

Walk & Ride: Mountains to Mainstreets

Building a Statewide Active
Transportation Roadmap



WALK & RIDE
STATEWIDE BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN PLAN



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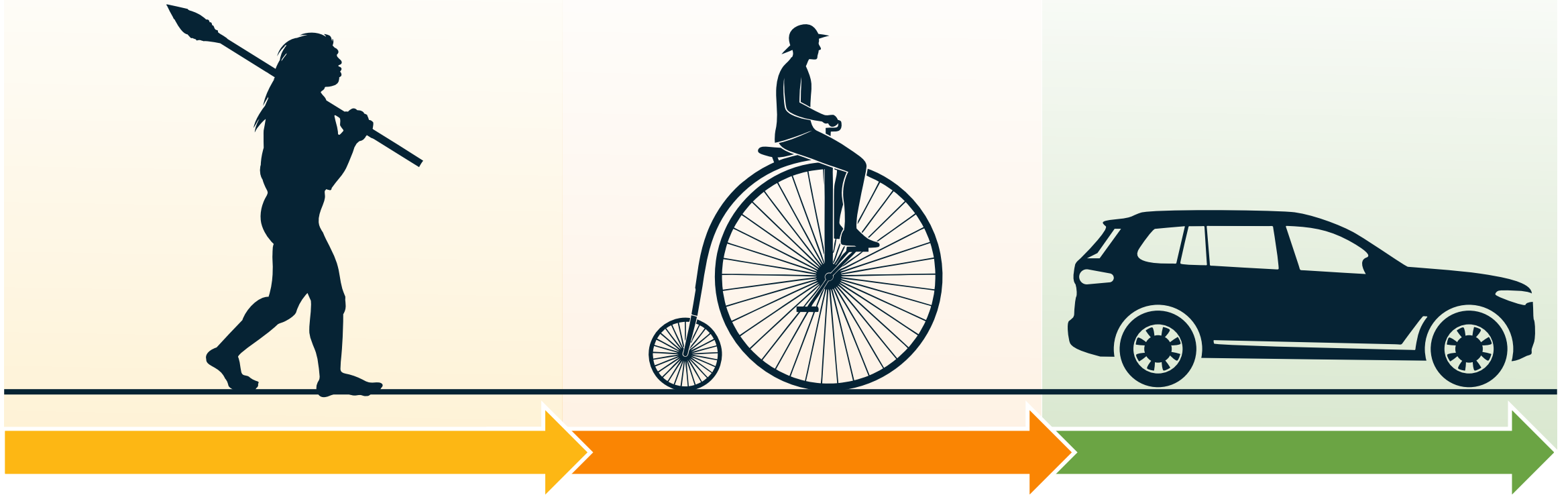


16 Years
Of WVDOH
Experience

26 Years
of Transportation
Experience

2.5 years
Bicycle and Pedestrian
Coordinator Experience

Transportation History





Ideal Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure?



This is West Virginia

This is also **West Virginia**



Kanawha Boulevard Trail



Route 9 Bike Path

This is also
West Virginia

This is also West Virginia



Hal Greer Boulevard, Huntington

Source: Randy Yohe/West Virginia Public Broadcasting



Kmart Classic Stage Race: 1990s

West Virginia is a Cycling Destination

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Mountain Bike World Championships Snowshoe: Today



