

Meeting Minutes

This meeting was held online through Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Members:

Jon Morrison, Chair
 Lt. Laura Beck
 Sandi Olek
 Bong Delrosario
 Kristy Daphnis
 Marshall Edwards
 Liz Fitzsimmons
 Matt Hendrickson
 Kandese Holford
 Michael Jackson

Ndegwa Kamau
 Jim Titus
 Patrick Patterson
 Brooks Phelps
 Andrew Lingelbach
 Gabriel Rose
 Patti Stevens
 Nigel Samaroo
 Marian Vessels
 Antoine RJ Wright

Non-Members:

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 Don Long
 Joseph Moges
 Jon Korin
 Ray Li
 Jennifer Greiner
 Daniel Paschall
 Shane Sarver
 Sandy Bishop
 Francine Waters

Dalia Marks
 Peter Gray
 Meg Young
 Seth Grimes

I. Welcome & Roll Call

Jon Morrison, Chair of MBPAC, opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. Jon led a roll call of committee members. Nigel brought technical issues to the attention of Jon, mentioning that several members have had trouble joining the meeting today.

II. Agenda Review and Approval of May Meeting Minutes

Jon requested a motion to okay the agenda. Meg briefly mentioned that the agenda is very packed today, with a number of presentations, business of shared emails from the MBPC inbox, and a more robust subcommittee report. Michael Jackson motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Nigel Samaroo. Jon requested that the agenda be approved, and received ayes from Patti and Nigel, approved with no objections.

Jon motioned for approval of the minutes from May 3rd, 2024, meeting. Seconded by Antoine RJ Wright and Michael Jackson. No oppositions.

III. MDOT: Updated Complete Streets Policy

Meg Young and Kandese Holford were invited to speak on the updated Complete Streets Policy, accompanied by slides. Kandese gave an overview how “complete streets” is defined in policy. This is a deliberate approach to planning, designing, and constructing street to be safe for all users. Kandese spoke about the policy being in reference to a context-sensitive network. Kandese also spoke about the Moore-Miller State Plan and the Maryland Transportation Plan and how they echo messages of equity, accessibility and safety for all. Key policy elements are Public Involvement, Objective Statement, Safety and Performance, and Multimodal Traffic Data. There will be a “hub” created to serve as one-stop-shop for complete streets where all of the modes can

find related resources. Patti asked if the training for complete streets be for SHA and other staff MDOT staff as well as the public, to which Kandese replied yes.

IV. Walktober

Meg introduced Francine Waters who provided an update on this year's Walktober plans. Francine shared the updated Walk Maryland and Walktober logos. They are very close to finalizing the 5 "walkinars" for the month of October. They have received a proclamation from the Governor for Walktober as well that will be shared soon. Walk MD Day will be the first Wednesday in October and registration will begin later this month. This year Francine would like a member from MBPAC and from the Pedestrian Subcommittee to register as either a Sole Mate or a Walk Leader for one of the walks in. She also encourages each of the modes and the partners to have dedicated walks.

Lt. Beck mentioned that the forensic science division loves Walktober and have encouraged her to lead walks, during National Forensic Science Week - it is well received in her circle. Jon asked if walk and roll to school day on October 9 will be incorporated. Meg responded saying that she had a conversation with MD Dept. Of Health and MD State Dept. of Education about making sure that schools are registering for walks. Francine added that schools are able to sign up for walk MD Day as well.

Francine added that Duwan Morris from Montgomery County and Betsy Schultz both will both be speaking about safe routes to schools during our Walkinar on 10th as well. Daniel asked if the walks will be posted online. Francine directed him to the Walktober website, where all of the walks will be listed by county.

Patti asked if the information for the school walks will be located on the Walktober page, Francine responded saying, yes, they will also be on the Walktober page accompanied with a link to information about walk and roll to school day. Jon mention that he is not seeing a link to a Walktober main page on health.maryland.gov., Francine said she can offer suggestions to the health dept. But we're looking at the end of July for full web updates. Meg corrected to early August. Daniel shared the link to register as a Walk Leader.

V. Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Areas (BPPA)

Shane Sarver introduced himself as a bicycle pedestrian planner with State Highway Administration here to speak on BPPAs. A BPPA is a designation made by SHA in areas that have high potential for bicycling and walking. These are areas where local jurisdictions have also shown a commitment to bicycling and walking. Subject to resource availability SHA will lead and fund the development of a BPA plan in partnership with our local partners. If there are no SHA roadways in the BPPA area, we can still make the designation, but we won't lead or fund the development of the plan. BPPAs are here to: coordinate with local, state, and private stakeholders. Align state and local planning goals, and to provide for innovative bicycle and pedestrian treatments. BPPAs are NOT here to: provide state funding for capital improvement projects, replace existing transportation plans and goals, or supersede existing bicycle and pedestrian guidelines.

BPPAP (BPPA Plan) development includes:

Planning bicycle and pedestrian improvements with stakeholder input, land use plans, and master plans., identifying roadway geometric and operational recommendations to align state and local bike and ped planning, and estimating construction costs for proposed bike and ped treatments.

Local agency roles and responsibilities include: demonstrating local support for bicycle and pedestrian mobility, participating in state and coal workgroups for each designated BPPA, coordinating local community stakeholders and advocacy groups, and monitoring and evaluating outcomes.

Shane shared the program timeline:

Application submitted between 9/3/24 and 10/31/24.

Selection will be made by the end of the year.

BPPAP will be developed during the first half of 2025.

Applications for FY20226 will open in May 2025.

Shane shared the application selection criteria.

Opened the floor to questions:

Seth asked if SHA considered extending the definition to corridors.

Administrator Pines received a letter from Montgomery and Prince George's County planning heads and transportation heads asking similarly for context driven to define a transit corridor.

Shane responded:

We don't want it to just be looking at the corridor we want.

We want to look at all of the connections to the corridor as well, if that makes sense.

VI. Old Business & Public Comment

Meg announced that Baltimore Region Bike to Work Week and Metro DC Bike to Work Day were both successful, and registration numbers stayed steady. Recap video was played, floor then opened to questions. Jon suggested taking best practices from Metro Dc areas and apply them to the Baltimore region where possible. Meg reminded members that there is an MBPAC e-mail inbox, and it's received 2 emails since the last meeting. Patti suggested that some of the questions could but put in an FAQ online.

VII. Cycling Without Age

Sandy Bishop presented information on cycling without age. This program uses volunteer pilots on rickshaws to bike seniors and people of all ages around cities. Sandy then reviewed the requirements to start a cycling without age chapter. There is a senior living facility called Brighton Gardens in Columbia, MD who is interested. Their location does not have an option for option for people on bikes to travel from the living facility to the residential street.

Sandy Announced a call to action for safe infrastructure, and for contacts of individuals interested in creating more cycling without age chapters in MD.

VIII. Public Events

Meg announced upcoming public events:

September 4th & 5th – Maryland Land and Conservation Conference in Annapolis

October – WALKTOBER – Walkinars every Thursday of the month

October 6th – Lifeline 100

IX. Subcommittee Membership, Schedule, Report Out

Meg introduced the Eastern Shore subcommittee chair, Patti Stevens.

Patti reviewed the vision, mission, work groups and schedule for her subcommittee. They have a website launch goal date of Spring 2025.

Legislative subcommittee chair, Nigel Samaroo presented a review of members, and an invitation for new members. Nigel then reviewed the purpose of his sub committee: to evaluate or propose legislation that involves vulnerable roads users and present them to the main committee. This committee will meet 1 month prior to main meetings.

Jon Korin reviewed bills under consideration for 2025 as well as bills that were not passed in 2024 and potential bill to be proposed in 2025.

