



9:00 AM

April 22, 2022

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## MEETING MINUTES

### Attendees:

#### Members:

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Jon Morrison, Chair | Jeff Hirsch       |
| Lt. Laura Beck      | Andrew Mengel     |
| Bong Delrosario     | Kristi Pier       |
| Marshall Edwards    | Patti Stevens     |
| Heather Ersts       | Marian Vessels    |
| Steve Friedman      | John Wetmore      |
| Eli Glazier         | Antoine RJ Wright |
| Steve Green         | Bihui Xu (Acting) |

#### Absent Members:

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| Marquette Rogers | Jim Smith      |
| Gabriel Rose     | Pierre Stewart |
| Karen Schonfeld  | Jim Titus      |

#### Non-Members:

|                 |                   |                  |
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| Bill Barnard    | Logan Blackistone | Brigitte Carty   |
| Deni Deliallisi | Joel Gallihue     | Kathleen Hayes   |
| Greg Hinchliffe | Kandese Holford   | Tiffany Jennings |
| Jon Korin       | Patrick McMahon   | Kevin O'Brien    |
| Daniel Pachall  | Walt Roscello     | Nigel Samaroo    |
| Cynthia Spriggs | Mark Sofman       | Eric Brenner     |
| Dianne Klair    |                   |                  |

#### Staff:

|             |            |                 |
|-------------|------------|-----------------|
| Marty Baker | Nate Evans | Francine Waters |
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### I. Welcome & Introductions (10 min)

Chair Jon Morrison opened the meeting. Nate Evans alerted participants that the meeting will be recorded.

### II. Agenda Review and Approval of Minutes (5 min)

The agenda was reviewed with Patti Stevens motioning to approve the agenda, Antoine Wright seconded the motion and the agenda was approved. Antoine Wright motioned to approve the January 22, 2022 meeting minutes. Patti Stevens seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

### III. Maryland Office of Outdoor Recreation (30 min)

Logan Blackistone, Project Manager, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Office of Outdoor Recreation shared a presentation on the new office. Committee members asked questions on how the Outdoor Recreation Office will address e-bike use, park access equity and expanding the state's trail network, including the Nice/Middleton Bridge.



#### IV. Old Business & Public Comment (15 min)

Jon Korin provided a review of transportation bills introduced during the 2022 Maryland General Assembly session.

Marty Baker announced that the League of American Bicyclists released the 2022 Bike League Report Card in which Maryland ranked 14 out of 50. The committee discussed how the new report card format, which rated Maryland favorably, did not correspond to the overall rankings. Committee members suggested a discussion with the Bike League representatives to clarify Maryland's ranking.

Walt Roscello shared that current Comptroller & gubernatorial candidate Peter Franchot announced his support for converting the existing Nice/Middleton Bridge to a bicycle and pedestrian bridge.

Greg Hinchliffe shared that the Greater Baybrook Alliance's trail project is now open for public comments and that Tour dem Parks will be held on Sunday, June 12.

## V. MBPAC Subcommittee Reports (15 min)

Eastern Shore representative Patti Stevens shared that the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy will host a regional trail vision working on Thursday, April 28.

Pedestrian Subcommittee chair Marian Vessels shared that the Trust for Public Land's presented on park equity at the last meeting. Tiffany Jennings from Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation and Kandese Holford from MDOT SHA also presented. The latest Pedestrian Newsletter is also available from MDOT.

A Disability subcommittee meeting has been rescheduled for next week.

## VI. Partner Agency Updates (20 min)

Kristi Pier shared the Maryland Department of Health is developing a new online platform to track walking groups, which will be available for use by Walk Maryland Day, Walktober, and other walking program partners. The Walkability Academy is delayed but progressing with partners, hoping to have an update by June.

Heather Ersts shared that the Department of Commerce Office of Tourism is celebrating Harriett Tubman's 200 Birthday with a bike ride event on October 15, 2022. The Maryland Trails: Second to None program will have a continual rollout with a June focus on water trails.

Bihui Xu from the Department of Planning indicated that the Department's review of the Sugarloaf Mountain Area Plan required more focus on pedestrian and bicycle improvements.

Andrew Mengel from the Department of Natural Resources noted the passing of HB882 which revised the Pocomoke Wildlands boundary to allow a trail from Snow Hill to Shad Landing

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Eli Glazier from Montgomery County Planning/MNCPPC shared that the Existing Conditions Report for Pedestrian Master Plan complete after a 3 year effort.

