

Meeting Minutes

Attendees (in person): Marty Baker, Laura Beck, Jim Bender, Eric Brenner, Wayne Clark, Jeff Dunckel, Heather Ersts, Megan Flake, Megan Flick, Charles Glass, Sean Guy, Scott Hansen, Austin Heffernan, Joe Kelly, Greg Hinchliffe, Joyce Martin, Jaime McKay, Jim Meddler, Mike Mittel, Steve Miller, Jon Morrison, Matt Mullenax, Oluseyi Olugbenle, Karen Schonfeld, Peter Sotherland, Steve Thomas, Tom Sullivan

Attendees (on conference call): Steve Ashurst, Heather Ersts, Nate Evans, Gordon Chaffin, Eileen Sparling, Roy Gothie, Jack Keene, Jon Korin, Kevin Racine, Patrick McMahon, Dominic Scali, Nacole Smith, John Z Wetmore,

I. **Welcome/Introductions/Approval of Minutes**

Eric Brenner, Chair of MBPAC, opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. He asked for any corrections to the October meeting minutes, received none and the minutes were approved. Eric Brenner introduced MBPAC's newest members, Karen Schonfeld, Eileen Sparling, and Jason Semanoff.

II. **MDOT Spine Network**

Peter Sotherland, Assistant Division Chief/Bike-Ped Coordinator, provided an update on the Maryland Bike Spine Network. For more information on this effort, see Peter's presentation here: http://www.mdot.maryland.gov/newMDOT/Planning/Bike_Walk/Documents/MBPAC/MBPAC_Bike_MapPresentation_1-25-09.pdf

III. **Legislative Session**

John Morrison, MBPAC member, listed current and potential bills for the 2019 General Session. Marty Baker noted that MDOT is working with various partners and local jurisdictions to clarify the definitions of electric vehicles as a separate category, separate from pedestrian and cyclists.

IV. **HEPMPO Bike/Ped Efforts**

Matt Mullenax, Executive Director of the Hagerstown/Eastern Panhandle, provided background on metropolitan planning organizations in the State, current efforts in the region, and future plans to support biking and walking in the region.

See Matt's presentation here:

http://www.mdot.maryland.gov/newMDOT/Planning/Bike_Walk/Documents/MBPAC/MBPAC_HEPMPO_BikePedEfforts_012519.pdf

V. **State Agency Updates**

Marty Baker thanked MBPAC members for their involvement in the completion of the Maryland 2040 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update. See the Plan here:

http://www.mdot.maryland.gov/newMDOT/Planning/Bike_Walk/Documents/Bike_Ped_Plan_Update/2019_01_08%20MDOT_Final%20Version_Low%20Res%20with%20Page%20Borders.pdf

Jeff Dunckel and Jaime Mckay provided grant program updates. For more information on grant program outreach, see:

http://www.mdot.maryland.gov/newMDOT/Planning/Bike_Walk/Bike%20Walks.html

VI. Upcoming Events/Dates/Locations for Next Meeting

MBPAC meetings of 2019:

- April 26 – Baltimore Regional Transportation Board
Address: 1500 Whetstone Way Suite 300, Baltimore, MD 21230
- July 12 – Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, Eunice Q. Sorin Visitor and Conference Center, 12320 Ocean Gateway, Ocean City, MD 21842
- October 25 – National Capital Regional Transportation Board
Address: 777 North Capitol St NE, Washington, DC 20002

Other Events:

- Bike Maryland Symposium – February 19, 2019
- National Bike Summit – March 9 -12, 2019
- East Coast Greenway Trail Summit – April 4 - 6, 2019

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In Person:

Tanya Asman, Laura Beck, Eric Brenner, Matt Craft, Jeff Dunkel, Heather Ersts, Josh Feldmark, Charles Glass, Steve Green, John Hartline, Greg Hinchcliffe, Jennifer Hopkins, Dan Janousek, Jon Korin, Patrick McMahon, Oluseyi Olugbenle, Daniel Paschall, Jason Semanoff, Karen Schonfeld, Jim Titus, Russ Ulrich, John Wetmore,

On the Conference Call:

Roy Gothie, Stanley Newborn, Kevin Racine, Dominic Scali, Nacole Smith

I. Welcome/Introductions/Approval of Minutes

Eric Brenner, Chair of MBPAC, opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. January minutes were approved.

II. 2019 Legislative Session

Jon Korin and Josh Feldmark provided an update on the outcome of relevant bills from the 2019 legislative session.

Jason Semanoff provided an update on legislation (that did not pass) to set minimal Physical Education requirements for all children in school. He expressed an interest in partnering with MBPAC members during the next legislative session to move the bill forward.

III. Baltimore Regional Transportation Board Presentation – Bike and Pedestrian Efforts

Tanya Asman, Chair of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Group (BPAG), gave a presentation on current and future bike and pedestrian efforts by the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board. See Tanya's presentation here:

http://www.mdot.maryland.gov/newMDOT/Planning/Bike_Walk/Documents/MBPAC/Intro%20to%20MBPAC.pdf

IV. State Agency Updates

Patrick McMahon updated members on the new bikes on MARC policy and passed out updated schedules showing which trains bikes are permitted on.