USA Cycling Pro Road National Championships

West Virginia is a Cycling Destination

West Virginia is a Destination for Trails

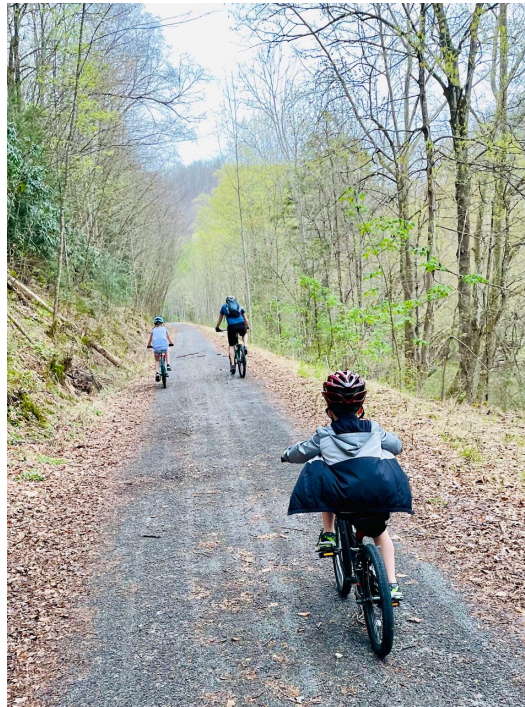


Bear Town State Park

West Virginia RAILS to Trails



Greenbrier River Trail



Elk River Trail



Mon River Rail-Trail

Source: wvtrails.org



Wheeling Heritage Trail

West Virginia has Community Connections

West Virginia is an Outdoor Recreation Destination





NATIONAL CORRIDOR PLAN

The goal of the United States Bicycle Route System is to connect America through a network of numbered interstate bicycle routes.

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23,186
miles designated
(not including ferries)

Nov. 2024



West Virginia US Bike Routes

USBR 11

Virginia and Maryland



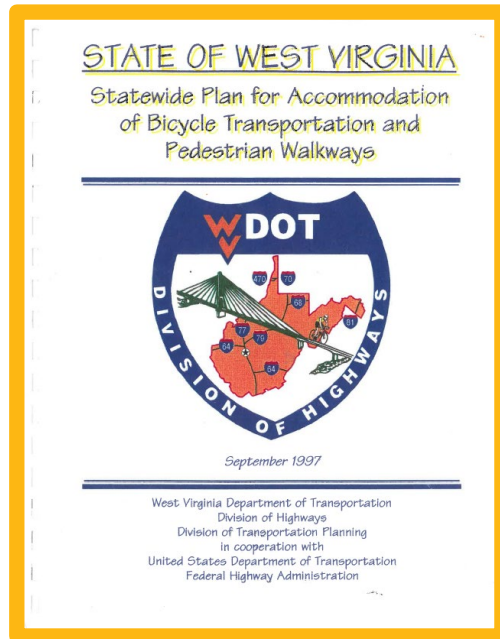


USBR 50

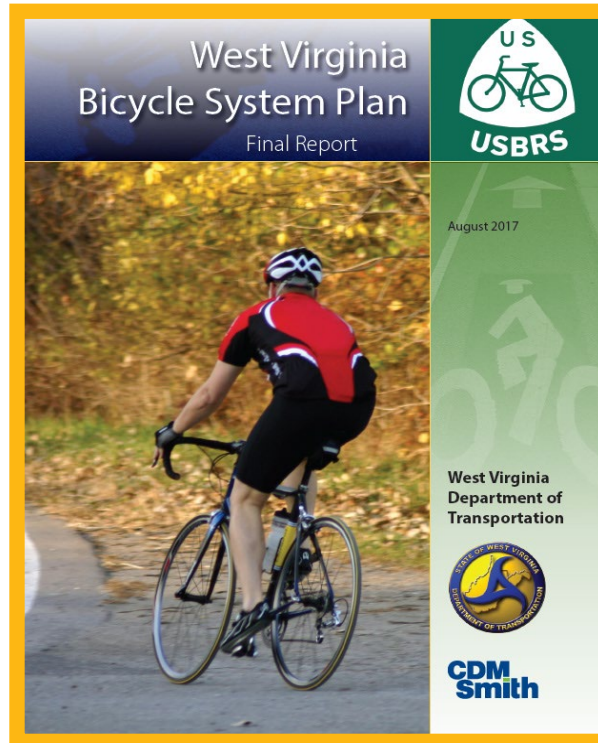
Ohio and Pennsylvania

Updating the Statewide Plan

1997



2017



Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Goals



Connect people to safe, accessible, and comfortable active transportation infrastructure

Support healthy communities through infrastructure that is friendly to people of all ages and abilities



Enhance economic vibrancy by connecting people with our main streets, downtowns, and natural treasures

