# M A R Pedestrian Advisory Committee

9:00 AM

April 28, 2023

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#### **MEETING MINUTES**

#### Attendees:

Members:		Non-Members:		
Jon Morrison, Chair	Susan Llueras	240-351-4133	301-873-8225	301-915-0287
Marty Baker	Kristi Pier	DB	Stewart Becker	Brigitte Carty
Lt. Laura Beck	Patti Stevens	Thomasina Coates	Reuben B. Collins	David Edmondson
Bong Delrosario	Pierre Stewart	Liz Flannagan	Alexander Houck	Seth Grimes
Marshall Edwards	Nigel Samaroo	Matthew Keadle	Jon Korin	Molly Nur
Steve Green	Jim Titus	Daniel Paschall	Kevin Racine	Meaghan (Guest)
Matt Hendrickson	John Wetmore			
Andrew Mengel	Antoine RJ Wright			
Absent Members:		Staff:		
Eli Glazier	Brooks Phelps	Nate Evans	Francine Waters	
Marian Vessels				

## I. Welcome & Introductions

The meeting began at 9:0 AM with Jon Morrison welcoming attendees. Nate Evans stated that the meeting is being recorded and lead a roll call of committee members with a quorum established.

## II. Agenda Review and Approval of Minutes

The agenda was reviewed with no revisions. Jim Titus motioned to approve the January 27, 2023 meeting minutes. Antoine RJ Wright seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

## III. Maryland Statewide Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan

Nate Evans, Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Active Transportation Planner, and Liz Flannagan, Kittelson & Associates, provided an update on the Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP) as the initial public outreach phase is closing. The plan team will continue to identify needs with stakeholders before drafting recommendations this summer.

IV. "Let's Move Frederick" City of Frederick Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (15 min) David Edmondson, Transportation Planner II and Vision Zero Coordinator, City of Frederick Office of Planning, presented on the Frederick's Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. The Plan



addresses parking, land use policy and maintenance issues and recommends a \$123 million, 125mile built-out bikeway network.

# V. Old Business & Public Comment (10 min)

Richard Openshaw recommended adding 'choice' to the BPMP vision statement and hoped the Plan includes return on investments which help families reduce transportation costs.

Kevin Racine let the committee know he has relocated to Harford County and wants to participate in future planning efforts.

At a future meeting, Jim Titus would like to revisit the issue of bike lanes crossing transit rail lines at acute angles

# VI. MBPAC Subcommittee Reports (15 min)

The Disability Subcommittee did not provide an update.

The Eastern Shore Subcommittee is grateful the state rail plan's implementation is moving forward with MDOT assisting the subcommittee by identifying rail lines which may be retired. A National Park Service application was submitted to create an Eastern Shore Trail Network plan and the subcommittee is awaiting word on award.

The Legislative Subcommittee provided a link to Bike Maryland's legislative update: <u>https://www.bikemaryland.org/bike-maryland-2023-legislative-session-update/</u> Jon Korin shared that HB 70 (Safe Access for All) passed amended and the Bike Symposium was held in-person this year.

Pedestrian Subcommittee lead staff Francine Waters noted that the "Walk This Way" newsletter will be released soon and the next subcommittee meeting will be held June 22 at 10 am.

# VII. Partner Agency Updates (20 min)

Kristi Pier from the Maryland Department of Health shared the Department is applying for Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) State Physical Activity and Nutrition (SPAN) Program funding, the new Health Secretary walked State Center with employees and the Department hopes to restart the Walkability Academy.

Andrew Mengel from the Department of Natural Resources noted that a work group was established to review e-bike and scooter policies on DNR lands.

Eli Glazier from the Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning Commission shared that the Montgomery County Pedestrian Master Plan is being finalized and published next week.

Nate Evans shared that Bikeways applications will be accepted between May 1 and June 1, 2023, Transportation Alternatives and Recreational Trails applications will be accepted until May 15 and Bike to Work Day is May 19. Mary Baker shared the MDOT's secretary Paul Wiedefeld's senior staff



is on-board, the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan should launch next week and the Maryland Highway Safety Office held a successful Safety Summit on April 12. A new MHSO crash dashboard was launched at the Summit.

#### VIII. Closing Reminders and Adjournment (5 min)

Action item(s):

1. Discuss transit rail line intersection angles at a future meeting.

The next MBPAC meeting will be held on July 28, 2023. Jon Korin will help find a location in Anne Arundel County.

Jim Titus motioned to adjourn the meeting. Pierre Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10:50.



