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*Each responsible party that plans to build out the countywide network should consult the Framework Strategy, Design Book, and the Somerset County Preservation Plan, when completed, during all phases of transportation infrastructure delivery and maintenance from project and policy proposals, to funding, design and construction, and throughout operation and lifecycle maintenance.*



## Introduction

Together, the WalkBikeHike Framework Strategy and Design Book have the potential to transform how Somerset County, its municipal partners, developers, institutions, and private land owners plan, develop, design, and construct their roads and the built environment, including parks, public facilities, and recreation areas. Each is encouraged to consult with the Framework Strategy and the companion Design Book in the development of new and enhanced multimodal facilities.

The Framework Strategy is just the first step of a process that will take shape over many years of planning, collaboration, permitting, and engineering.

Each responsible party that plans to build out the countywide network is encouraged to use the Framework Strategy and the companion Design Book which provides practical solutions to enhance bicycle and pedestrian mobility. Along with the Somerset County Preservation Plan, when completed, these planning documents should be consulted during all phases of transportation infrastructure delivery and maintenance from project and policy proposals, to funding, design and construction, and throughout operation and lifecycle maintenance.

Somerset County will continue to work with wide array of partners to advance the recommendations of Framework Strategy. Some candidate improvements have the potential to be implemented quickly and inexpensively,

while others will be much more complex, time consuming, and costly.

Some candidate projects may be able to be incorporated into projects currently being designed. Others may need further detailed evaluation before any decisions regarding implementation can be made. Examples of areas where further evaluations are needed include but are not limited to Main Street in Millstone Borough and Easton Turnpike in Branchburg.

The countywide multimodal mobility network will emerge one project at a time as individual segments and improvement are designed and constructed, blending local and regional perspectives, and seeking to connect and sustain the County's vibrant and diverse communities.

The proposed countywide network is comprised of more than 220 potential walk, bike, and hike candidate improvements, totaling almost 275 miles of new facilities across Somerset County.

Somerset County, its municipal partners and other planning partners should conduct a periodic review of the WalkBikeHike Framework Strategy to account for and adapt to changes in local conditions, needs, opportunities, and priorities.



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