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JANUARY 28, 2022

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MEETING MINUTES

Attendees:

Members:

Jon Morrison, Chair
Lt. Laura Beck
Marshall Edwards
Heather Ersts
Eli Glazier
Steve Green
Chelsea Hayman
Jeff Hirsch
Andrew Mengel

Kristi Pier
Marquette Rogers
Gabriel Rose
Patti Stevens
Pierre Stewart
Sarah Sularz
Jim Titus
John Wetmore
Antoine RJ Wright

Absent Members:

Steve Friedman
Karen Schonfeld

Jim Smith
Marian Vessels

Non-Members:

Greg Hinchliffe
Daniel Pachall
Lorissa McAllister
Doug Mowbray
Kathleen Hayes
Brigitte Carty
Bill Barnard
Cynthia Spriggs
Earl Lewis
Michael
Bomgardner

Patrick McMahon
Jon Korin
Michael Farrell
Dominic Scali
Tina Williams
Minseok Kim
Adam Crosby
Daniel Paschall
Nigel Samaroo
Natalia Sanchez
Hernandez

Steph Piperno
Walt Roscello
Jeffrey McCauley
Charlene Mingus
Daryl Anthony
Logan Blackistone
David Greene
Deni Deliallisi
Teresa Donnelly

Staff:

Marty Baker
Nate Evans
Francine Waters

I. Welcome & Introductions (10 min)

Jon Morrison, Chair and MDOT Staff

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

The agenda was reviewed with the addition of MDOT Deputy Secretary Earl Lewis, review committee comments on the state rail plan and the removal of the Baltimore County Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan update.

Antoine RJ Wright motioned to approve the minutes. Pierre Stewart seconded the motion. The committee approved the minutes unanimously.

III. MDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Discussion (5 min)

Earl Lewis, MDOT Deputy Secretary for Policy, Planning & Enterprise Services joined the meeting and shared MDOT's vision for creating safe and convenient bicycle and pedestrian access. Earl shared that MDOT is hosting bicycle, pedestrian, trail and transit grants webinar on Wednesday, February 16 at 10 am. For event details, visit <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7033585098555540494>



IV. Potential 2022 Legislation Discussion (30 min)

Jon Morrison led an open discussion on legislation introduced for the upcoming 2022 Maryland General Assembly legislative session. Marty Baker shared MDOT-sponsored SB 210 for commuter tax credits including active transportation benefits. Jon Morrison reviewed the legislation listed in Appendix B. The Legislative Subcommittee will prepare recommendations to be distributed to the Governor and state agencies.

V. MDOT Level of Traffic Stress (LTS) (25 min)

Nate Evans, Active Transportation Planner, Maryland Department of Transportation briefed the committee on MDOT's bicycle level of traffic stress analysis. The statewide analysis illustrates how bikeable the road network is based on bicycle facility type, traffic volumes and speeds. The online LTS analysis can be found online at: <https://tinyurl.com/4zasvmst>

VI. State Rail Plan Recommendations (15 min)

Patti Stevens led the committee's effort to address trail access with the state rail plan update. Patti reviewed the draft comments on the plan to be submitted to MDOT and motioned to submit the comments. Jim Titus seconded the motion. With 6 ayes, the committee approved the recommendations. All state agencies abstained.

VII. MBPAC Subcommittee Reports (5 min)

Francine Waters reported that the Pedestrian Subcommittee has collaborated with Montgomery and Howard Counties on pedestrian initiatives and increased Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) public participation. The next subcommittee meeting will be March 17 with the Urban Land Trust and Prince George's County.

The Disability subcommittee looked at the Perkins Homes re-development and is evaluating ways to reduce scooter-blocked sidewalks.

For the Eastern Shore committee, Patti Stevens shared that The Eastern Shore Land Conservancy is hosting trail planning workshop on April 28th.

