

QUARTERLY MEETING

9:00 AM

July 24, 2020

The State of Maryland is operating under an Elevated Level II status due to the COVID-19 epidemic. As such, this meeting was held online through GoToWebinar

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees:

Members:

Jon Morrison, Chair
 Steve Friedman
 Gabriel Rose
 Sarah Lipkin Sularz
 Eli Glazier
 Patti Stevens
 Kristi Pier
 Andrew Mengel
 Karen Schonfeld

Steve Green
 Pierre Stewart
 Jim Smith
 Chelsea Hayman
 Marquette Rogers
 Jim Titus
 Marshall Edwards
 John Wetmore

Non-Members:

Stephanie Piperno
 Eric Brenner
 Patrick McMahon
 Jon Mayer
 Francine Waters
 Tim Kerns
 Marty Baker
 Jon Korin
 David Helms
 Carol Kachadoorian

Dustin Kuzan
 Greg Grant
 Adam Crosby
 Nigel Sameroo
 Chris Reno
 Kevin Donohue
 Daniel Paschall
 Joe Kelley
 Jon Posner
 Kathleen Hayes

Brigitte Carty
 Nancy Schwendeman
 Heather Dunigan
 Jeffrey Dunckel
 Peter Gray
 Roy Gothie
 Jaime McKay
 Shayne Boucher
 Grace Davenport

Absent Members:

Jeff Hirsch
 Lt. Laura Beck

Heather Ersts
 Tres Denk

Staff:

Marty Baker
 Francine Waters
 Nate Evans

Vacant:

Citizen Representative for Mobility Impaired

I. Welcome & Introductions

Nate Evans, Maryland Department of Transportation, The Secretary's Office (MDOT TSO) opened the meeting and introduced Jon Morrison as the newly appointed chair of the committee. Mr. Jon Morrison provided an introduction and webinar participants introduced themselves.

Barring no edits to the posted draft meeting minutes for the January 24, 2020 and the April 24, 2020 meetings, Jon Morrison called for a motion to approve the minutes. Andrew Mengel (DNR) seconded the motion. **The committee voted unanimously to approve both minutes.** The approved minutes will be posted on the MBPAC website.

To establish a schedule for future MBPAC meetings, Jon Morrison asked for comments related to moving the meetings from the 4th Friday of every third month (January, April,

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develop and reiterated that the follow-up coordination after events will be important for continued success.

2. Joe Kelley from Frederick County expressed interest in joining or hosting an event.
3. Dustin Kuzan indicated that there are two groups in Bowie and Prince George's County which would be interested.
4. Kristi Pier, representing the Maryland Department of Health, expressed support for Walktober as an important ongoing effort to improve health, especially during COVID-19 restrictions.

IV. MBPAC Protocol and Procedures

Jon Morrison and Nate Evans introduced the draft MBPAC procedures. The procedures are based on the committee's purpose and roles as defined in statute and are open for comment. Draft procedures were shared with committee members prior to the meeting and available on GoToWebinar's Handouts section.

Several members expressed interest in developing sub-committees to address specific areas of concern.

1. Jim Titus made a motion to create an ad hoc subcommittee to review the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the I-495/I-270 managed lanes project. With comments due by October 8, 2020, Jim Titus indicated that this subcommittee's creation should be expedited.
2. John Wetmore provided recommendations on policy guidance and offered grammatical edits.
3. Jim Titus asked how to engage state agencies which are not listed. Marty Baker indicated that all state agencies can attend, but only those in statute have voting privileges.
4. Chelsea Hayman (Department of Disabilities) would like to support a subcommittee which identifies mobility issues for those with disabilities, such as curb cut access and transit options. Jaime McKay (MDOT MTA) expressed support for the same. Mr. Jim Smith expressed interest in also participating.
5. Nate Evans will all time for committee members to review the document and provide edits. The committee will strive to vote on the procedure's approval during the October meeting.

V. Roundtable Discussion of Needs and Opportunities

Jon Morrison opened the floor for comments on how to improve opportunities for MBPAC involvement.

1. Jon Korin reiterated support for a Vulnerable Road User legislation and recommended this and other legislative considerations be an agenda item for the October meeting. Jon Morrison concurred. Marty Baker recommended that volunteers for a subcommittee also be considered for the October meeting.
2. Daniel Paschall (East Coast Greenway) recommended a subcommittee to investigate mobility issues for disadvantaged communities.