Charles Glass updated members on the status of the American Legion Bridge and I-495/I-270 Widening Project. The public, private, partnership process will comply with anything that is in Maryland statute. MDOT is still gathering information on local and regional master plans, including looking into the American Legion Bridge. MDOT is also coordinating with VDOT on a proposed bike/ped facility under their NEXT project. Charles passed out printed copies of the 2019 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan which was completed and approved by the Governor in January 2019.

Heather Ersts gave an update on several campaigns and initiatives underway in the Office of Tourism including the “Open for It” Campaign and the Great Allegany Passage Public Television Video.

Daniel Paschall provided an update on East Coast Greenway initiatives including the East Coast Greenway Trail Summit held on April 4 – 6, 2019.

V. Upcoming Events/Dates/Locations for Next Meeting

Save the dates for the following MBPAC meetings of 2019:

- July 12 – Eastern Shore Region: Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, Eunice Q. Sorin Visitor and Conference Center, 12320 Ocean Gateway, Ocean City, MD 21842
- October 25 – Washington Capital Region: National Capital Regional Transportation Board, 777 North Capitol St NE, Washington, DC 20002

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In Person:

Marty Baker, Elizabeth Bonin, Lisa Challenger, Jerome Denk, Tres Denk, Jeff Dunckel, Amanda Fenstermaker, John Foley, Charles Glass, Jennifer Hopkins, Paul Mauser, Emily Nock, Jason Semonoff, Rick Wawrzeniak

On the Conference Call:

Eric Brenner, Laura Beck, Heather Ersts, Scott Hansen, Yolanda Hipski, Amanda Klein, Patrick McMahon, Jon Morrison, Daniel Paschall, Peter Sotherland, John Wetmore

I. Welcome/Introductions

Eric Brenner, Chair of MBPAC, and Marty Baker opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.

II. Ocean City Bicycle Advisory Committee Presentation

Paul Mauser, member of the Ocean City Bicycle Advisory Committee, gave a presentation on the current and ongoing efforts of this new committee. See Paul's presentation here:

http://www.mdot.maryland.gov/newMDOT/Planning/Bike_Walk/Documents/MBPAC/July%20MBPAC%20Presentation_Mauser.pdf

III. Maryland Highway Safety Office Presentation

Jeff Dunckel, the Bicycle Safety Program Manager of the Maryland Highway Safety Office gave a presentation on pedestrian and bicycle safety in the state of Maryland. See Jeff's presentation here:

http://www.mdot.maryland.gov/newMDOT/Planning/Bike_Walk/Documents/MBPAC/July%20MBPAC%20Presentation_Dunckel.pdf

IV. Maryland State Highway Administration Presentation

Peter Sotherland, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator at the Maryland State Highway Administration, gave a presentation on the Pedestrian Roadway Safety Audit Program in Ocean City. See Peter's presentation here:

http://www.mdot.maryland.gov/newMDOT/Planning/Bike_Walk/Documents/MBPAC/July%20MBPAC%20Presentation_Sotherland.pdf

V. State Agency/Member Updates

Tres Denk gave an update on his concerns and current bicycle and pedestrian efforts on the Eastern Shore.



VI. Upcoming Events/Dates/Locations for Next Meeting

Save the dates for the final MBPAC meeting of 2019 and the first MBPAC meeting of 2020:

- October 25 – Washington Capital Region: National Capital Regional Transportation Board, 777 North Capitol St NE, Washington, DC 20002
- January 24 – Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO): location TBD

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In Person:

Charles Glass, Marty Baker, Jennifer Hopkins, Nate Evans, Patrick McMahon, Jon Korin, Tanya Asman, Dan Hudson, Daniel Paschall, Jim Titus, Eric Brenner, Kyle Lukacs, Karen Schonfeld, Sarah Lipkin Sularz, Wayne Clark, Jeff Dunckel, Steve Green, Katie Harris, John Z. Wetmore, Jon Morrison, Francine Waters, Mike Farrell

On the Conference Call:

Jason Semonoff, Laura Beck, Roy Gothie, Karen Burkeman

I. Welcome, Introductions & Approval of Minutes

Charles Glass, and Marty Baker opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. Introductions were made for those attending in person and on the conference call. The July 12, 2019 meeting minutes were approved.

II. Moment of Reflection for Kim Lamphier

Jon Korin, Steve Green and Jim Titus shared their fondest memories of Kim Lamphier, a long-time bicycle advocate who passed away in August. John Z. Wetmore recorded Kim's Memorial Service on Saturday, September 14, 2019 and the video will be available soon.