Pedestrian Subcommittee chair, Marian Vessels reviewed their mission, membership, and schedule. Email Francine Waters or MBPAC inbox to join next meeting.

Meg announced the new Trails subcommittee that is still being formed, still in need of a chair and accepting members.

X. Agency Updates.

Meg announced that there is a need for a new Dept. of Health Rep following a Christie's departure.

No updates from MD State Police.

No updates from Dept. of Commerce

No updates from Dept. Of Planning.

Gabriel Rose from MD Dept. Of Education announced that the physical education curriculum coordinator, Jason Seminoff, has mentioned numerous times that there are schools across the state that are looking to implement bike training for elementary school kids.

Sandy Olek from Dept. Of Natural resources provided updates on the Western MD rail trail and announced the first ever outdoor recreation summit in the fall, October 9th, 10th and 11th at Rocky Gap State Park.

Bong Delrosario from Dept. Of Disabilities shared the continuation of closely working with MTA customer revelations, and the new DEI dept.

Michael Jackson of MD National Park and Planning Commission provided the following updates:

Montgomery County

Eli Glazier reported that Montgomery County's proposed bikeway wayfinding sign design is undergoing a major reset due to conflicts with the 2023 Maryland Manual for Uniform Traffic Control devices.

Montgomery County's pedestrian master plan is now available to view online.

Montgomery County's planning dept was awarded a transportation and land use grant to develop a vehicles mile traveled software to application which will be used to calculate estimate of vehicle miles traveled. This will be developed in June 2025.

Prince George's County

On July 10th, Prince George's County Council member Eric Olson unveiled a conceptual proposal to create an East-West active transportation corridor that would be in the northern part of the county and connect 4 North-South shared use trails and the New Carrollton metro station.

Meg announced that the Complete Streets Leadership Academy is underway with 3 demonstration projects in progress. She also mentioned that TAP and Carbon Reduction Program awards will be announced in late August or September 2024.

XI. Closing Reminders and Adjournment

Jon Morrison gave closing remarks.

Requested a motion to adjourn.

Nigel and Antoine seconded.

Next meeting, Friday, October 25, 2024, 9-11am

Meeting Chat

Peter Gray Bike Md7/26 9:44 AM

How long will you estimate for developing the one additional plan?

Greiner, Jennifer (Unverified)7/26 9:45 AM

At some point, perhaps consider Federal connectors between local/State BPPA hubs?

Seth Grimes, WABA7/26 9:45 AM

I have state & county BPPAs in Montgomery County on slide 12 of

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Morrison, Jon (Asbury) (Guest)7/26 9:46 AM

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Seth Grimes, WABA 7/26 9:48 AM

Jon: So - the 2nd Wheaton BPPA is not currently on the State recognized list?

-No, but MCDOT is currently doing bike-ped improvements in that BiPPA in conjunction with BRT construction.

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-A key is that a transit link unlocks certain federal funds.

WABA is discussing promoting bike commuting in the DC region in connection to Car Free Day, Sept. 23, 2024: <https://www.carfreemetrodc.org/>. That will probably include guided commuting rides.

WABA Red Line Rides, an experiment in encouraging bike commuting:
<https://waba.org/blog/2024/06/rlrschedule/>

Peter Gray Bike Md7/26 9:57 AM

Also, keeping BTWD on a Friday reduces the number of participants

Daniel Paschall, ECGA (Guest)7/26 9:58 AM

In addition to Car Free Day (Sept 23 <https://www.carfreemetrodc.org/>) and Car Free Week, there's a newer initiative called:

Week Without Driving Challenge, Sept 30-Oct 6 <https://weekwithoutdriving.org/>

There are currently no MD partners that are listed, so this could be a great opportunity to engage local elected leaders to challenge them to use the transit, bike, walk infrastructure during that week:
<https://weekwithoutdriving.org/partners/>

Sandy Bishop7/26 9:58 AM

Promoting Car Free Week raises so much awareness of the needs of nondrivers in our communities.

