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- Charlene Mingus
- Eric Luedtke
- Joe Moges
- Jon Korin
- Cyndi Steiner
- Isabel Layton
- Nasim Samadi
- Cora Karim
- Peter Gray
- Jen Divis
- Michael Farrell

I. Welcome, Roll Call

Quinn Wallace called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed members and guests to the hybrid meeting hosted by the Department of Natural Resources in Annapolis. Members attending in person and online were acknowledged.

II. Agenda Review & Approval of Minutes

Chair **Jon Morrison** called for a motion to adopt the agenda as distributed. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

The minutes from October 28, 2025 MBPAC meeting were then reviewed. **Jim Titus** requested one correction to clarify that a statement regarding maintenance responsibilities for the MD 450 shared-use path reflected a disagreement between SHA and Prince George's County DPW&T, rather than an individual opinion. With this amendment, the committee unanimously approved the minutes.

III. DNR Capital Projects Presentation

Eric Luedtke, Director of Capital Projects for the Department of Natural Resources, presented an overview of DNR's capital investment program, with emphasis on trails, parks, and recreational access. Chair **Jon Morrison** agreed to Eric's request to present earlier than scheduled on the agenda.

Eric described the scale and diversity of DNR's infrastructure portfolio, which includes trail networks, park facilities, utilities, and transportation systems within state parks and forests. He highlighted recent trail investments, including the Margraff Plantation trail system in Garrett County, which incorporates adaptive and accessible design, as well as new projects underway at Savage Highlands State Park (formerly Savage River Lodge). He emphasized the importance of partnerships with MDOT and SHA, citing projects such as a new pedestrian tunnel under Route 273 in Cecil County to improve safety at high-use recreation areas. Members discussed volunteer involvement in trail construction and maintenance, as well as the growing need to address e-bikes and other electric micromobility devices on recreational trails.

IV. 2026 Legislative Outlook

Nigel Samaroo, Chair of the MBPAC Legislative Subcommittee, presented the Subcommittee's recommended legislative priorities for the 2026 Maryland General Assembly session. He explained that the package focuses primarily on pedestrian, bicyclist, and vulnerable road user (VRU) safety, while also supporting broader transportation and climate-alignment policies that reduce dangerous driving behaviors such as speeding, distraction, and impairment. Nigel noted

that, while other safety-related bills may be introduced during the session, the Subcommittee identified the following as its core legislative priorities for people walking and biking:

Priority Bills

1. SB 59 – Transportation and Climate Alignment Act of 2026

This bill would require the Maryland Department of Transportation, when planning and implementing certain major highway expansion projects, to conduct impact assessments on greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles travel and to implement corresponding multimodal transportation programs. These offset programs would include pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, micromobility, adaptive and low-speed vehicles for people with disabilities, and accessible transportation and pedestrian improvements for individuals with disabilities.

2. SB 62 (HB 230) – Transportation – Consolidated Transportation Program – Prioritization (Transportation Investment Priorities Act of 2026)

This legislation would require MDOT to use a project-based scoring system when developing the Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) and to publish project scores and lists. It would also require consultation with the Director of the Office of Bicycle and Pedestrian Access and MBPAC to ensure that bicycle and pedestrian investments, transit access, and multimodal connections are appropriately prioritized. CTP would be required to include a listing of all bicycle and pedestrian projects expected to use state or federal highway funds.

3. HB 107 – Motor Vehicles – Intelligent Speed Assistance Pilot Program

This bill would establish an Intelligent Speed Assistance System Pilot Program for high-risk drivers whose licenses are subject to suspension or revocation due to accumulated points. Participants would be issued restricted licenses requiring the use of speed-assistance technology. Participation would last for one year, with suspension of driving privileges for failure to complete the program. The pilot would run through June 30, 2030, unless extended by the General Assembly.

4. SB 38 (HB 286) – Vehicle Laws – Ignition Interlock System Program

This legislation would require drivers who violate certain alcohol-related driving restrictions to participate in the Ignition Interlock System Program as a condition for modifying a suspension, revocation, or obtaining a restricted license.