Marty Baker indicated that MDOT-administered grants are accepting applications for Recreational Trails, Transportation Alternatives/Safe Routes to School, Kim Lamphier Bikeways Network Program and Strategic Transit Innovative grants are accepting now or will be accept applications soon.

Cynthia Spriggs from the Maryland Highway Safety Office shared that the Maryland Safety Summit took place on Monday, April 17.

Patrick McMahon from MDOT Maryland Transit Administration shared that new signage and instructions are available on all MARC bike cars. The North Avenue cycletrack, 20th Street & Baker bike boulevards are nearing completion as part of the North Avenue Rising project. MTA has applied for a USDOT RAISE grant for Penn Station and bus lane enforcement passed the General Assembly.

Deni Deliallisi with MDOT SHA shared that the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan is progressing and that corridors with needs have been identified. The corridor recommendations are being finalized with completion anticipated for late spring or early summer.

## **VII. Closing Reminders and Adjournment (5 min)**

Action items:

1. Determine if a discussion with the Bike league is warranted.
2. With MHSO, determine legislative items for next year.
3. Determine how MDOT is responding to the state rail plan recommendations.

The next MBPAC meeting will be held on Friday July 22, 2022.

Antoine Wright motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bong Delrosario seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.



## Appendix A – Chat Log from the April 22, 2022 MBPAC Meeting

[4/22 9:08 AM] Walt Roscello, OHBike (Guest)

Walt Roscello, from Oxon Hill Bike Club. I was not quick enough with the mute button (like 2)

[4/22 9:10 AM]

Steve Green (Guest) has temporarily joined the chat.

[4/22 9:11 AM] Daniel Paschall, East Coast Greenway Alliance (Guest)

Daniel Paschall, Mid-Atlantic Manager, East Coast Greenway Alliance

[4/22 9:12 AM] Nate Evans

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/pages/more/home.aspx#:~:text=This%20commission%20is%20responsible%20for,our%20state's%20outdoor%20recreation%20resources.>

home

An official website of the State of Maryland.

[4/22 9:12 AM] Nate Evans

Maryland Outdoor Recreation Commission

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/pages/more/home.aspx#:~:text=This%20commission%20is%20responsible%20for,our%20state's%20outdoor%20recreation%20resources.>

[4/22 9:13 AM] Jon Korin

Jon Korin. Bicycle Advocates for Annapolis & Anne Arundel County(BikeAAA) (like 1)

[4/22 9:17 AM] Greg Hinchliffe (Guest)

Greg Hinchliffe, Baltimore City. Bike advocate, former MBPAC member, former Maryland Chairman, East Coast Greenway. (like 1)

[4/22 9:23 AM] Dianne Klair (Guest)

Thank you, Patti, on the comments related to trail development. We are equally interested here in the Upper Bay region.

[4/22 9:23 AM] Walt Roscello, OHBike (Guest)

Adventure Cycling designated a DelMarVa loop in the last year, and I'm sure they would love to have trail alternates to reroute onto

[4/22 9:23 AM] Nate Evans

Eastern Shore Land Conservancy Trail Vision [please register at the link here](#)  
Regional Trails Workshop

[4/22 9:23 AM] Marty Baker

<https://www.eslc.org/regional-trails-workshop/>  
Regional Trails Workshop

[4/22 9:29 AM] Gothie, Roy

Pennsylvania's Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is developing an overall e-bike policy. Keep your eyes out for that later this summer. It may be of interest. (like 2)



[4/22 9:32 AM] Jon Korin

Anne Arundel Trail Network Vision: <https://annearundeltrailnetwork.org/>

## Anne Arundel Trail Network

Visit the post for more.

[4/22 9:36 AM] Gothie, Roy

There is a new document with some language on e-bikes as part of the Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure - A TOOLKIT FOR PLANNING AND FUNDING

## RURAL ELECTRIC MOBILITY INFRASTRUCTURE

[4/22 9:36 AM] Gothie, Roy

<https://www.transportation.gov/rural/ev/toolkit/pdf>

Rural EV Toolkit (PDF Version)

## Charging Forward: A Toolkit for Planning and Funding Rural Electric Mobility Infrastructure

[4/22 9:39 AM] Jon Korin

Just approved Anne Arundel Green Infrastructure Master Plan:

<https://www.aacounty.org/departments/planning-and-zoning/long-range-planning/green-infrastructure/>  
like 1

[4/22 9:41 AM] Marty Baker

DNR has developed a Park Equity Tool. Here is the link: <https://dnr.maryland.gov/pages/parkequity.aspx>

like 1

## Park Equity

An official website of the State of Maryland.