Sandy Bishop7/26 9:58 AM

Agreed with Jon!

Nigel Samaroo (Unverified)7/26 9:59 AM

Agreed Jon

Patti7/26 9:59 AM

Great idea-- and helmets for kids!@

Kristy7/26 9:59 AM

The Montgomery County Council of PTAs is restarting its Safe Routes to School Committee. Kandese and Meg, I would love to convene a meeting between the leaders in that group, and you at the State level.

Li, Ray (Unverified)7/26 10:00 AM

I need to jump off. Thanks for a very informative meeting!

Patti7/26 10:01 AM

these questions are all of interest. Could the answers be made available in an FAQ page ?

Don Long7/26 10:02 AM

In Delaware we have set up safety stations along the Route 1 corridor between Rehoboth and Lewes to outfit and distribute helmets and lights to bicycle commuters (who are mostly East European students visiting for the summer).

Seth Grimes, WABA7/26 10:03 AM

WABA will hold a forum targeting southern Prince George's County, in Fort Washington, on Monday evening, August 12. All are invited! <https://waba.org/blog/2024/07/pgc-fortwashington/>

Seth Grimes, WABA7/26 10:03 AM

Bike Maryland just did a walking tour of painted intersections in Baltimore - www.bikemd.org

Brooks Phelps (Unverified)7/26 10:05 AM

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Nigel Samaroo (Unverified)7/26 10:06 AM

Bike Maryland is planning to host a webinar as part of its webinar series on Cycling without Age

Liz Fitz7/26 10:06 AM

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Kandese Holford7/26 10:07 AM

Pit stops at transit centers get great traffic and coversation

Meg Young7/26 10:08 AM

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- yes, bikes are now allowable on on MTA modes! First mile and last mile commuting definitely count. Since the pandemic, Bike to Work has expanded to any biking during the week, but that is a recurring question about registering for non-commute rides

Nigel Samaroo (Unverified)7/26 10:08 AM

The CWA trishaws can often be found rding up and down the B&A trail

Peter Gray Bike Md7/26 10:08 AM

Liz, in the past Montgomery RideOn has brought buses to BTWD so that cyclists can tryout putting a bike on the front of their buses