VIII. Old Business & Public Comment (10 min)

Patti Stevens shared the new ACA Delmarva Route is now available:
<https://www.adventurecycling.org/routes-and-maps/adventure-cycling-route-network/delmarva/>

IX. MBPAC Annual Report (5 min)

The committee reviewed the draft annual report which was distributed prior to the meeting. Antoine RJ Wright motioned to approve the report. Steve Green seconded the motion. The committee approve the report unanimously.

X. Partner Agency Updates (5 min)



In addition to the February 16 MDOT Grants workshop, MDOT TSO shared that an upcoming Complete Streets webinar hosted by the Department of Planning. Kim Lamphier Bikeways Network Program is accepting letters of intent until April 1.

MDOT Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) has removed bike lockers at some rail transit stop locations but will improve bike parking at other locations with greater need. Personal e-bikes and scooters are now allowed on all MDOT rail systems.

MDOT State Highway Administration (SHA) is evaluating the public response to the PSAP priority corridors. The statewide freight plan survey is currently available.

The Department of Commerce posted new videos highlighting cycling along scenic highways.

XI. Closing Reminders and Adjournment (5 min)

Meeting actions items included the scheduling a legislative subcommittee meeting and finalizing the annual report.

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

Jim Titus motioned to adjourn the meeting. Patti Stevens seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM



Appendix A – Chat Log from the January 28, 2022 MBPAC Meeting

[1/28 9:15 AM] Chelsea (Guest)

My apologies for being late! Had technical difficulties

[1/28 9:17 AM] John Z Wetmore (Guest)

I'm not sure why my mic isn't working.

[1/28 9:22 AM] Walt Roscello (SoMD P-BIAC) (Guest)

Please don't forget the Nice Bridge when talking about Md-Va connections

[1/28 9:22 AM] Daniel Paschall, ECGA (Guest)

The Ma & Pa is wonderful! Let's expand the Ma & Pa Trail to Towson and Baltimore.

[1/28 9:23 AM] Nate Evans

MDOT Bike Ped Trail Transit Grants Webinar Wed, Feb 16 10 am -

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7033585098555540494>

[1/28 9:23 AM] Patti Stevens (Guest)

Thank you Mr. Lewis.

[1/28 9:24 AM] John Z Wetmore (Guest)

Name misspelled.

[1/28 9:35 AM] Patti Stevens (Guest)

I would agree completely with Jim's suggested improvements to this bill.

(2 liked)

[1/28 9:36 AM] Daniel Paschall, ECGA (Guest)

Buses deserve their own dedicated lanes in the cartway, with physically separated space for biking and walking as well. The sustainable modes of transportation (buses, bikes, walking) that move more people per hour than single-occupant vehicles shouldn't be fighting over the edges of a multi-lane arterial highway but should instead be replacing the single-occupant vehicle lanes.

[1/28 9:44 AM] John Z Wetmore (Guest)

I would support it.

[1/28 9:45 AM] Sarah Lipkin Sularz

I will also have to leave at 10am for another obligation. Thank you all and have a good weekend.

[1/28 9:48 AM] Rogers, Marquette (NIH/OD/ORS) [C]

Please add me Chair Morrison to the Legislative Committee

(1 liked)

[1/28 9:49 AM] John Z Wetmore (Guest)



Media briefing on June 17, 2021. Launch of the Vision Zero speed reduction program, "20 is Plenty," in North Bethesda, Montgomery County, Maryland. The program will lower speed limits to 20 miles per hour on targeted streets to promote safer roadways for pedestrians and bicyclists.

The Maryland General Assembly, during the 2021 session, passed House Bill 562 sponsored by the Montgomery County House Delegation. The bill authorized Montgomery County, and its municipalities, to decrease the maximum speed limit to not less than 15 miles per hour on local roadways, but only after performing an engineering and traffic investigation.

MCDOT Director Christopher Conklin

County Executive Marc Elrich

County Council President Tom Hucker

County Councilmember Andrew Friedson

County Councilmember Evan Glass

Pedestrian, Bicycle and Traffic Safety Committee Chair Kristy Daphnis

20 Is Plenty

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TitDfaLIllc>

[1/28 9:51 AM] Laura Beck (Guest)

I am sorry but I have to leave at 10. Lt Beck, MSP

[1/28 9:55 AM] Patti Stevens (Guest)

Will there be a Bike MD Advocacy Day this year either in person or virtually?