Plan Objectives and Strategies



Investments



Policies



Procedures



Designs



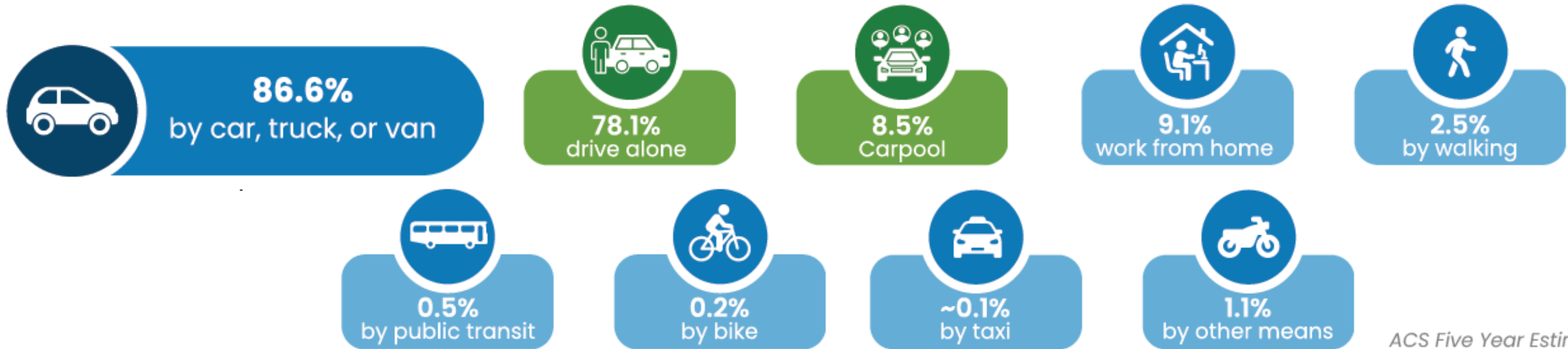
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Partnerships