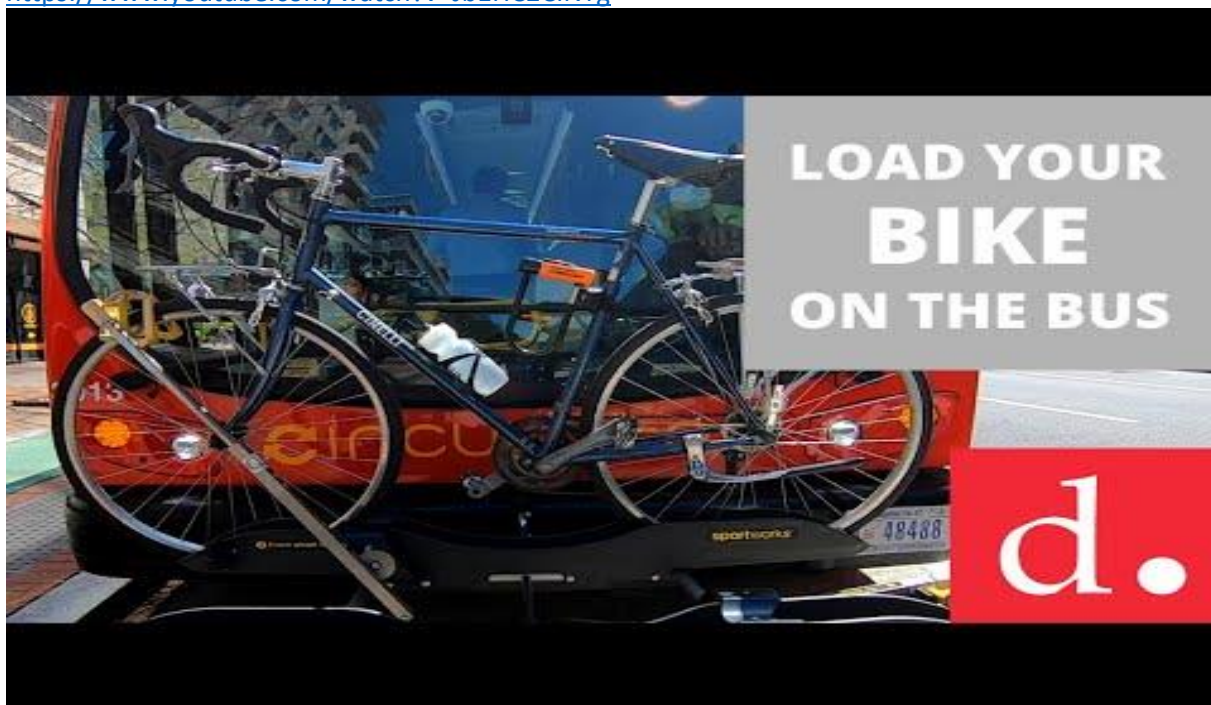
Meg Young7/26 10:09 AM

Liz: Agree with first/last mile - perhaps a component could be instruction on how to get our bikes on the bus....I know my hesitancy has been I don't want to burden bus riders with my fumbling to get my bike on the front.

-Yes, MTA has two demo models of the Bus bike rack. they bring them to events throughout bike to work week and we share their "how-to" video during the week

Peter Gray Bike Md7/26 10:09 AM

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jb1HC2CINTg>



Patti7/26 10:11 AM

Maybe that gap in Columbia could become a BBPA!

Nigel Samaroo (Unverified)7/26 10:12 AM

Patti, HoCo I presume would have to apply to the BBPA program

Antoine RJ Wright (Guest)7/26 10:13 AM

That gap in Columbia is actually not going to continue to be one; will explain when I'm called on a

Jon Korin, BikeAAA (Guest)7/26 10:15 AM

Sandy has done an amazing job launching and growing this program! We need more Sandy's in other Maryland locations to launch and lead CWA chapters! She will help you! Contact CWA@bikeaaa.org

Patti7/26 10:16 AM

How much does one tri-shaw cost?

Greiner, Jennifer (Unverified)7/26 10:16 AM

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Sandy Bishop7/26 10:17 AM

About \$15,000 for a trishaw - they come from Europe so that includes shipping

Jon Korin, BikeAAA (Guest)7/26 10:18 AM

Michael J. is probably referring to Charlotte's Tandems: <https://abilitycycling.com/>

Seth Grimes, WABA7/26 10:19 AM

WABA supports tandem rides offered by the [Metro Washington Association of Blind Athletes](https://gomwaba.org/our-sports-and-activities/) (MWABA), <https://gomwaba.org/our-sports-and-activities/>.

Sandy Bishop7/26 10:20 AM

I am familiar with both Charlotte's Tandems (on the board of Ability Cycling) and Mark Mulligan has told me about his participation with MWABA.

Patti7/26 10:21 AM

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5d9a38fc1f4a07061d34b9cd/t/66955cbdc7707d4aedd9bec4/1721064637721/2024+Skeleton+Agenda+for+website.pdf>

Jon Korin, BikeAAA (Guest)7/26 10:22 AM

10th annual OCT 6 Lifeline 100 is an INCLUSIVE event for people of all ages and abilities including children and people with special needs/adaptive bikes. Bike Rodeo Family Safari Ride, Trail Rides, Road Rides.

www.lifeline100.com

Sandy Bishop7/26 10:22 AM

Thank you all for the opportunity to share. More information about us at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cyclingwithoutageannearundel> and <https://bikeaaa.org/cycling-without-age/>

Jon Korin, BikeAAA (Guest)7/26 10:23 AM

<https://lifeline100.com/>

Jon Korin, BikeAAA (Guest)7/26 10:23 AM

Sandy B; would love to have you share this at Howard county's Mutlimodal Transportation Board meeting in Aug <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/boards-commissions/multimodal-transportation-board>

Patti7/26 10:27 AM

wcbikepedsfafety@gmail.com to participate in the Eastern Shore Trails Network Steering Committee meeting on Aug 12, 1-2.30pm.