[1/28 9:55 AM] Greg Hinchliffe (Guest)

Deja Vu all over again. I thought we had settled this issue 10 or so years ago. State agencies abstained and a majority of the remaining votes prevailed.

[1/28 9:55 AM] Jon K (Guest)

2021 was a breakthrough with MDOT supporting the Vulnerable Road User Bill. Would love to see MDOT support more bills that advance bike/ped safety

(1 liked)

[1/28 10:00 AM] Laura Beck (Guest)

I have to leave now. I'm sorry. Another meeting.

[1/28 10:00 AM] Marshall Edwards (Guest)

Need to drop off . Thank you . Have a great day . Look forward to the meeting in April

[1/28 10:01 AM] Jon K (Guest)

HB404 Enabling Speed Limit Reduction

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgaweb/Legislation/Details/hb0404?ys=2022RS>

(1 liked)

[1/28 10:07 AM] Nate Evans

MDOT Level of Traffic Stress Map - <https://tinyurl.com/4zasvmst>

[1/28 10:07 AM] Walt Roscello (SoMD P-BIAC) (Guest)

Nate, can you paste the URL in the chat so it is copyable?



[1/28 10:10 AM] Daniel Paschall, ECGA (Guest)

Sorry I had to step out for a second and I apologize if you covered this, Nate, but can you speak to how this looks at intersections, which can vary greatly in how navigable and stressful those can be for people on bikes?

Will the analysis be able to call out especially dangerous intersections that disconnect low stress bike lanes or shared use paths on either side?

[1/28 10:13 AM] Antoine Wright (Guest)

Here's the full URL:

https://www.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?url=https://services.arcgis.com/njFNhDsUCentVYJW/ArcGIS/rest/services/Maryland_Bicycle_LTS/FeatureServer&source=sd

(1 liked)

[1/28 10:16 AM] jim (Guest)

The issue about varying bike lane quality can also apply to sidepaths, even with a model, based on frequency of driveways..

[1/28 10:18 AM] Jon K (Guest)

Awesome tool but it is important to keep some distinction between planning tools and public bike routing tools. I suggest this will be useful for planners initially and then after further refinement for public routing

(1 liked)

[1/28 10:21 AM] Daniel Paschall, ECGA (Guest)

Another layer of data that could be crowdsourced and then ground-truthed would be the level of disrepair or maintenance needed on a given bike lane or path, as stripes get faded and shared use paths often have less dedicated maintenance funds than roads

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[1/28 10:28 AM] Jon K (Guest)

In addition to Rail Lines, Maryland should be more proactive on use of Utility Rights of Way for trails (like the one in western MoCo)

[1/28 10:30 AM] Rogers, Marquette (NIH/OD/ORS) [C]

Stepping away for an employee meeting

[1/28 10:37 AM] John Z Wetmore (Guest)

Aye.

[1/28 10:37 AM] Antoine Wright (Guest)

I vote in favor for Rail Plan Recommendations

[1/28 10:37 AM] Steve Green (Guest)

I vote yes on Rail Plan Recommendations.

[1/28 10:37 AM] Kristi Pier (Guest)

Abstain



[1/28 10:37 AM] Chelsea (Guest)
abstain

[1/28 10:37 AM] Heather Ersts
Abstain

[1/28 10:37 AM] Glazier, Eli
abstain

[1/28 10:38 AM] Gabriel Rose (Guest)
Abstain

[1/28 10:39 AM] John Z Wetmore (Guest)
Is MDOT having anyone monitor the State Freight Plan for positive or negative impacts on peds and bikes?