5. HB 256 – Motor Vehicles – Speed Monitoring Systems – Safety Corridors (Vulnerable Road User Protection Act of 2026)

This bill would authorize the State Highway Administration to establish speed camera safety corridors in high-risk areas for vulnerable road users on state highways. Local jurisdictions would also be authorized to deploy automated speed enforcement within safety corridors

located on state highways within their jurisdictions, with camera placement based on accepted traffic engineering practices and local consultation.

6. SB 173 (HB 249) – Automated Enforcement – Reciprocal Agreements

This bill would allow Maryland to enter into reciprocal agreements with other jurisdictions to cross-border enforce violations recorded by speed cameras and traffic signal monitoring systems.

7. SB 155 (HB 177) – Vehicle Laws – Bicycles, Play Vehicles, and Unicycles – Crosswalks (“Bicycle Safety Start”)

This legislation would allow people riding bicycles, play vehicles, and unicycles to enter intersections on a pedestrian “Walk” signal during a leading pedestrian interval, when facing a red traffic signal for vehicles.

8. SB 158 – Counties – Construction of Sidewalks and Crosswalks – Safe Alternative Routes to Public Schools

This bill would require county boards of education to annually identify and publish safe walking and bicycling routes for public school students who are not eligible for bus service. County governments would then be required to review the reports and construct sidewalks and crosswalks necessary to establish safe alternative routes, including sidewalks, crosswalks, footpaths, and bicycle paths.

9. SB 45 (HB 55) – Vehicle Laws – Speed Monitoring Systems – Residential Districts

This bill would authorize the statewide use of automated speed enforcement in residential districts, provided that local jurisdictions approve their use by local law following public notice and a hearing.

Anticipated Bills

Vehicle Laws – No Stopping, Standing, or Parking in Bicycle Lanes or Bicycle Paths

The Subcommittee discussed an anticipated bill to prohibit stopping, standing, or parking in bicycle lanes and bicycle paths statewide. Nigel noted that Baltimore City and several local jurisdictions already prohibit this behavior. In 2025, the bill passed the House by a vote of 120–15, although it did not receive a vote in the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee. The Subcommittee supports reintroducing the bill in 2026, with an option for jurisdictions to opt out.

Contributory Negligence – Carve-Out for Vulnerable Road Users

Nigel reported that Delegate Embry has indicated a willingness to re-file legislation that would allow crash victims who are pedestrians or bicyclists to recover damages even if they are partially at fault, with damages reduced in proportion to fault. This approach mirrors comparative negligence policies used in Washington, D.C. and would provide more equitable

relief to victims while deterring dangerous driving. The bill was last introduced in 2018 and was recommended by the 2017 Maryland Bicycle Safety Force.

Following the discussion, a motion was made to approve the Legislative Subcommittee's 2026 legislative priorities. The motion was approved unanimously, with state agency representatives abstaining.

V. Bicycle and Pedestrian Updates in Anne Arundel County

Jon Korin, President of Bike AAA, presented an overview of bicycle and pedestrian initiatives in Anne Arundel County, including:

- The countywide trail network connecting the B&A Trail, Annapolis, Sandy Point State Park, and the WB&A Trail;
- Community programs such as Lifeline 100, Cycling Without Age, children's bike parks, and adaptive cycling; and,
- Efforts to expand safe, all-ages-and-abilities bicycling and walking infrastructure.

Jon also provided a detailed update on the need to include a fully protected bicycle and pedestrian shared-use path on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge replacement project proposed by the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA), noting the importance of connecting the Anne Arundel County and Kent Island trail networks. **Jim Titus** then made three motions: (1) amend a proposed letter from MBPAC supporting a shared use path on the Bay Bridge Crossing by striking criticism of MDTA's cost estimate; (2) send the letter to MDTA; and (3) create an ad hoc subcommittee to prepare comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Bay Bridge Crossing Study when it is released, noting that the DEIS comments may require a special meeting if they are due before the next regular meeting. The motion to create an ad hoc subcommittee passed without discussion. After discussion, the proposed amendment to the letter failed to pass. The Committee then voted to approve the letter, with state agency representatives and Kristy Daphnis abstaining.