[4/22 9:43 AM] Nate Evans

<https://www.baltimoresun.com/maryland/bs-md-state-park-investment-20220422-kh3nay2op5bn5pgn6e3otkn36m-story.html>

Maryland set to 'transform' its state park system amid record usage, making massive investment in rangers, new sites

Maryland is set to invest tens of millions of dollars in its state parks at a time they are most needed.

Proponents say the Great Maryland Outdoors Act has the potential to be part of a historic th...

[4/22 9:44 AM] Daniel Paschall, East Coast Greenway Alliance (Guest)

East Coast Greenway map in Maryland with trails and gaps: <https://greenway.org/states/maryland>

[4/22 9:45 AM] Daniel Paschall, East Coast Greenway Alliance (Guest)

## Economic and social benefits of completing the Baltimore Greenway Trails

Network <https://greaterwashingtonpartnership.com/publications/economic-and-social-benefits-of-completing-the-baltimore-greenway-trails-network/>

[4/22 9:45 AM] Brigitte Carty -LSHG- (Guest)

SB 541: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/sb/sb0541E.pdf>

[4/22 9:45 AM] Daniel Paschall, East Coast Greenway Alliance (Guest)



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[4/22 10:02 AM] Antoine RJ Wright

[https://bikeleague.org/sites/default/files/BFS2022\\_Overall\\_Rankings\\_Chart\\_0.pdf](https://bikeleague.org/sites/default/files/BFS2022_Overall_Rankings_Chart_0.pdf)

[4/22 10:02 AM]

Bill Barnard (Guest) no longer has access to the chat.

[4/22 10:04 AM] Patti Stevens

Would be great to post state LAB report on Bike MD web. And Anne Arundel Greenway plan

[4/22 10:04 AM] Jon Korin

I believe we have been as high as #7 in the past

[4/22 10:06 AM] Jon Korin

I propose for a subsequent MBPAC meeting: Should Maryland have quantified goals for shifting mode share away from Single-occupant Vehicles

[4/22 10:07 AM] Walt Roscello, OHBike (Guest)

Many of these criteria seem to still be focused on bikes coexisting with cars, rather than the provision of separated routes.

[4/22 10:09 AM] Antoine RJ Wright

I like that Jon K; definitely something that as a group we should pull together alongside BikeMD, MDOT, etc

OHBikeW - seems like it in some respects; I need to look into their methodology more. Because what is and isn't reflected (not just MD) is interesting/weird

[4/22 10:10 AM] Steve Green (Guest)

Can we invite the LAB folks to come and discuss the rankings?  
like 2

[4/22 10:12 AM] eric brenner (Guest)

FWIW, the League would be thrilled to hear how much time this discussion is getting, controversy=attention, and the continued quest to keep making progress. They would absolutely speak if asked.

[4/22 10:13 AM] Brigitte Carty -LSHG- (Guest)

The Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway recently opened a new 1.1 mile footpath trail:  
"Susquehanna Hills at Vulcan Quarry Trail"

This furthers the connection between the City of Havre de Grace and Susquehanna State Park (SSP). We are now working with Mason-Dixon Trail System, MDTA, and DNR to assess the feasibility for the final connection between I-95 and SSP – approximately 3.5 miles.

For the new 1.1 mile trail, there is a small parking area just beyond 1103 Lapidum Rd, Havre de Grace.

[4/22 10:14 AM] Jon Korin

Several years ago we did a statewide meeting in Crownsville for Maryland advocates and govt folks and LAB

Exec Director Bill Nesper spoke

Good mtg. Not sure if anyone wants to add-on re progress with the WB&A Pax River bridge, and the re-start of the Purple Line (and the PL side-trail).

Unknown user no longer has access to the chat.

MDOT SHA's Zero Vision Plan with an emphasis on ped/bike safety: [Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety - Facts, Tips - Zero Deaths MD](#)

Pedestrians and Bicyclists are some of the most vulnerable road users. Look out for one another so we all make it home.

Baybrook Connector | GBA

I have to jump, great meeting you all and really enjoyed getting to share our new office with you!  
like 2

Logan Blackistone; DNR (Guest) no longer has access to the chat.