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3. John Wetmore supported Jim Titus' need to review the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the I-495/I-270 managed lanes project citing similar experiences in Virginia where active transportation improvements were not maximized as part of major highway projects.
4. Jim Titus reminded John that he had made a motion that MBPAC should submit comments on the DEIS, and that no one had seconded the motion. John Wetmore then seconded his motion to create a subcommittee to prepare comments on the DEIS. Jon Morrison opened the floor for comment. **The motion to create a subcommittee to review the DEIS carried with a vote 11 Ayes, 0 Nays and 2 Abstentions.** (Ayes – Andrew Mengel, Jim Titus, John Wetmore, Jon Morrison, Patti Stevens, Sarah Lipkin Sularz, Patti Stevens, Steve Green, Pierre Stewart, Jim Smith, Steve Friedman; Abstentions – Marty Baker, Eli Glazier)
5. **Jim Titus volunteered to organize the group and comments with leadership from Jon Morrison. Nate Evans will coordinate an intermediate MBPAC meeting to approve the comments as a committee for late September.**
6. Jon Morrison would like an upcoming meeting to include the Maryland Transportation Authority.
7. John Wetmore stated that recent COVID-19 restrictions have helped spur reallocation of public space towards people walking and biking.
8. Marty Baker would like to share progress on a health benefit analysis for active transportation infrastructure now underway with the University of Maryland.
9. Jeff Dunckel indicated that the draft State Highway Safety Plan will be available in September and would like to have the committee review the draft plan.

VI. Partner Agency and Participant Updates

1. Maryland Department of Transportation – Secretary's Office; Marty Baker & Nate Evans)
 - a. The Bikeways Program is now officially titled the Kim Lamphier Bikeways Network Program.
 - b. Bikeways application reviews are under with awards announced in early fall.
 - c. The department is updating the Complete Streets policy and continuing to evaluate walksheds around rail transit stations.
 - d. The Level of Traffic Stress project progresses with the creation of a shared-use path geodatabase layer. The layer illustrates shared-use path used as part of the transportation system. The map is available online and open for comments.
2. MDOT State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA); Marty Baker
 - a. Context Driven design and People Safe initiatives are underway. The [People Safe initiatives](#) improve walking conditions at specific locations by improving crosswalks, signals and decreasing travel lane widths.
3. MDOT Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA); Jaime McKay
 - a. The draft Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan is scheduled for a commission meeting in September. Comments are no longer accepted, but the website will be available soon.

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- b. MTA has partnered with Baltimore City Department of Transportation to develop mobility corrals for shared micro-mobility.
 - c. MTA inventoried all bike amenities along the Brunswick and Camden lines with the Penn line in development.
4. Maryland Department of Disabilities – Chelsea Hayman
- a. Affordable housing projects are in development at Greenmount & Chase in Baltimore City, Somerset Commons at University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Fountain Green in Harford County, Chevy Chase and Silver Spring. The latter projects in cooperation with the Montgomery County Housing Authority have great transit access.
5. Maryland Department of Health – Kristi Pier
- a. MDH welcomed partnership with Walktober.
 - b. COVID-19 related delays have been experienced with the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) projects in Saint Mary’s, Somerset and Washington Counties.
6. Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) – Eli Glazier
- a. The Montgomery County Pedestrian Master Plan progresses with a pedestrian level of comfort with a reference map [available online](#).
 - b. A pedestrian connectivity analysis was performed for all Purple Line transit stations.
 - c. MNCPPC is collecting crowd-source data on pedestrian desire lines to include in future capital improvement programs. [The map is available online for public input](#).
 - d. MNCPPC completed a predictive safety analysis in which crash data was used with land use context and modelling to determine where crashes may occur and how to prevent them.
 - e. Eli Glazier offered support for his colleagues at the Montgomery County Department of Transportation for the slow streets and shared streets initiatives.
7. Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) – Andrew Mengel
- a. DNR just submitted applications for the Legacy Partnership Fund through the National Park Service. As a nationally competitive grant, this program aims to support shovel ready projects in underserved areas. DNR encourages local jurisdictions to coordinate with DNR on future applications.
8. Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) – Gabriel Rose
- a. With 50% of Maryland public schools opening virtually this fall, transportation issues will not be evident until October. The department expects walking and biking to school to become more popular as social distancing continues to be encouraged.
9. Jim Titus shared how the New Jersey Department of Transportation allowed a roadway to have the posted speed limit lowered to 15 mph. This transformed the

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roadway into a shared street. Does Maryland have plans to lower speed limits to this level? Marty Baker indicated that speed limits have been lower on some state roadways, but not 15 mph. Lowering the speed limit on local roadways below 25 mph would require a change in statute.