VI. Old Business, Public Comment, Engagement Opportunities

a. MBPAC Inbox

Quinn Wallace reported that recent correspondence received through the MBPAC inbox primarily related to committee appointments, reappointments, and requests to share upcoming events and engagement opportunities. Members were reminded that advocacy groups and agencies may submit events for posting on the MBPAC calendar by emailing mbpac@mdot.maryland.gov.

b. Open Seats

Quinn reported that two citizen member positions remain vacant: one representing the Baltimore Metropolitan Region and one representing Southern Maryland. Members and the public were encouraged to share the application opportunity with qualified candidates. Appointment and reappointment reviews are currently underway.

c. MBPAC Calendar

Quinn reviewed upcoming meetings, grant deadlines, and safety engagement opportunities listed on the MBPAC calendar. Members were reminded to submit bicycle and pedestrian-related events for inclusion on the calendar to expand statewide outreach and participation.

VII. 2025 Annual Report Review

Antoine R.J. Wright reported that the draft 2025 Annual Report had been circulated to the Committee and no additional substantive comments had been received. Antoine presented priorities for 2026, including continued advisory support for active transportation programs, enhanced agency engagement, and expanded safety-focused presentations. With minor editorial updates to reflect agency-hosted meetings, the Committee unanimously approved the 2025 Annual Report.

VIII. MBPAC Subcommittee Reports (10 min)

a. Eastern Shore Subcommittee

Sue Simmons, representing the Eastern Shore Trails Network and presenting on behalf of Patti Stevens (Subcommittee Chair), reported that the organization is transitioning leadership and will hold its next meeting on January 27, 2026. The Subcommittee continues to implement the regional trails vision developed with the National Park Service and is working to establish a formal strategic plan to guide trail development across the Eastern Shore.

b. Pedestrian Subcommittee

Staff reported that the Pedestrian Subcommittee met in December and reaffirmed its mission to support safe, accessible, and effective pedestrian networks connecting residents to schools, transit, and community destinations. Members were encouraged to participate in future meetings and to contribute to pedestrian safety initiatives statewide.

c. Legislative Subcommittee

Nigel Samaroo reported that the Legislative Subcommittee will continue to track and engage on bills during the 2026 General Assembly session. A post-session meeting will be scheduled in April to review outcomes and identify next steps.

d. Trails Subcommittee

Meg Young announced that the newly established Trails Subcommittee will hold its first meeting on February 13, 2026, followed by quarterly meetings on May 18, August 14, and November 13. The Subcommittee’s mission is to support implementation of the Maryland State Transportation Trails Strategic Plan and to serve as a forum for cross-agency coordination on trail projects and programs.

IX. State Agency Updates

a. MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

No updates were reported.

b. MARYLAND STATE POLICE

No updates were reported.

c. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

No updates were reported.

d. MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

No updates were reported.

e. MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

No updates were reported.

f. MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Sandi Olek reported on the launch of the “250 Miles for Maryland” walking and hiking challenge in celebration of Maryland’s 250th anniversary, which has generated strong public participation and park pass sales. **Isabel Layton** also confirmed that updated e-bike regulations will be resubmitted for review to incorporate public comments received.

g. MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES

No updates were reported.

h. MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

Michael Jackson reported on Prince George’s County transportation trail initiatives, including a new Trail Finder application, expanded trail maintenance staffing, and concerns regarding the increasing presence of high-speed electric devices on shared-use trails.

i. MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Quinn Wallace provided updates on bicycle and pedestrian grant programs, Safe Routes to School, micromobility safety initiatives, the Transportation Trails Strategic Plan, and upcoming funding opportunities. Quinn also reported on the success of recent Grants Roadshow events and encouraged continued engagement.

X. Closing Reminders and Adjournment (5 min)

a. Local bike ride or walk led by Jon Korin, weather permitting

Due to the weather, Chair **Jon Morrison** noted that a local bicycle ride or walk led by **Jon Korin** may be scheduled in conjunction with a future meeting.

b. Next meeting, Friday, April 24, 2026

The next full meeting of the MBPAC is scheduled for Friday, April 24, 2026. The Committee expects to convene at Montgomery County DOT's offices in Rockville.