Most children learn to ride a bike on a neighborhood street or nearby park or school. The focus is on learning balance, steering, stopping, control and the sheer joy of that first ride! But where d...

Unknown user no longer has access to the chat.

Patrick McMahon has temporarily joined the chat.

<https://www.visitmaryland.org/tubman-200-events>

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## Tubman 200 Events for 2022

[4/22 10:28 AM] Greg Hinchliffe (Guest)  
Tour dem Parks, Hon! June 12, Baltimore  
heart 2

[4/22 10:28 AM] Greg Hinchliffe (Guest)  
tourdemparks.org

[4/22 10:30 AM]  
Patti Stevens (Guest) has temporarily joined the chat.

[4/22 10:30 AM]  
Patti Stevens (Guest) no longer has access to the chat.

[4/22 10:30 AM] Steve Green (Guest)  
<https://garrettcountygranfondo.org/heart2>

[4/22 10:31 AM]  
Dianne Klair (Guest) no longer has access to the chat.

[4/22 10:32 AM] Jon Korin  
October 2: Rides for ALL ages and abilities: [www.lifeline100.com](http://www.lifeline100.com) (heart 1)

[4/22 10:32 AM]  
Daniel Paschall (Guest) no longer has access to the chat.

[4/22 10:32 AM] Jennings, Tiffany W.

Prince George's County also has a traffic garden for children. The Vision Zero Prince George's County Traffic Garden was installed by the DPW&T in partnership with M-NCPPC. To learn more about our traffic garden, please see our Kids Corner <https://visionzero-princegeorges.hub.arcgis.com/pages/kids-corner>. Also, you can view videos of the traffic garden at the following site. <https://visionzero-princegeorges.hub.arcgis.com/pages/resources#videos>.

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## Kids Corner

Vision Zero is a plan to make sure no one gets hurt or killed on the road—and all ages can help! Here are safety tips, activities, and a pledge just for you. Use what you learn to keep yourself and...

[4/22 10:33 AM] Andrew Mengel - MD DNR (Guest)  
<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgaweb/Legislation/Details/hb0882>

[4/22 10:34 AM] Patti Stevens (Guest)

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Will what's in the County LPPRP plans go into that Outdoor Recreation Plan? We did alot of outreach and provided input for Worcester and Wicomico .

[4/22 10:34 AM] Andrew Mengel - MD DNR (Guest)

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/land/Pages/Stewardship/LPRP-2019-2023.aspx>

[4/22 10:34 AM]

Francine Waters left the chat.

[4/22 10:34 AM] Andrew Mengel - MD DNR (Guest)

Hi Patti, We review and incorporate data from county LPPRPs into the statewide plan, including public engagement conducted by the counties.

[4/22 10:35 AM] Nate Evans

Montgomery County Ped Master Plan Ex. Conditions <https://montgomeryplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Pedestrian-Master-Plan-Existing-Conditions-Report-Final.pdf>

like 1

[4/22 10:38 AM] Morrison, Jon

Andrew Mengel - MD DNR (Guest)

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgaweb/site/Legislation/Details/hb0882>

[2022 Regular Session - Fiscal and Policy Note for House Bill 882 \(maryland.gov\)](#) DNR indicates that in addition to adding approximately 80 net acres to the Pocomoke River Wildland, the bill creates the opportunity to establish a minimum impact elevated trail through the wildland, connecting the Town of Snow Hill to Pocomoke State Park, providing social, recreational, and economic benefits. (like 1)

[4/22 10:44 AM] Patrick McMahon

<https://northavenuerising.com/dedicated-bus-lanes>

like 1

## DEDICATED BUS LANES - North Avenue Rising

North Avenue Rising is a project that has grown from local community planning efforts with collaboration by the state of Maryland and Baltimore City. The goal of North Avenue Rising MTA is to suppo...

[4/22 10:45 AM] Patti Stevens (Guest)

I hope at a future meeting we'll hear feedback and response on our recommendations to State Rail Plan.

like 1

[4/22 10:45 AM] Jon Korin

The long awaited WB&A Trail Hiker/Biker Bridge over the Patuxent River will break ground soon! It will connect PG and AA counties and the Capital Trails and AA County Networks!

like 3

[4/22 10:46 AM] Patti Stevens (Guest)

Heather and others come ride in OC on May 7th <https://marylandcoastbikefestival.com> (like 1)