



Active Transportation Advisory Group - Minutes
June 7, 2021: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Microsoft Teams - Led by Michael Jackson, MNCPPC TPS

28 Attendees:

Bryan Barnett-Woods, M-NCPPC – Planning Department
Michael Jackson, M-NCPPC – Planning Department
M’Balu Abdullah, M-NCPPC – Planning Department
Nima Upadhyay – Prince George’s County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T)
Terry Schum – City of College Park
Stephanie Piperno – Capital Trails Coalition
Robert Patten – M-NCPPC – Department of Recreation and Parks (DPR)
Adekemi Ademuyewo – M-NCPPC – Planning Department
Stacey M. King – DPW&T
Yuri Borovsky – Citizen
Matt Baker – Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Denila Deliallisi – (MDOT)
Sydney Walker – Citizen
Tiffany W. Jennings – DPW&T
John Teasdale – Citizen
Yohannes Bennehoff – District Department of Transportation
Ken M – Citizen
Elizabeth Faye Miller – Citizen
Marian Dombroski – Citizen
Victor Weissberg – DPW&T
Dana Nau – Citizen
Andrea Lasker – DPW&T
Daniel Paschall – East Coast Greenway Alliance

1. Welcome

2. Introductions: Comments & Questions

- a. Bryan Barnett-Woods opened the meeting at 7:06 PM
- b. Comments and Question period open for all:
- c. [Comments from Chat](#)

3. Follow up items from March meeting

- a. Retail Business Bicycle Parking
 - i. Michael Jackson - Due to difficulties legislatively requiring existing businesses to install bicycle racks that have not submitted development applications Transportation Planning section staff are considering reaching out to selected commercial shopping centers and chain retail stores to seek voluntary provision of bicycle racks.
 - ii. Consider [MD Bikeways Grant](#): For new businesses installing and purchasing racks
 - iii. City of College Park submitted grant for better bike and scooter parking hubs to make available for businesses that want
 - A. Robert Patten suggested for further assistance contact: [Prince George's County Chamber of Commerce](#)
 - iv. Ken M. - Will there be bike parking guidelines for implementation?
 - A. Ken sees a lot of useless bike racks in Bowie. [Yohannes Bennehoff](#) offered to help with this effort within Hyattsville.
- b. Robert Patten - We need to reach out to folks from the disability rights community, and encourage them to attend this group/meeting
- c. Bill Kelly Memorial Bicycle Facility Proposal
 - i. Michael emailed Bill Tyler, Department of Parks and Recreation Director, requesting information how to proceed with requesting a park bikeway facility be nominated to be named after someone.

4. Upcoming Area Master Plans

Provided by Bryan Barnett-Woods

- i. Bowie
 - A. Available for public comment mid-August
- ii. Adelphi
 - A. Available for public review in Fall 2021
- iii. West Hyattsville
 - A. Published June 2022
- iv. The update of the 2009 Master Plan of Transportation (MPOT) will begin later this year and is expected to be completed in 2023. ATAG input is important in shaping these area master plan updates as well as the MPOT update.

5. Status of Bikeshare Expansion in Prince Georges County

Provided by Tiffany W. Jennings, Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager with the county's Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T)

- a. Prince George's county's first Capital Bikeshare station opened in 2019 at National Harbor
- b. Three bikeshare stations will open in June in Greenbelt at the Roosevelt Center, Greenbelt Metro and Hanover Parkway/Eleanor Roosevelt High School.
- c. 30 planned bike share stations in the county (Hoped to be installed in 2-3 years)
 - i. Overseen by DPW&T and funded through a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) federal grant.

- d. Additional Comments
 - i. Yuri Borovsky suggested that many new bikeshare users may not own bicycle helmets and perhaps a strategy should be developed to provide helmets to bikeshare customers. He said literally every single person he saw using a Capital Bikeshare bicycle in the county was not wearing a bicycle helmet.
 - ii. Dana Nau asked if Capital Bikeshare would be coming to the University of Maryland campus. Bob Patten replied that the university and the city of College Park have contracted with Via Ride to provide bike and scooter sharing.
 - iii. Terry Schum – provided updated on UMD and bikeshare (Capital Bikeshare & Via)
https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=18QxXCIMGUyGQ5_07nPheznSACLzNOCBu&ll=38.89662919397229%2C-76.92026400000002&z=12
 - iv. Tiffany noted citizen comments could be sent to 311 or by email to Stephanie Walder, CIP Project Manager at SAWalder@co.pg.md.us. Additional questions could be sent to Tiffany at TWJennings@co.pg.md.us

6. Discovery District Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Study

Presented by - [Terri Schum, City of College Park Planning Director](#)

- a. A Transportation and Land Use (T&LU) grant was awarded to College Park for \$60,000 in consultant services to study the feasibility of constructing a shared use path along the Purple Line right-of-way between the University of Maryland campus and the Riverdale Park Purple Line station.
 - i. A final plan for connecting these stations by shared use path has not been approved. A consultant will be retained by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOCG) to further develop earlier plans.
 - ii. Several jurisdictions are awaiting final Purple Line plans and related development proposals expected to be completed by June 2022 which would affect the shared use path proposal.
 - A. The Town of Riverdale Park and the Prince George’s County Planning Department will be involved in this study.
 - B. College Park also plans to supply additional shared use bicycle and scooter parking hubs and supplying inverted U-shaped bicycle racks for businesses asking for them.
 - iii. Additional Comments:
 - A. Dan Behrend said this study is an excellent idea. Dan has seen the College Park-Riverdale Park Transit District Development Plan, the Purple Line Corridor Access Studies (CAST) and other development plans and it is hard to what the current plan for the area is.
 - B. Bob recommended that SHA supply modern signals at every at-grade crossing of a state road, elimination of blinking yellow lights and the provision of video detection in place of push buttons.
 - a. Denila Deliallisi supported Bob’s comments and said most state highways are far from being bike friendly or merely safe, even for advanced bicyclists.

