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**Jordan Howard**  
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Jordan Howard has always enjoyed maps and “the way things come together.” She’s worked on everything from highways to busy intersections during her 18 years in transportation engineering, but pedestrian improvements like sidewalks and bicycle lanes speak to her the most.

Those projects allow Howard, an associate with AMT Engineering, to use her problem-solving skills to “fulfill community needs and bring communities together,” she said.

Howard is working on a study for Baltimore County’s first “complete streets” project, which aims to make the Old Court Road corridor safer for users of all transportation modes. She is also leading a pedestrian improvement project for South Marlyn Avenue as part of the county’s “Essex Reimagined” initiative.

The premise – filling gaps in an existing transportation network – is easier said than done.

“If it was easy, somebody would have already done it,” said Howard.

For example, there can be complex environmental constraints as well as overlapping issues with rights-of-way. Howard gets fulfillment from putting the pieces of the puzzle together.

*Jordan Howard at The Baltimore Sun’s Women to Watch 2024 celebration.*

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Even more fulfilling – getting to see a project finished. That can take years, but even quick turnaround projects, like a roughly yearlong striping operation near the Vienna Metro station to install a bike facility, are “fun to see,” she said.

“I think that sometimes projects that seem ‘small’ actually have the most impact on our local communities in terms of increasing connectivity and quality of life,” she said.

– Dan Belson, Baltimore Sun Reporter