Columbia, MD



Custis Trail in Rosslyn, VA



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Goal: Develop an **active transportation plan** to provide guidance for the development of future walking and biking infrastructure.

- Contract length: June 2025 – May 2026
- Contract budget: \$207,430
 - 10% complete

	TASKS	2025							2026				
		Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
PM	Work Plan and Kickoff Meeting												
	Ongoing Project Management			C		C					C		
Phase 1	Existing Conditions Analysis												
	Vision and Goals												
	Plan and Policy Review												
	Practice Review												
	Inventory of the System												
	Needs Identification												
	Stakeholder Outreach												
	Public Participation Plan												
	Stakeholder Committee				S		S*		S		S		S
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Phase 2	In-Person Engagement												
	Online Engagement												
	Recommendations												
	Policy and Programmatic Recommendations												
	Network Plan												
	Implementation Concepts												
	Prioritization, Schedule, and Funding												
	Recommendations												
Phase 3	Draft Plan												
	Final Plan												

C - City Council Meeting
S - Stakeholder Committee Meeting

Scope of Work

- Existing Conditions Analysis
 - Vision, Goals, Plan and Policy Review, Practice Review, Needs
- Stakeholder Engagement
 - Stakeholder Committee, Online Engagement, In-Person Engagement, at least one public meeting
 - Regular Council Updates
 - Fall 2025, Winter 2025, and Spring 2026
 - Contract spending and work completed
- Recommendations

Overview of Stakeholder Engagement

Phase	Dates	Purpose					
			Education Campaign	Stakeholder Committee	Group Walk	Online Site & Survey	Community Events
1	Fall 2025	Raising awareness of the project, assessing community values, identifying needs, and visioning.	✓	✓		✓	✓
2	Winter 2025	Presenting the proposed active transportation plan for feedback.		✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Spring 2026	Presenting the draft Plan for review.		✓		✓	

Vision and Goals

Castroville will be a cohesive, community-oriented, city where people of all ages and abilities can choose to walk and bike to anywhere in the city without encountering barriers to safe, comfortable travel.

Safety

Connectivity and
Access

Community

Safety

- **Increase safety for everyone traveling in Castroville – especially pedestrians, bicyclists, and other vulnerable road users.**
 - » Reduce vehicle speeds, which increases safety for everyone.
 - » Reduce conflicts and improve visibility between road users.
 - » Eliminate pedestrian and bicyclist traffic collisions with motor vehicles.
 - » Create a street system that users of all ages and abilities can use safely.



Connectivity and Access

- Mitigate physical barriers to active transportation and build a cohesive sense of place (e.g., Highway 90, Medina River).
 - » Provide safe and comfortable places to cross busy streets and highways.
 - » Enhance north-south connections in town.
 - » Enhance east-west connections in town.
 - » Develop a network of shared streets and protected facilities between new and historic development.
 - » Establish high-quality routes between businesses, schools, parks, recreation areas, and neighborhoods.



Community

- **Develop a plan that incorporates and is responsive to the current and future needs of the residents of Castroville.**
 - » Communicate project progress, outcomes, and implementation effectively, while allowing space for response to public comment and reorientation.
 - » Support Castroville festivals and events.
 - » Create holistic policies that support current and future needs.
 - » Evaluate implementation progress at regular intervals.



Possible Members

- 1 City Council Member (liaison)
- 1 Planning & Zoning Member
- 1 Parks Board Member
- 1 business representative
- 1 school district representative
- 2 community residents
- 1 TxDOT representative (advisory)

■ Community Events

- ☐ Community Meeting
- ☐ Pop-Up Event

■ Online Site and Survey

- ☐ Are these useful?
- ☐ Type of information?

■ Regular Council Updates

- ☐ How often?
- ☐ Type of information?

Thank you

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