Antoine Wright (External):

Love this poster by Bike AAA

Daphnis, Kristy (Unverified): aye

Cindy Miller (Unverified): aye

Antoine Wright (External): aye

Ali Macstudy (Unverified): Abstain

Antoine Wright (External): Nay/opposed

Cindy Miller (Unverified): nay

Jackson, Michael (Unverified): aye

Daphnis, Kristy (Unverified): Abstain

Jon Simmons (External): aye

Cindy Miller (Unverified): aye

Jackson, Michael (Unverified): abstain

Ali Macstudy (Unverified): abstain

Antoine Wright (External): aye

Jon Simmons (External): aye

Daphnis, Kristy (Unverified): abstain

Cindy Miller (Unverified): aye

Daphnis, Kristy (Unverified): aye

Antoine Wright (External): aye

Jackson, Michael (Unverified): aye

Patti Stevens (Unverified): aye

Im listening from hospital, Sue will give Eastern Shore report.

Paula Hubble (Unverified):

I'm Paula Hubble from the Rockville Pedestrian Advocacy Committee, here's more info on our group, if you'd like to join us: <https://www.rockvillemd.gov/government/boards-commissions-committees-task-forces-and-partners/rockv...>

Daphnis, Kristy (Unverified):

Who was the Baltimore FSS contact that just introduced themselves?

Amril Hamer (External):

I Amril Hamer Baltimore FSS

Cindy Miller (Unverified):

I must leave now for a lunch meeting. Thank you.

Daphnis, Kristy (Unverified):

Hi Amril - Peter Gray, Bike Maryland (he/him) and I coordinate Montgomery County Families for Safe Streets. Let's please connect! Thank you! kristy.daphnis@gmail.com

Peter Gray, Bike Maryland (he/him) (Unverified):

Kristy, I have met with Amril and am supporting her efforts in Baltimore City

Nigel Samaroo (Unverified):

Paula Hubble, do you have an email address I can use to reach out to you

Daphnis, Kristy (Unverified):

Thanks, Peter - Great!

Amril Hamer (External):

Definitely Kristy. I've met with Peter and look forward to meeting with you soon. amril@baltimorefss.org

Jackson, Michael (Unverified):

Note to Sue Simmons. I like the graphic of the Eastern Shore Trail Network. You mentioned it covers a large area. I did not see mention of the 1.2 mile Chesapeake & Delaware Canal. While short it connects to the longer Delaware section and its inclusion would add some geographic diversity through the inclusion of Cecil County.

Meg Young:

Our first cohort of SRTS Coordinators will be in Baltimore city, Howard County, Anne Arundel County, and PG County. Note that Montgomery County already has an existing coordinator.

Daphnis, Kristy (Unverified):

Meg Young - for the pilot, is there a certain job description you're using for SRTS coordinators? What's the overall connection and communication with the coordinator and the State in this pilot? I would like to connect offline to learn more.

Jon Simmons (External):

MJ, I'll look into your comment. Thank you.

Meg Young:

Great question! We developed a toolkit, we're soft launching with the group next week and then will make available online. The toolkit details all of the job responsibilities.

We will have quarterly meetings with the coordinators so we can continue to support them and develop more technical assistance materials as requested. At the meetings, in addition to MDOT modes, we have MSDE, MDP, MDH, and the GO supporting the effort.

Morrison, Jon (ASCC) (Unverified):

[Miles for Maryland](#)

Eisa Abu-Sbaih -DNR- (External):

Also from DNR Office of Outdoor Rec: the Outdoor Recreation Business Directory has been launched, and features bike shops from across the state! <https://dnr.maryland.gov/outdoorrec/Pages/Business-Directory.aspx>

Ali Macstudy (Unverified):

Can you share an email to send to our partners?

Jackson, Michael (Unverified):

You're welcome, Sue. I played a role in getting that trail underway when I worked for MDOT and its presence seems to have positively impacted Chesapeake City restaurants.

Daphnis, Kristy (Unverified):

Thank you, Meg Young... while MoCo has a SRTS coordinator, there is room for improvement. Also, for your awareness, MoCo Public Schools has proposed a Safe Routes position in the MCPS Budget this year. Hopefully it will stay in the Budget, and will help improve stats for these kids - VRUs.

Cora Karim, Bikemore (Unverified):

My email is cora@bikemore.net if anyone wants to collaborate! I'm the family biking coordinator at Bikemore

Daphnis, Kristy (Unverified): aye

Meg Young:

Amril Hamer please share events with mbpac@mdot.maryland.gov

Cora Karim, Bikemore (Unverified):

Thank you all