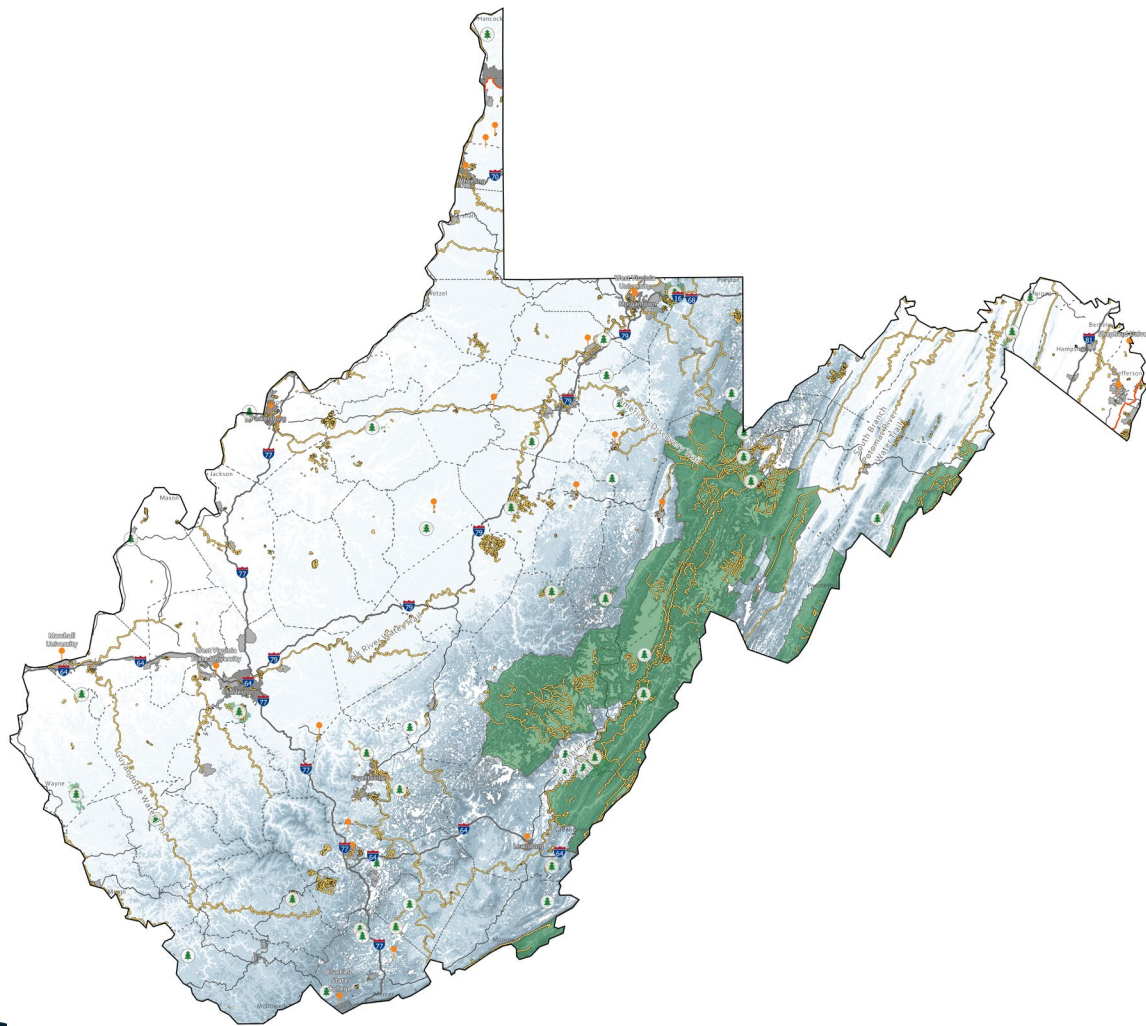
The Case for Active Transportation

- Changing population
- Health outcomes
- Economic and workforce trends
- Tourism and outdoor recreation



ACS Five Year Estimate 2024

Active Transportation Assets



Mobility

- Approximately 5,000 miles of trails
- 18 Public Transit Agencies

Outdoor Assets

- 36 State Parks
- 9 State Forests

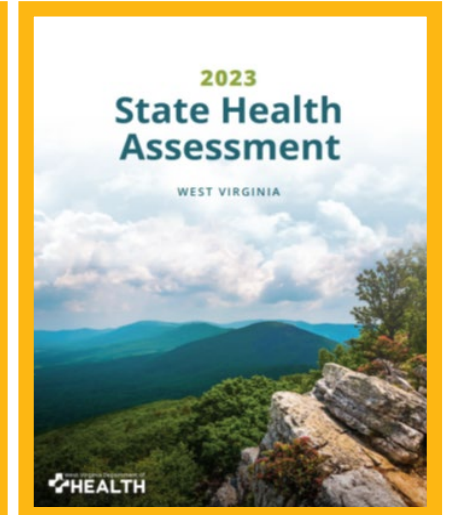
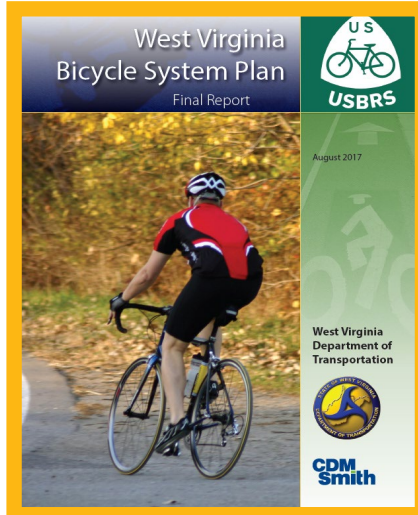
National Assets

- National Park and Preserve
- National Scenic River
- National Recreation Area
- National Historic Trail
- National Scenic Trail

Active Transportation Context



Connecting Statewide Work with MPO Priorities



Mentimeter Time

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Mentimeter Questions:

1. Before today, were you familiar with US Bicycle Routes?
2. What active transportation opportunity should the statewide plan make sure we do not miss?
3. What should be the top priority for improving walking and biking in West Virginia be?
4. What is the biggest barrier to active transportation in your area?



