

9:00 AM

January 26, 2024

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MEETING MINUTES

Attendees:

Members:

Jon Morrison, Chair
 Lt. Laura Beck
 Kristy Daphnis
 Bong Delrosario
 Marshall Edwards
 Liz Fitzsimmons
 Matt Hendrickson
 Kandese Holford
 Michael Jackson
 Ndegwa Kamau
 Andrew Lingelbach

Sandi Olek
 Patrick Patterson
 Brooks Phelps
 Kristi Pier
 Gabriel Rose
 Patti Stevens
 Nigel Samaroo
 Jim Titus
 Marian Vessels
 Antoine RJ Wright

Non-Members:

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| 12405924289 | 13018623421 | 14433363739 |
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| Brigitte Carty | Jamie Fearer | Dianne Klair |
| Jon Korin | Patrick McMahon | Lindsey Mueller |
| Daniel Paschall | Molly Porter | Chris Reno |
| Taylor Robey | Shane Sarver | Ryan Sigworth |

Staff:

Nate Evans Francine Waters

Absent Members:

Steve Green

I. Welcome & Introductions

The meeting began at 9:02 AM with Jon Morrison welcoming attendees. Nate Evans lead a roll call of committee members with a quorum established.

II. Agenda Review and Approval of Minutes

Jim Titus motioned to approve the October 23, 2023 meeting minutes. Nigel Samaroo seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved. The agenda was reviewed and accepted.

III. MBPAC Member Introductions

With 8 new MBPAC members joining the committee, MBPAC members introduced themselves, their agency or citizen membership representation on the committee and a brief description on how they came to join the committee as well as their experience with walking, biking, running issues. Several members expressed their participation in running, marathoning and representing running clubs.

IV. Annual Report

Jon Morrison introduced the draft 2023 Annual Report for MBPAC review. As report editor, Antoine RJ Wright provided a link to the digital draft. Committee members reviewed the draft prior to the meeting with several comments provided and addressed. With copy edits still pending to the draft, the committee opted not to approve the draft pending completion of the edits and will vote on approval at the May 3, 2024 meeting.

V. Old Business & Public Comment (10 min)

Patti Stevens provided an overview of her participation on the Transportation Revenue and Infrastructure Needs (TRAIN) Commission, which explored ways to increase transportation revenues as the Maryland Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) experiences a budget gap.

VI. MBPAC Subcommittee Reports (15 min)

Patti Stevens of the Eastern Shore Subcommittee shared that the Eastern Shore Trails Network planning effort continues to move forward and the team will be meeting with the Eastern Shore delegation at their March meeting in Annapolis.

Jon Korin shared for the Legislative Subcommittee that several bills have been introduced for the 2024 General Assembly legislative session. Nigel Samaroo provided information on Bike Maryland's legislative priorities. Bills introduced which affect active transportation include the creation of a Maryland Trails Office, create subsidies for e-bike purchases, allowing bikes on sidewalks, creating a Vision Zero Advisory Committee and removing the State Highway Administration (SHA) prohibition from sidewalk maintenance along state highways. The 2024 Maryland Legislative Session ends in April with a reporting of bills final status summarized at the May 3, 2024 meeting.

Marian Vessels provided a recap of the Pedestrian Subcommittee's activities noting that Walktober activities had concluded since the last MBPAC meeting.

VII. Partner Agency Updates (10 min)

Kristi Pier, Maryland Department of Health, applied for a Safe Routes to Parks partnership grant.

Gabriel Rose, Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), shared that the department is meeting with regional pupil transportation directors to ensure bus stop safety, noting non-transported areas. MSDE is monitoring a bill which would require local boards of education to evaluate and publicize walkable routes to school.

Sani Olek noted that the Department of Natural Resources is revisiting its current e-bike policy and planning an outdoor recreation summit in the fall. The department will begin their land preservation and recreation plan in the coming months.

Bong Delrosario shared at the Baltimore Metropolitan Council is developing plans for the Patapsco Regional Greenway along Stoney Run.

Michael Jackson shared that MNCPPC is updating their transportation plan and has concerns with acutely skewed track alignment which intersects bike lanes. The state's first bicycle signal was installed in Hyattsville last fall and the WB&A trail bridge construction continues. Molly Porter from the State Highway Administration shared that the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan implementation is under way.

Nate Evans shared that the 2050 Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan has been completed and is available online. Nate thanked committee members and members of the public for their involvement with the new plan.

Patrick McMahon, Maryland Transit Administration, shared that Red Line outreach is underway in the Baltimore area.

VIII. Closing Reminders and Adjournment (5 min)

John Morrison reminded members to register for the Bike Maryland symposium on February 15th.

Patty Stevens invited the public to the Maryland Coast Bike Festival held in May.

Action item(s):

1. Antoine RJ Wright provided a 'read-only' copy of the Annual Report.

Nigel Samaroo motioned to adjourn the meeting. Michael Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10:48.