10. Daniel Paschall shared that the East Coast Greenway is sponsoring Greenway Games, a do-it-yourself activity to encourage social distancing while being outdoors.
11. Jon Korin shared that the Transportation Planning Board endorsed the Capital Trails Network and Anne Arundel County is working to have a similar trails network.
12. Carol Kachadoorian, formerly of Toole Design Seattle, has relocated to the area with a new business for supporting aging in place.

VII. Upcoming Events

Next MBPAC meeting is Friday, October 23, 2020.

Action Items:

- a. Jim Titus will organize DEIS comments
- b. Nate Evans will schedule an Open Meeting Act-compliant meeting for the committee to approve the recommendations.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 11:16 PM.

Submitted Questions Log

The following questions were submitted through GoToWebinar's "Questions" function. Answers to most questions were shared verbally during the meeting. Answers provided here are a combination of answers submitted through GoToWebinar's "Questions" function and answers supplied after the meeting concluded.

III. Presentation on Walktober/Walk Maryland

Q: Roy Gothie - PennDOT. Just wanted to share our new Active Transportation Plan - that can be found here - <https://www.penndot.gov/TravelInPA/RideaBike/Pages/default.aspx> [Roy Gothie] [Q: 9:08 AM] [A: 9:11 AM]

A: Thanks Roy

Q: Frederick County would love to join in on these efforts. [Joe Kelley] [Q: 9:51 AM] [A: 9:53 AM]

A: thanks Joe

Q: Can you share this info with the group? I know of two groups in Bowie and Prince George's that may be interested in partnering on this effort. [Dustin Kuzan] [Q: 9:51 AM] [A: 9:53 AM]

A: Yes

Q: can you please give us the website? [Nancy Schwendeman] [Q: 9:54 AM] [A: 9:56 AM]

A: Yes

Q: Contingencies for what can go ahead with COVIC-19? [John Wetmore] [Q: 9:56 AM] [A: 9:57 AM]

A: In development

Q: I will see if Garrett Trails and perhaps the Garrett County Health Dept can partner to promote Walktober. [Steve Green] [Q: 9:56 AM] [A: 9:58 AM]

A: Thanks Steve

Q: I would love to work with the trail networks in Baltimore, AA County, and the DC region to help promote this as part of the East Coast Greenway's efforts to create high quality walking facilities for transportation and recreation [Daniel Paschall] [Q: 9:56 AM] [A: 9:58 AM]

A: Thanks Daniel

Q: I'm on MoCo PBTSAC will relay [David Helms] [Q: 9:57 AM] [A: 9:58 AM]

A: Thanks David

Q: Use on State Health Index SHIP to target communities? [David Helms] [Q: 9:58 AM]

Q: please include low light hazards in winter [David Helms] [Q: 9:59 AM]

Q: thanks! what is Francine's email? [Daniel Paschall] [Q: 9:59 AM] [A: 10:02 AM]

A: fwaters@mdot.maryland.gov

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Q: I hate to do this, but I think I would like to make a motion for an adhoc subcommittee. Feel free to tell me when.[Jim Titus] [jtitus@risingsea.net] [Q: 10:05 AM]

Q: Page 4. Infrastructure. Effect is a noun, Affect is a verb. You mean affect. [John Wetmore] [Q: 10:05 AM] [A: 10:07 AM]

A: Thanks Jon - It's still in draft so feel free to provide additional edits.

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Q: most pedestrian deaths are Oct to Dec [David Helms] [Q: 10:00 AM] [A: 10:08 AM]

A: Thanks for the resources, David

Q: Is there language that prioritizes representation in MBPAC from underrepresented communities, particularly low-income communities and communities of color? [Daniel Paschall] [Q: 10:09 AM] [A: 10:09 AM]

A: Not in statute

Q: I suggest you add a paragraph with topics that fall under "other" such as Policy, Legislation, Priorities, Initiatives. [Jon Korin] [Q: 10:11 AM]

Q: I support creating a subcommittee focusing on infrastructure, particularly the statewide trail network, Vision Zero, and first/last mile access to transit [Daniel Paschall] [Q: 10:12 AM]

Q: Senator Smith is Chair JPR, D20, my district. [David Helms] [Q: 10:18 AM]

Q: Sen Smith is my neighbor [David Helms] [Q: 10:18 AM]

Q: I just wanted to let the group know about a new Citizen Advisory Group in PG County that is under the DPW&T [Dustin Kuzan] [Q: 10:20 AM]

Q: In PA the PPAC group has open invitations to relevant state agencies to attend - Department of Health and the Department of Aging. They don't vote but attend in an advising role. [Roy Gothie] [Q: 10:13 AM] [A: 10:20 AM]

A: Thanks Roy

Q: I am interested in joining a subcommittee re persons with disabilities. [Jim Smith] [Q: 10:21 AM]