- C. Bob also recommended a change in the approach for accommodation of persons with disabilities by ensuring sufficient room be provided for two persons in wheelchairs to pass each other where there is sufficient width in raised traffic islands and medians. Providing pedestrian access at the minimum 4-foot-width makes passing impossible for persons using wheelchairs. Providing additional width benefits bicyclists and other pedestrians as well.

7. 2021 Bike to Workday Results

Provided by Tiffany W. Jennings, Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager with the county's Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T)

- a. Over 600 participants at the 10 Bike to Work Day Prince Georges Pit Stops
- b. Partnership with Vision Zero Prince George's
- c. DPWT (Department of Public Works & Transportation) had helmet giveaway, bike on bus, opened a traffic garden at their pit stops.
- d. Additional Comments
 - i. How to have people from the disabilities rights community and encourage them to attend this group/meeting. - Check with the Healthcare action committee (ask Brittney)
 - ii. Ken M (Bowie) - Would be nice to see buses with racks to try out at more pit stops for Bike to Work Day
- e. Tiffany Jennings posted the following link with additional information about DPW&T's bikeshare locations in the meeting chat box.
https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=18QxXCIMGUyGO5_07nPheznSACLzN0CBu&ll=38.89662919397229%2C-76.92026400000002&z=12
 - i. Citizen comments can be sent to 311 or by email to Stephanie Walder, CIP Project Manager at SAWalder@co.pg.md.us Additional questions could be sent to Tiffany at TWJennings@co.pg.md.us

8. MDOT/SHA Pedestrian Safety Action Plan

Presented by Denni Dellialisi (MDOT Consultant) & Matt Baker (MDOT)

- a. MDOT/SHA is intended to advance the goals of the Maryland Strategic Highways Safety Plan
- b. 66 percent of Maryland's traffic is on SHA maintained roadways.
- c. A map survey regarding segments of state highways in need of improvement was conducted. Information regarding strategies to improve multi-modal safety on Maryland highways is available at
<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/3476e680584c49e48303fe6d52ceeda9>
- d. Video Presentation (Pre-Recorded)
 - i. <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a4c07b80731b4a109a79bf6c86aad4c9>
 - ii. <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/3476e680584c49e48303fe6d52ceeda9>
- e. Additional Comments

- i. Marian Dombroski said minimizing curbs at intersections, keeping signs, telephone poles, trash cans, etc. off sidewalks will really help improve safety.
 - ii. Victor Weissberg said in addition to the 4 E's noted in the PSAP presentation, Prince George's Vision Zero has an additional two E's: Equity and Evaluation. Vic asked how does SHA view Equity and Evaluation as part of the PSAP rubric.
 - iii. Ken M asked if there were still ways to provide input to the PSAP map survey on highway segments needing pedestrian safety improvements. Bob asked the presenters how a municipality should seek to build a shared use path obtain help with the planning of design because the path's route alignment utilizes several state-owned roadways.
 - iv. Yuri asked about feedback received regarding areas in need of pedestrian improvement along MD 214 inside the Capital Beltway.
 - v. Dan wondered whether there is a way for DPW&T to share comments they received via their County Bike and Pedestrian interactive map with SHA because many comments were received concerning state highways.
 - vi. Yuri felt it was a brilliant idea for DPW&T to share pedestrian related data it collected with SHA.
- f. A public meeting on the PSAP is scheduled for late summer or early fall 2021.
 - g. To share additional comments email: SHAContextGuide@mdot.maryland.gov

9. Shared Use Paths Update

Provided by Robert Patten

- a. Robert announced that the county Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) received a T&LU grant to conduct part of the design for the Prince George's Connector Trail which would connect the Metropolitan Branch Trail at Fort Totten, DC to the Northwest Branch Trail by paralleling the Green Line alignment.
 - i. Funding opportunities are available from the federal government for trail rehabilitation projects.
 - ii. Vic Weissberg of DPW&T is coordinating with DPR is pursuing a grant for pedestrian safety improvements along Marlboro Pike.
 - A. Marlboro Pike Corridor area has highest number of pedestrian crashes.

10. Vision Zero Traffic Garden at Perrywood Elementary School

Presented by Nina Upadhyay of Department of Public Works and Transportation

- a. The county's first traffic garden is open for public use on weekends at Perrywood Elementary
 - i. The traffic garden is a pretend highway, with pathways, traffic signs and signals and railroad tracks, which is enclosed by a fence. Children are able to ride bicycles and learn about traffic safety in a safe environment.
- b. REMINDER: It is intimidating to try new scooters/bicycle share - perhaps there could be an event to learn how to use these new things – technology, docks, scooters, e bike, etc.
- c. COMMENTS
 - i. Robert Patten comment -

- A. Marian, write a letter to the Director of Parks and Recreation, Bill Tyler, and ask for rec. programming for seniors and kids and others about learning how to use the shared bikes and scooters.
- ii. Michael Jackson mentions Safety City and Children's Village in Baltimore City and Hagerstown, respectively, and Winterthur, Switzerland.

11. Open Discussion

- a. Many thank yous were shared by participants

12. Adjournment