[1/28 10:40 AM] Nate Evans
ACA Eastern Shore bike maps, Jenn Hamelman <https://www.adventurecycling.org/routes-and-maps/adventure-cycling-route-network/delmarva/>

[1/28 10:45 AM] Marty Baker, MDOT (Guest)
In answer to John Wetmore: Yes - MDOT is looking at the State Freight plan from a Bike/Ped perspective and recommend others do so as well. There is currently a survey open to facilitate providing input - w/a deadline of 1/31: <https://www.mdot.maryland.gov/tso/pages/Index.aspx?Pageld=166>

[1/28 10:48 AM] Brigitte Carty -LSHG-
I'm heading off to a meeting with Vulcan Quarry and Mason-Dixon Trail System about the opening the 1.1 mile trail in Havre de Grace that surrounds the quarry - connecting the property/road across from Canvasback Dr to Lapidum and the I-95 overpass
Tentative Ribbon Cutting/opening date: April 9th
(1 liked)

[1/28 10:48 AM] John Z Wetmore (Guest)
Perhaps MDTA needs to be subject to a stronger Complete Streets Policy.

[1/28 10:51 AM] Morrison, Jon (Asbury)
Thank you Greg for the Nice-Middleton bridge comment/question

[1/28 10:51 AM] Jon K (Guest)
Maryland should adopt as policy safe, separated bike/ped facilities on bridges whether or not they receive federal funding
(1 liked)

[1/28 10:52 AM] Chelsea (Guest)
Where is the urban land trust located?

[1/28 10:56 AM] Kristi Pier (Guest)
I need to leave now, thank you!



[1/28 10:56 AM] Antoine Wright (Guest)

Read a pretty neat thread yesterday on ROI of removing parking to add bike lanes; sharing for interest is all
<https://twitter.com/pflax1/status/1486721955797504012?s=21>

[1/28 10:56 AM] Daniel Paschall, ECGA (Guest)

MD should look to the USDOT and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law re: the importance of adding bicycling and walking access on bridges for repairs and new bridges: <https://bikeleague.org/content/biking-and-walking-access-now-required-bridges>

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[1/28 11:00 AM] Francine Waters

The Trust for Public Land 666 Broadway, 9th Floor
New York, New York 10012

[1/28 11:00 AM] Nate Evans

http://smartgrowth.org/from-complete-streets-to-complete-networks-a-data-driven-performance-based-multimodal-planning-tool/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=

[1/28 11:00 AM] Chelsea (Guest)

I have to run! thank you.

[1/28 11:00 AM] Heather Ersts

New C&O Canal Byway Videos – all 3 of 3 complete

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mw_x04ZIDao

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZDoJX25wFc4>

2022 Harriet Tubman 200

Eastern Shore named National Geographic World Best Places in 2022 for Families

Eastern Shore also listed as one of Fodor's Places to Travel in 2022

Oct. 15 Bike the UGRR: Harriet's Journey Home

Join in a bicycling event inspired by Harriet Tubman and her daring journeys to freedom along the Underground Railroad on Oct. 15, 2022. Choose from a 25-mile or 43-mile ride along and around the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway on Maryland's Eastern Shore. The event benefits a campaign to raise funds for a new bronze statue of Harriet Tubman in Cambridge, Maryland.

Maryland's Scenic Byways: Chesapeake & Ohio Canal (Capital) - YouTube

www.youtube.com

[1/28 11:00 AM] Patrick McMahon

Patrick McMahon with MDOT MTA, the Maryland Transit Administration. We're working on a lot of things but given the limited time I wanted to quickly touch on three issues.

First, MDOT MTA is working through our Fast Forward program and other efforts to add additional bicycle parking at our rail stations around the state and I hope to have more information about those plans at a future meeting.

Second, we recognized that the bike lockers at most of our Metro stations haven't been used in the last decade, if ever, so we have removed the bike lockers from the stations between Mondawmin and Old Court, with lockers only remaining at Owings Mills. We'll be looking at whether additional bike parking should be provided at these stations and are looking into ways we can make our remaining bike lockers easier to use.



