



TRAIL ACCESS FOR PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLISTS

This section identifies specific improvements that are needed for better access to major trails and for better trail crossings of major roads. The trails are: Northwest Branch Trail, Long Branch Trail, Sligo Creek Trail and the Metropolitan Branch Trail. These trails are part of both the Pedestrian System Framework and the Bikeway System Framework.

Tables 2 and 3 were prepared in 1998 and reflect the conditions at that time. Table 2 identifies access points along the length of each trail and includes proposals for improvements. Those access points are shown on the "Major Neighborhood Routes" maps on pages 15-18, Figures 7 through 10. The table is keyed to those maps, as well.

Table 3 identifies the specific intersection improvements that are needed for better trail continuity and safety at road crossings as well as for better access to the trails at those locations. The roads and the lead agency responsible for each are:

- Piney Branch Road - Maryland State Highway Administration
- Sligo Creek Parkway - Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
- Wayne Avenue - Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation
- Hilltop Road - Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation
- New Hampshire Avenue - Maryland State Highway Administration

The intention of all these preliminary studies is to inform further work which will involve coordination with citizens.