III. MDOT Regional Introduction

Nate Evans, transportation planner at MDOT (MDOT) The Secretary's Office (TSO) provided an introduction to MBPAC's theme of visiting various metropolitan planning organizations (MPO) across the state. Nate also provided context on how the Washington, DC region and MPO promote bicycle and pedestrian planning, and safety initiatives.

IV. Bicycle & Pedestrian Planning at the MPO Level in the Washington, DC Region

Mike Farrell, Senior Transportation Planner, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments gave a presentation on the various activities the Transportation Planning Board (TPB) undertakes to promote walking and biking. See Mike's presentation here: http://www.mdot.maryland.gov/newMDOT/Planning/Bike_Walk/Documents/MBPAC/Bicycle%20and%20Pedestrian%20Planning%20at%20the%20MPO%20Level%20in%20Washington%20DC%20Region.pdf

Notable information from Mike's presentation include:

- TPB's Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee is comprised of subject coordinators of member jurisdictions to share information, host workshops and assist with long-range planning and TIP amendments.

- Visualize 2045 is a constrained long-range transportation plan which was recently amended to include transit station area improvements for pedestrian and bicycle improvements and to complete the National Capital Trails Network.
- TPB conducts the StreetSmart campaign, an education and law enforcement effort to reduce pedestrian crash injuries and fatalities.
- TPB assists with the annual Bike To Work Day celebration.

V. National Capital Trails Coalition

Katie Harris, Trails Coalition Manager, Washington Area Bicyclist Association, gave a presentation how the National Capital Trails project strives to create an all ages and abilities trail network spanning the Washington, DC region. See Katie's presentation here:

http://www.mdot.maryland.gov/newMDOT/Planning/Bike_Walk/Documents/MBPAC/National%20Capital%20Trails%20Coalition.pdf

Notable information from Katie's presentation include:

- The National Capital Trails Network (NCTN) includes 456 miles of existing trails, 386 miles of planned trails and 11 priority trail projects with an additional 40 agreed-upon trail projects.
- In Maryland, the NCTN is located in Montgomery and Prince George's County with priority trail projects such as the WB&A Trail Bridge over the Patuxent River, Suitland Parkway Trail, Oxon Run Trail, Prince George's County Connector, Purple Line Trail and Montrose Parkway East Trail.
- The National Capital Trails Coalition is hosting a Trail Symposium on Thursday, November 14th.
- Following the presentation, the committee discussed developing the trail system along MDOT State Highway Administration (SHA) roadways. In recent years, Prince George's County declined a state-sponsored project along MD 704 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Highway) extending the WB&A Trail as the county would be responsible for post-construction sidepath maintenance. Those in attendance agreed that coordination of sidewalk construction and maintenance remains an issue requiring a comprehensive solution.

VI. State Agency Updates & Public Comments

MDOT TSO

- Marty Baker shared that MBPAC is in need of a chair. An open application process is available to all for both chair and vacant memberships.
- Nate Evans announced the FY202 MDOT Bikeways awards and program updates for FY2021 application process. MDOT TSO is also reviewing personal mobility devices for possible legislation during the 2020 General Assembly session.

- Francine Waters reported on 2019 Walk Maryland Day and plans for 2020 Walk Maryland Day on Wednesday, October 7th, 2019.

MDOT Maryland Transit Administration (MTA)

- Patrick McMahon indicated that all possible MARC cars have been upgraded with bike racks. Additional MARC cars do not have bike racks due to constrained space and need to maintain ADA accessibility.

MDOT Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) Maryland Highway Safety Office (MHSO)

- Jeff Dunckel announced that StreetSmart Look Alive campaign begins Monday, October 28, 2019 with enforcements trainings at crosswalks.

Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

- Dan Hudson shared that the Western Maryland Railroad Trail (WMRT), Phase 4 is complete with a tunnel bypass.
- The Grist Mill Trail in Patapsco Valley State Park is open at Bloede Dam, but remains closed at Lost Lake and areas near the Avalon entrance.
- The Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC) is advertising a 30% design plan project for the Patapsco Regional Greenway from Elkridge to Guinness New Gate Brewery in Halethorpe.
- The Tuckahoe State Park trail project is nearing complete construction. The trail will be named the Frederick Douglass Rail Trail with the next possible phase in Talbot County from Easton to Cordova.

VII. New Business

John Wetmore inquired as to how bicycle and pedestrian improvements will be incorporated in the I-495/I-270 P3 project. Nate Evans shared that MDOT SHA is coordinating with area elected officials, planners and engineers to identify bicycle and pedestrian projects that will be incorporated in overall project. Additionally, several community meetings are being held throughout November 2019. Public comments and requests for associated improvements can be made at these meetings and well into 2020.

Steve Green indicated that the Garrett College Trail from campus to U.S. Route 219 needs an additional \$40,000 to design and construct the project. Steve requested that anyone with grant opportunities contact him to fill the funding gap.

VIII. Upcoming Events/Dates/Locations for Next Meeting

Save the date for the first MBPAC meeting of 2020:

- January 24 – Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO): location TBD

IV. Adjournment