Deliverables

Data Analysis & Gap Identification

- Safety Analysis
- Demand and Activity Generator Analysis
- Statewide Active Transportation Analysis

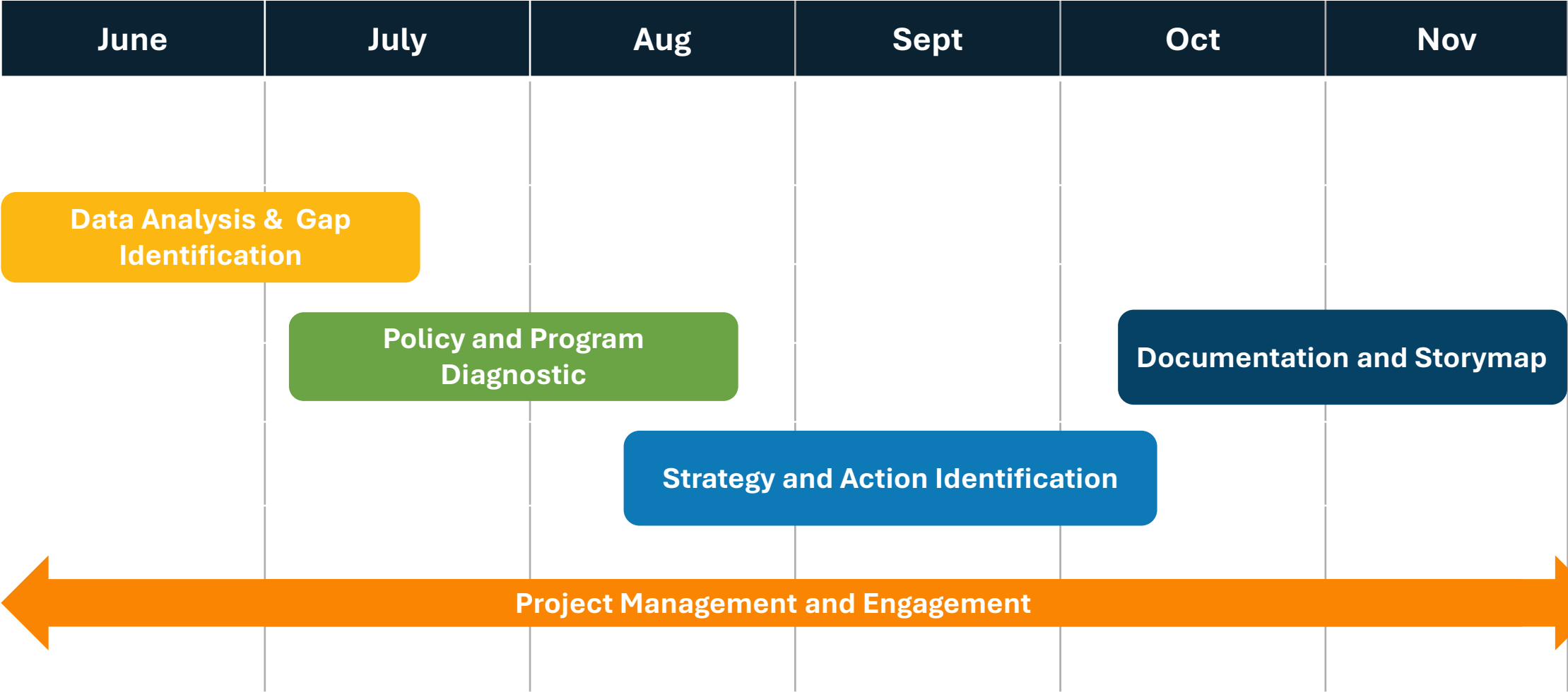
Strategy and Actions Identification

- Strategies and Actions
- Safety Countermeasures Toolbox
- Summary Action Plan

Policy and Program Diagnostic

Documentation and Storymap

Next Steps



Summer Survey



Pssst! | Come by our table for more information

Engagement Events

- Morgantown
 - The Met Theatre
- Weirton
 - Thursday, June 4th
 - 4-6pm
- Shepherdstown
 - June 24th



Thank you!

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