Q: Patti votes aye - I'm muted [Patti Stevens] [Q: 10:26 AM]

Q: Steve Green aye on current motion [Steve Green] [Q: 10:26 AM]

Q: Yea [Pierre Stewart] [Q: 10:27 AM]

Q: I would like to second and support Daniel's earlier suggestion that there be a committee focused on the statewide trail network. [Patti Stevens] [Q: 10:30 AM] [A: 10:31 AM]

A: Thanks Patti

Q: not a committee member but when the sub committee meets Frederick County can share our thoughts [joe Kelley] [Q: 10:31 AM] [A: 10:31 AM]

A: Thanks Joe - we'll keep you posted

Q: I wanted to mention that the SHSP Ped-Bike Emphasis Area strategies and action items will be available for review in late August - would like the MBPAC to look them over when they are available. [Jeffrey Dunckel] [Q: 10:27 AM] [A: 10:32 AM]

A: Thanks Jeff

Q: Anne Arundel County would welcome the opportunity to be the first local group to engage with MBPAC--- both our advocacy group, BikeAAA , and our county Bike Commission [Jon Korin] [Q: 10:37 AM] [A: 10:37 AM]

A: Thanks Jon

Q: My suggestion would be A future meeting topic looking at successful initiatives, goals, and barriers related to equity and diversity in bike/ Ped initiatives. [Patti Stevens] [Q: 10:33 AM] [A: 10:37 AM]

A: Thanks Patti

Q: MoCo Planning published draft Complete Streets Design Guide yesterday [David Helms] [Q: 10:38 AM]



Q: I have a quick story on a road in my neighborhood here that lowered speed limit to 15mph. [Jim Titus]
[Q: 10:44 AM] [A: 11:03 AM]
A: Good story, Jim

Q: need statute change, p [David Helms] [Q: 11:03 AM]

Q: Task Force Recommendations Table 1, item 1.7[David Helms] [Q: 11:04 AM]

Q: Is John Mayer in the meeting? Peter Sotherland could have answered this. I don't want to speak for SHA.[Jeffrey Dunckel] [Q: 11:05 AM]

Q: <https://www.greenway.org/greenwaygames> [Daniel Paschall] [Q: 11:07 AM]

Q: SHA did drop the GA Ave speed limit to 25mph in Wheaton, that's the lowest I think.
[Eric Brenner] [Q: 11:07 AM]

Q: You may want to reach out to Kandese and ask her to join these meetings. Baltimore City just held a speed management work shop over two days - they are planning to lower speeds in corridors in Baltimore. [Jeffrey Dunckel] [Q: 11:07 AM]

Q: Looking for info on funding for Maryland State Police distracted driving enforcement funding. The McHenry MSP barracks is not receiving funding. If anyone can point me in the right direction I would appreciate it. [Steve Green] [Q: 11:04 AM] [A: 11:10 AM]
A: Jeff Dunckel can assist

Q: MD 191 Bradley Blvd is down to 25. [John Wetmore] [Q: 11:13 AM]

Q: This MD statute limits ability to reduce speed limits
<https://advance.lexis.com/documentpage/?pdmfid=1000516&crd=eee98a4c-059f-4602-96fe-193b74779f57&config=014EJAA2ZmE1OTU3OC0xMGRjLTRINTctOTQ3Zi0wMDE2MWFhYzAwN2MKA FBvZENhdGFsb2e9wg3LFiffnanDd3V39aA&pdcontentfullpath=%2Fshared%2Fdocument%2Fstatutes-legislation%2Furn%3Acontentitem%3A60BW-V181-JB2B-S1JC-00008-00&pdcontentcomponentid=234188&pdteaserkey=sr1&pditab=allpods&ecomp=d5w kkk&earg=sr1&prid=9b628b54-51fb-4e78-9747-a0fa6abf3aa6> [Jon Korin] [Q: 11:13 AM]

VI. Partner Agency and Participant Updates

Q: I'm also interested in learning about the program mentioned coming from Delegate Lewis please and thank you [jon posner] [Q: 11:13 AM] [A: 11:14 AM]

A: Me too, Jon. I'll include Carol's notes and contact information in the minutes.

Q: October 8. [John Wetmore] [Q: 11:15 AM]

Q: Thanks for a great meeting! [Brigitte Carty] [Q: 11:17 AM]

Q: thank you! [Nancy Schwendeman] [Q: 11:17 AM]

Q: Awesome and extremely informational [Pierre Stewart] [Q: 11:17 AM]

Q: im riding tomorrow. Thank you All[Pierre Stewart] [Q: 11:19 AM]