# Appendix– Chat Log from the April 28, 2023 MBPAC Meeting

[[9:05 AM] Alexander Houck Alexander Houck - MDOT MTA Office of Safety & member of HVL Street Design Team (Hyattsville, MD)

[9:05 AM] Meaghan (Guest) Meaghan Hart - University of Maryland Terps for Bike Lanes Member

[9:06 AM] Brigitte Carty has temporarily joined the chat.

[9:06 AM] Jon Korin, BikeAAA (Guest) Jon Korin, BikeAAA 9:06 AM]

Seth Grimes, WABA (Guest) has temporarily joined the chat.

[9:07 AM] Elizabeth Flanagan Liz Flanagan - Kittelson & Associates

[9:07 AM] Nur, Molly Molly Nur, WRA, Baltimore - part of consultant Team engaged on MDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update

[9:08 AM] Daniel Paschall, East Coast Greenway Alliance (Guest) has temporarily joined the chat.

[9:08 AM] Becker, Stewart Stewart Becker, Baltimore City Resident. University of Maryland Medical Center

[9:08 AM] David Edmondson David Edmondson, City of Frederick. My presentation will reference this procedurally-generated bicycle map, which you may want to peruse ahead of time: <u>https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1kPp6K8IjZBZLmEJDuR\_oMDyDJOnGKVs&II=38.84928184918</u> <u>274%2C-77.2697515&z=8</u>

[9:10 AM] Patti Stevens (External) has temporarily joined the chat.

[9:12 AM] Brigitte Carty no longer has access to the chat.

[9:13 AM] Reuben B. Collins, II Reuben Collins, President Charles County Board of Commissioners and present Chair of the MWCOG TPB here

[9:13 AM] Matthew Keadle no longer has access to the chat.



[9:14 AM] Morrison, Jon

2050 MDOT Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan Kickoff Public Meeting 2023 - YouTube

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[9:15 AM] Morrison, Jon 2050 MD Bike Ped Plan (2050marylandbpmp.com) 2050 MD Bike Ped Plan

[9:17 AM] Patti Stevens (Guest) has temporarily joined the chat.

[9:18 AM] Patti Stevens (External) no longer has access to the chat.

[9:22 AM] jim (Guest) Biking in ,most traffic does not mean you are comfortable with traffic, jus that you do it anyway.

like 1 [9:24 AM] DB (Guest) has temporarily joined the chat.

[9:24 AM] John Z Wetmore (Guest) has temporarily joined the chat.

[9:25 AM] Brigitte Carty -LSHG- (Guest) has temporarily joined the chat.

[9:25 AM] jim (Guest)

Motorists may say they like protected bike lanes, but still they oppose creation of most such lanes because they usually take away parking or a travel lane.

[9:25 AM] Patti Stevens (Guest) We love trails and want more on the Eastern Shore, but greater care is needed where the trail intersects /crosses roads.

[9:26 AM] Jon Korin, BikeAAA (Guest) The plan should embrace an ALL AGES, ALL ABILITIES view. There's an increasing variety of mobility devices used by people with disabilities that should be addressed. like 1 heart 1

[9:27 AM] Kristi Pier (she/her) MDH (Guest) Great overview, thanks so much!

[9:30 AM] Seth Grimes, WABA (Guest)

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# Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

I have to leave for another meeting: Seth Grimes, Washington Area Bicyclist Association, Maryland organizer, seth.grimes@waba.org.

[9:30 AM]

Seth Grimes, WABA (Guest) no longer has access to the chat.

[9:31 AM] Patti Stevens (Guest)

For the focus groups with Stakeholders, we'd love to have an opportunity to provide feedback at the next meeting of the Eastern Shore Regional Network in late May.

[9:33 AM] Brigitte Carty -LSHG- (Guest) no longer has access to the chat.

[9:33 AM] Susan Llareus has temporarily joined the chat.

[9:35 AM] Thomasina Coates has temporarily joined the chat.

[9:37 AM] Brigitte Carty -LSHG0 (Guest) has temporarily joined the chat.

[9:43 AM] DB (Guest) no longer has access to the chat.

[9:44 AM] David Edmondson If a trail network is proposed, it needs to be a) funded, b) lit for all-hours use, and c) integrated into the roadway network like 2

[9:46 AM] Patti Stevens (Guest) love your questions Bong. heart 1

[9:48 AM] jim (Guest)

Suggest that the plan somewhere address the long-standing refusal of both trail entities in PG County to maintain proposed trails that logically either entity could maintain, on the grounds that the other entity should maintain it, resulting in trail not being built even when state or private entity offers the funding.

