

MARYLAND  
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee



9:00 AM

January 22, 2021

The State of Maryland is operating under an Elevated Level II status due to the COVID-19 epidemic. As such, this meeting was held online through GoToWebinar

## MEETING MINUTES

### Attendees:

#### Members:

Jon Morrison, Chair  
Andrew Mengel  
Antoine RJ Wright  
Chelsea Hayman  
Eli Glazier  
Gabriel Rose  
Heather Ersts  
Jeff Hirsch  
John Wetmore  
**Vacant:**  
Citizen Representative for Mobility Impaired

#### Absent Members:

Jim Titus  
**Staff:**  
Marty Baker  
Francine Waters

Pierre Stewart  
Nate Evans  
Catherine Skeeter

#### Non-Members:

Alex Gebhart  
Bill Boicourt  
Brian Cahalan  
Chris Reno  
Darlene Gavel  
Ellen Saltsman  
Heather Dunigan  
Joe Kelley  
Jon Korin  
Owen Bailey  
Peggy Flaxman  
Sharon Guida  
Tanya Asman  
Alexi Sanchez De Boado  
Bob Marietta  
Brigitte Carty  
Clint Sterling  
David Greene  
Catlin Everett  
Jeff Dunckel  
John Foley  
Leslie Sandoz  
Patrick McMahon  
Rahul Kesarkar  
Seirafi Sogand  
Tina Williams  
Bob Zillig  
Carol Kachadoorian  
Daniel Paschall  
Ed Tutor  
Grace Davenport  
Jennifer Ray  
John Hartline  
Michael Bomgardner  
Paul Moser  
Rita Ossiander  
Stephanie Piperno  
Tory Pierce

### I. Welcome & Introductions (15 min)

Jon Morrison, Chair opened the meeting with introductions of committee members and MDOT staff.

### II. Agenda Review and Approval of Minutes (10 min)

The committee reviewed the agenda. No additional items were added to the agenda. Steve Friedman moved to approve the minutes of the October 2020 MBPAC meeting. Chelsea Hayman seconded the motion. The October 23, 2020 meeting minutes were approved by the committee.

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**III. MBPAC Procedures Update (5 min)**

Following the October meeting, Nate Evans reviewed the MBPAC procedures with Offices of Attorney General (OAG) at the Maryland Departments of Transportation and Health. The OAGs provided minor edits to more clearly define a committee quorum and how subcommittee must adhere to the Maryland's Open Meetings Act.

**IV. 2021 Maryland Legislative Session (20 min)**

Jon Morrison provided a summary on pending legislation before the Maryland General Assembly for the 2021 session. A summary of the bills is available as a meeting handout and included with the minutes as an appendix.

The Vulnerable Road User Bill (HB 118/SB 293) has been supported by MDOT Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) and the State Highway Administration (SHA). A summary of the legislative session will be provided at the April 2021 quarterly meeting.

**V. Eastern Shore Initiatives Update (50 min)**

Patti Stevens, MBPAC's Eastern Shore representative, led a presentation on various Eastern Shore initiatives such as the Queen Anne's County Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Talbot County bicycle routes, Somerset County's Route 413 Hiker Biker Trail, Eastern Shore Land Conservancy and Salisbury's bicycle network. The presentation illustrated unique active transportation needs and opportunities throughout the region. The presentation materials are located on the MBPAC website.

**VI. MBPAC Subcommittee Designation (5 min)**

MBPAC will providing an opportunity for committee members and members of the public to participate in subcommittees focusing on bicycle and pedestrian issues. Francine Waters (MDOT TSO) is leading pedestrian initiatives and is seeking interested individuals. Please contact Jon Morrison if interested in leading or participating on an MBPAC subcommittee.

**VII. Citizen and Partner Agency Updates (20 min)**

Kristi Pier (Maryland Department of Health) shared two local health departments received funds to initiate Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) projects in Washington, Somerset and St. Mary's County. Request for proposals will be released soon.

Heather Ersts (Maryland Department of Commerce, Office of Tourism) indicated that new bike maps will be released in coordination with the Chesapeake & Ohio (C&O) Canal bicentennial celebration. Visit <https://www.youtube.com/user/travelMD>

Sarah Lipkin Sularz (Maryland Department of Planning) is assisting with the Waldorf area development plan. The department recently hired a military installation land use planner to coordinate compatible land uses adjacent to numerous military bases across Maryland.

Andrew Mengel (Department of Natural Resources) indicated that local parks and land preservation plans will be drafted and reviewed in the coming months.

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Jeff Dunckel (MDOT Maryland Highway Safety Office) shared that the State Highway Safety Plan is complete and under National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and will be released once approved. Pedestrian and bicycle fatalities increased during 2020.

Patrick McMahon (MDOT Maryland Transit Administration) shared that MTA is undertaking a statewide transit plan. The Patapsco Avenue bridge was awarded a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant to complete design. MTA is coordination with Baltimore City on dockless scooter transit hubs. The North Avenue Rising project is under construction and will bring 7 miles of shared bike and bus lanes to Baltimore City.

Nate Evans indicated that MDOT will host an online grants workshop on various FY 2022 grant available for bicycle and pedestrian projects on Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. The Kim Lamphier Bikeways Network Program is accepting Letters of Intent for FY 2022 Bikeways applications through April 2, 2021. With limited in-person public engagement possible during the COVID-19 pandemic, MDOT is promoting online public participation for Bikeways projects with links through the Bikeways interactive maps.

Prince George's County is updating the Bike and Pedestrian Network Plan. Online public comments are being accepted at

[https://tooledesign.github.io/536504\\_S\\_PGC\\_pedestrian\\_bicycle\\_network/](https://tooledesign.github.io/536504_S_PGC_pedestrian_bicycle_network/)

BikeAAA recently unveiled its vision for the Anne Arundel Trail Network. Visit [www.annearundeltrailnetwork.org](http://www.annearundeltrailnetwork.org)

Antoine RJ Wright attended a Bike Howard event and learned of new bicycle projects connecting the area around North Laurel.

**VIII. Closing Reminders and Adjournment (10 min)**

Action items were reviewed. Nate Evans will contact Carol Kachadoorian about rail trail possibilities included in the state rail plan. Sarah Lipkin Sularz motioned to adjourn the meeting with Patti Stevens seconding the motion.

The next MBPAC meeting will be held on Friday, April 23, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.