Finally, a few years ago we put a blanket ban on eScooters and eBikes on any MDOT MTA vehicle or station, but we've taken another look at that issue and are now allowing personally owned, folding eScooters on all of our vehicles along with standard size eBikes weighing less than 50 pounds. Shared, rental eScooters and eBikes are still not allowed on our vehicles or stations and the weight limit on eBikes was based on the weight capacity of some of our bike racks. We've also been working closely with Baltimore City DOT on establishing shared mobility corrals for scooters and bikes at our City stations. The press release about the policy can be found at <https://www.mta.maryland.gov/articles/328>.

[1/28 11:01 AM] Cynthia Spriggs

Thank you, I have another meeting to join.

[1/28 11:05 AM] Daniel Paschall, ECGA (Guest)

The fantastic new MD LTS map can help illuminate the issues of high stress of the bridges that were mentioned. Hatem Bridge is LTS 4, "suitable for strong and fearless cyclists", and it is also only open 2 days a week. This means that the bicycle access being cited is incredibly limited for a very small percentage of cyclists (and no pedestrians any days of the week).

MdTA needs to provide more info to the public both on the ground by each side of the bridge and online, in order to coordinate with the Harford Link bus system to make it seamless and easy for folks to know where they can access alternative transportation options over such a limited access bridge. The bus stops have limited info currently.

This is more important every year as more and more cyclists travel the East Coast Greenway every year, and they often don't look up info ahead of time despite us providing as much as we can online. They're also traveling in groups, which could use support from escort vehicles to provide safety.

[1/28 11:05 AM] Patti Stevens (Guest)

Thanks Heather!! Very exciting about the highlights of the Eastern Shore - Harriett Tubman.

(1 liked)

[1/28 11:07 AM] Michael Farrell

Good meeting!

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Appendix B – Potential 2022 Legislation

Bill/Chapter (Cross/Chapter)	Title	Sponsor	Current Status	Org Committees & Hearings
HB0019	Education – School Construction – Pedestrian Safety Plans (Safe Walk to School Act)	Delegate Solomon	In The House – Hearing 1/18 at 1:00pm	Appropriations 1/18/2022 - 1:00pm
HB0064	State Highways – Designated Shoulder Areas – Establishment and Use by Transit Buses	Delegate Krimm	In The House – Hearing 1/20 at 1:00pm	Environment and Transportation 1/20/2022 - 1:00pm
HB0073	Baltimore City – Complete Streets and Safe Routes to School Programs - Funding	Delegate Lewis, R	In The House – First Reading Environment and Transportation	Environment and Transportation
HB0141 (SB0023)	Equity in Transportation Sector - Guidelines and Analyses	Delegate Ruth	In the House – Hearing 1/27 at 1:00pm	Environment and Transportation 1/27/2022 - 1:00pm
HB0198	Vehicle Laws – Towing – Clearing and Disposal of Debris	Delegate Ebersole	In the House – Hearing 1/27 at 1:00pm	Environment and Transportation 1/27/2022 - 1:00pm
HB0254	State Highway Administration – Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities – Infrastructure Review (Vision Zero Implementation Act of 2022)	Delegate Palakovich Carr	In the House – Hearing 2/3 at 1:00pm	Environment and Transportation 2/3/2022 at 1:00pm
SB0023 (HB0141)	Equity in Transportation Sector - Guidelines and Analyses	Senator Carter	In the Senate – Hearing 1/26 at 1:00pm	Finance 1/26/2022 at 1:00pm
SB0025 (HB0007)	Reckless and Negligent Driving – Death of Another- Must-Appear Violation (Sherry's and Christopher's Law)	Senator Cassilly	In the Senate – Hearing 1/18 at 1:00pm	Judicial Hearings 1/18/2022 at 1:00pm
SB0210	Tax Credits – Employer-Provided Commuter Benefits - Expansion	Chair – Budget and Taxation Committee	In the Senate – Hearing 1/18 at 1:00pm	Budget and Taxation 1/18/2022 at 1:00pm