[9:49 AM] John Z Wetmore (Guest) Connected vehicles must not rely on peds and bikes carrying electronic devices.

[9:53 AM] Bong Delrosario John Z Wetmore (Guest)

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Right! I was more less talking about collecting data purposes (traffic). Hillen rd by Morgan has data that captures traffic both ped and vehicle to better asses CAV issues

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[9:54 AM] Patti Stevens (Guest) I will participate if needed on the committee.

[9:54 AM] jim (Guest) Yes keep me in loop

[9:54 AM] Bong Delrosario same

[9:54 AM] Becker, Stewart me too

[9:55 AM] Morrison, Jon <u>2050 MDOT Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan | Kittelson & Associates, Inc.</u> 2050 MDOT Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan | Kittelson & Associates, Inc.

[9:55 AM] Morrison, Jon The map

[9:55 AM] David Edmondson https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1kPp6K8IjZBZLmEJDuR\_oMDyDJOnGKVs&II=38.84928184918 274%2C-77.2697515&z=8

[10:02 AM] Marty Baker David: Kudos for including land use and parking policy as integral to active transportation problem-solving!

[10:05 AM] Thomasina Coates Please add me to the committee.

[10:08 AM] Jon Korin, BikeAAA (Guest) What is the data source in the Maryland Procedural Bikeways Map at the link above? There is a lot that doesn't align with the actual and planned infra. in my area. Or is the map notional? like 1

[10:09 AM] Patti Stevens (Guest) Town of Snow Hill, MD vetoed protected bike lanes in their town because of concerns about costs/effort for snow clearing...

[10:15 AM] Patti Stevens (Guest) LOVE This!! I want all the separated bike paths (red) that you show for the Eastern Shore counties!

[10:17 AM] jim (Guest) Patti: How does Worchester County feel about the protected bikeways?

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[10:19 AM] jim (Guest)

Is the procedural map meant to be taken literally? Just needs to not be oversold. It does not include right of way either.

[10:20 AM] Nate Evans The LTS map includes shared-use paths <u>https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/8f01552b8ff745d8902476a7c569f64c/</u>

[10:27 AM] Thomasina Coates no longer has access to the chat.

[10:30 AM] Daniel Paschall, East Coast Greenway Alliance (Guest) Wanted to share this ways to test and implement re: road diets for walking and biking access <u>https://montgomeryparks.org/montgomery-planning-board-approves-permanent-road-diet-on-little-falls-parkway/</u>

Montgomery Planning Board approves permanent road diet on Little Falls Parkway The board approved the Little Falls Parkway pilot project with four votes for the project and one abstaining.

[10:37 AM] Jon Korin, BikeAAA (Guest) 2023 BikeMD Legislative Update: <u>https://www.bikemaryland.org/bike-maryland-2023-legislative-session-update/</u>

Bike Maryland 2023 Legislative Session Update - Bike Maryland We are excited to present to you a recap of the 2023 legislative session. Bike Maryland was extremely active all 90 days to pass legislation making cycling (and walking) in...

[10:38 AM] Nigel Samaroo (Guest) https://www.bikemaryland.org/bike-maryland-2023-legislative-session-update/

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[10:41 AM] Nate Evans

The Joint Chairman's Report includes additional bike ped trail improvements: <u>https://dls.maryland.gov/pubs/prod/OperBgt/Joint-Chairmens-Report-2023-Session.pdf</u>

[10:41 AM] Susan Llareus no longer has access to the chat.

[10:52 AM] Marty Baker

https://zerodeathsmd.gov/news/maryland-department-of-transportation-convenes-annual-highway-safetysummit-unveils-new-crash-fatality-dashboard/

Maryland Department of Transportation Convenes Annual Highway Safety Summit, Unveils New Crash Fatality Dashboard - Zero Deaths Maryland & Vision Zero - Maryland Highway Safety Office

LINTHICUM HEIGHTS, MD (April 12, 2023) – The Maryland Department of Transportation today convened

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the annual Highway Safety Summit, bringing together safety leaders and stakeholders to develop step...

[10:52 AM] John Z Wetmore (Guest) potomac river flood levels

[10:52 AM] Patti Stevens (Guest) will we meet in person in the future?

[10:54 AM] Patti Stevens (Guest) Happy face.

[10:55 AM] Meaghan (Guest) Thank you!