Appendix– Chat Log from the January 26, 2024 MBPAC Meeting

Friday 8:46 AM Meeting started

[9:03 AM] Marian (Guest)

My sound has gone out. I will leave and rejoin

[9:04 AM] Lt Laura Beck, Maryland State Police (Guest)

Good Morning! I have to jump off at 10 for an urgent personnel meeting.

[9:20 AM] Sandi Olek , MD DNR she/her (Guest)

We are a big fan of PALS at MD DNR

[9:21 AM] Morrison, Jon (Asbury) (Guest)

[Partnership for Action Learning in Sustainability \(PALS\) | MNCPPC, MD](#)

[9:21 AM] Patti Stevens (Guest)



[9:25 AM] Lt Laura Beck, Maryland State Police (Guest)

Marathoner and ultra runner as well!

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[9:28 AM] Patti Stevens (Guest)

WELCOME pATRICK!

[9:29 AM] Patrick Patterson

Hi Patti! Thank you! Super Excited to join the group here!

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[9:31 AM] Nigel Samaroo

Would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members

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[9:31 AM] Ndegwa R. Kamau (Guest)

Thank you so much Nige!!!

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[9:32 AM] Andrew Lingelbach (Guest)

Lt Laura Beck, Maryland State Police (Guest)

Marathoner and ultra runner as well!

Sounds like we'll need to start a running meetup!

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[9:34 AM] Patrick Patterson

Any mountain bikers or bmx riders in the committee here? Would love to hear your stories around this too.

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[9:39 AM] Nigel Samaroo

Antoine N+1 🤔

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[9:40 AM] Brigitte Carty -LSHG- (Guest)

Brigitte Carty, Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway

[9:40 AM] Brigitte Carty -LSHG- (Guest)

What an impressive group of people – both those that continue to serve and the new members! As director for the Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway, truly appreciate your willingness to participate in this very important bike/ped advisory committee!

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[9:41 AM] Jon Korin, BikeAAA (Guest)

Jon Korin, Bicycle Advocates for Annapolis & Anne Arundel County (BikeAAA)

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[9:42 AM] Daniel Paschall, ECGA (Guest)

Daniel Paschall, Mid-Atlantic Manager for East Coast Greenway Alliance advocating for the completion, stewardship, and activation of the East Coast Greenway across Maryland as part of the Maine to Florida vision. The ECG goes from Cecil County to Baltimore, Annapolis, and into DC via Prince George's County. So excited to see all the new members and participants!

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[9:42 AM] Brigitte Carty -LSHG- (Guest)

Meant to add, more LSHG info can be found at www.upperbaytrails.com

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[9:42 AM] Dianne K (Guest)

Dianne Klair, City of Havre de Grace -- just keeping informed on what is going on statewide within this bike/pedestrian policy group. Thanks for your work!

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[9:42 AM] Nate Evans

Annual Report [document](#)

file shared via OneDrive

[9:43 AM] Taylor Robey

Taylor Robey, Transportation Manager for the City of Hyattsville. Nice to meet everyone!

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[9:43 AM]

Jaime Fearer has temporarily joined the chat.

[9:47 AM] Jon Korin, BikeAAA (Guest)

I would encourage an EXECUTIVE SUMMARY, max of one page that articulates the key PRIORITIES (eg Infra, Legislation, Budget, Policies, etc) that you want the Exec Branch, Legislators and others to see.

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[9:53 AM] Nate Evans

<https://www.mdot.maryland.gov/tso/Pages/Index.aspx?Pageld=205>

Maryland Commission on Transportation Revenue and Infrastructure Needs - MDOT

The Maryland Department of Transportation is a customer-driven leader that delivers safe, sustainable, intelligent, and exceptional transportation solutions in order to connect our customers to lif...

[9:54 AM] Patti Stevens (Guest)

[Maryland Commission on Transportation Revenue and Infrastructure Needs - MDOT](#)

[9:56 AM] Morrison, Jon (Asbury) (Guest)

From Marshall - Good morning I had connection issues utilizing my phone and had to dial into the meeting this morning. Just wanted to make the note that I am present.

[10:00 AM]

Daniel Paschall, ECGA (Guest) no longer has access to the chat.

[10:01 AM] Morrison, Jon (Asbury) (Guest)

View only link to a Draft of the Annual Report - https://1drv.ms/w/s!ArnX-8k1wD5_ig3al9rKlkPP7z7K

[10:01 AM] JimT (Guest)

Variable tolls are cost justified because the size of facilities tends to be based on peak load needs.
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[10:06 AM] Patti Stevens (Guest)

<https://www.eslc.org/towns/eastern-shore-regional-trail-vision/>

[10:08 AM] Nigel Samaroo

<https://www.bikemaryland.org/2024-legislative-agenda/>

2024 Legislative Agenda - Bike Maryland

A post from Bruce Cohen on Bike Maryland provided by: <https://www.bikemaryland.org>

[10:08 AM] Nate Evans

[HB0530](#)

Legislation - HB0530

[10:09 AM] Bong Delrosario

HB135

[10:11 AM] Morrison, Jon (Asbury) (Guest)

[Subject Legislation - Bicycles \(maryland.gov\)](#)

[10:12 AM] Morrison, Jon (Asbury) (Guest)

[Subject Legislation - Pedestrians \(maryland.gov\)](#)

[10:16 AM] Brigitte Carty -LSHG- (Guest)

Thank you! This is incredibly helpful!

[10:18 AM] Patti Stevens (Guest)

[Basics of State Legislative Advocacy with Bike Maryland - Online - Bike Maryland | Bike Maryland](#)

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[10:21 AM] Antoine RJ Wright

Howard County Transportation Open House, Tuesday Jan 30 <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/transportation-open-house>

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[10:22 AM] Kristy Daphnis (she/her) (Guest)

This may have been in my "new member" packet - but, is there a schedule of subcommittee meetings posted somewhere?

[10:24 AM] Francine Waters

March 21, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

June 20, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

September 19, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

[10:24 AM] Francine Waters

Pedestrian Subcommittee

[10:26 AM] Jon Korin, BikeAAA (Guest)

Marian, thank you for making the point about the challenges of organizing pedestrian advocacy. The bike advocacy community is sensitive to this and does advocate for all active mobility - walking, biking, scooter, assistive devices, etc. Thanks for your leadership for pedestrians!

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[10:26 AM] Kristy Daphnis (she/her) (Guest)

Francine, could you please add me to the communications list for the Pedestrian Subcommittee?

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[10:27 AM] Patrick McMahon

Delegate Lewis is hosting an event tomorrow around transportation in Baltimore City and here's a link to the registration page.

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Link <https://forms.office.com/pages/respons...> by Patrick McMahonPatrick McMahon10:27 AM

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[10:30 AM] Liz (Guest)

Having trouble with getting off mute - no updates....

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[10:31 AM] Brigitte Carty -LSHG- (Guest)

Congratulations, Sandi! Looking forward to working with you!

[10:31 AM] Nigel Samaroo

Kristi Pier (she/her) MDH (Guest) saw your cat ...mine does the same thing 😊

[10:32 AM] Bong Delrosario

Here are 3 ways you can help spread the word:

1. **Invite your members, neighbors, and friends to our community meeting on Tuesday, February 6**, at 6 p.m. at the Howard County Library, Elkrigde Branch. It's an opportunity to discuss ideas, concerns, and questions with the project team. Please share a link to our project website: publicinput.com/prg. Here, anyone can learn more about the project, share comments, and RSVP for the meeting or subscribe for updates. We hope you and your members will join us!
2. **Share a flyer, email, or social media post** - I've attached a flyer for easy sharing. We also have a pre-written blurb for your organization's newsletter or email blasts. Check it out below and please share.
3. **Repost our project announcements** on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [X](#) (@BaltoMetroCo) and [LinkedIn](#) (@Baltimore-Metropolitan-Council). Help us reach more people by sharing these posts with your networks.

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Patapsco Regional Greenway: Stoney Run - PublicInput

In 2017 a plan for the Patapsco Regional Greenway (PRG) was approved by the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB). The PRG will be a 40-mile trail running through the Patapsco Valley from ...

[10:34 AM] Nigel Samaroo

a fantastic site to see resources is the Zero Deaths Maryland website

<https://zerodeathsmd.gov/>

Zero Deaths MD - Maryland Highway Safety Office

Join us in our mission to reduce the number of traffic crashes, and the resulting deaths and injuries, to zero.

[10:36 AM] Morrison, Jon (Asbury) (Guest)

[Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices \(MUTCD\) - FHWA \(dot.gov\)](#)

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[10:37 AM] Morrison, Jon (Asbury) (Guest)

FHWA does not print copies of the MUTCD. The PDF version of the [11th Edition of the MUTCD](#) is the most current edition of the official FHWA publication.

[10:38 AM] Nigel Samaroo

any thoughts from the committee regarding the cuts announced by the Governor and the effect on transportation

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[10:38 AM] Nate Evans

https://www.mdot.maryland.gov/OPCP/MDOT_State_Bike_Ped_Master_Plan_FULL_FINAL_VERSION.pdf

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[10:39 AM] Nigel Samaroo
Yayyy

[10:39 AM] Brigitte Carty -LSHG- (Guest)
Thank you! What a great accomplishment!
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[10:41 AM] Patrick Patterson
May have to drop my laptop's battery is dying and I don't have my cord.

[10:44 AM] Patti Stevens (Guest)
Come Bike the Eastern Shore in May:
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[10:44 AM] Patti Stevens (Guest)
[Maryland Coast Bike Festival | Eastern Shore MD Bicycle Rides](#)

[10:46 AM] Jon Korin (Guest)
<https://www.bikemaryland.org/events/2023-bike-maryland-symposium/>

[10:47 AM] Ndegwa R. Kamau (Guest)
Great meeting!! Thank you.

[10:47 AM] Hendrickson, Matthew (DDOT)
Thanks all!

[10:47 AM]
Ryan Sigworth no longer has access to the chat.

[10:47 AM] Brigitte Carty -LSHG- (Guest)
Great Meeting! Thank you all!!

[10:48 AM]
10:48 AM Meeting ended: 2h 1m 49s