Sandy Bishop7/26 10:29 AM

Antoine RJ Wright, can you email me with details sandra.bishop@gmail.com

Patti 7/26 10:33 AM

Info on the Transportation and Climate Act <https://www.sierraclub.org/sites/default/files/2024-02/Fact%20Sheet%20Transportation%20and%20Climate%20Alignment%20Act%20of%202024%20.docx%20%2811%29.pdf>

JimT (Guest)7/26 10:41 AM

Can you describe how MBPAC might be able to propose legislation, That would be a departure from the past, when the role was mainly to advise MDOT on positions for bills already in the Legislature. Is there a willingness of MDOT to propose legislation related to bike-ped, based on initiatives that MBPAC suggests? And what is the timing needed for that?

Peter Gray Bike Md7/26 10:42 AM

Meg, can you please put your email contact in the chat?

Daniel Paschall, ECGA (Guest)7/26 10:44 AM

Thank you! Also, could MBPAC be sure to coordinate with BMC reaching out about the Trails Subcommittee too?

That Bikeable Baltimore Region project isn't trails alone but it's critical that trails and on-road connection bike facility improvements are integrated together.

Nigel Samaroo (Unverified)7/26 10:44 AM

myoung7@mdot.maryland.gov

Meg Young7/26 10:44 AM

Emails for Ped Subcommittee- mbpac@mdot.maryland.gov or fwaters@mdot.maryland.gov

Peter Gray Bike Md7/26 10:44 AM

Thanks

Meg Young7/26 10:45 AM

For the new trails committee - mbpac@mdot.maryland.gov or myoung7@mdot.maryland.gov

Daniel Paschall, ECGA (Guest)7/26 10:45 AM

I'm very interested in joining the trails subcommittee, thank you for your work on this

Thanks!

Liz Fitz7/26 10:47 AM

September marks the 6th annual international underground railroad month. Events across the state commemorating the impact of the UGRR.

Sandy Bishop7/26 10:47 AM

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- can you send me your contact info?

Jon Korin, BikeAAA (Guest)7/26 10:47 AM

A recently unveiled signpost celebrating local, regional and national trails in memory of an avid cyclist: <https://bikeaaa.org/2024/04/11/jones-station-crossroads-sign-and-memorial-to-arthur-carter-jr/>

Hendrickson, Matthew (DDOT) (Unverified)7/26 10:48 AM

Daniel Paschall, ECGA (Guest): I'm very interested in joining the trails subcommittee, thank you for your work on this

-Ditto

Liz Fitz7/26 10:48 AM

Encourage everyone to go to visitmaryland.org and check out our biking pages - happy for suggestions to encourage multi-night adventures in our wonderful state!

Meg Young7/26 10:48 AM

October 9-11 Outdoor Rec Summit at Rocky Gap Park

Peter Gray Bike Md7/26 10:49 AM

If anyone from Md State Police is on this call, please share your email contact. Thanks.

Jon Korin, BikeAAA (Guest)7/26 10:49 AM

DNR was reviewing its prohibitive ebike policy. Any update on that?

Meg Young7/26 10:50 AM

Peter Gray BikeAAA: If anyone from Md State Police is on this call, please share your email contact. Thanks.

-Laura Beck (Guest)

Peter Gray Bike Md7/26 10:51 AM

What's your email? Or please send me an email at peter@waba.org

Sandy Bishop7/26 10:58 AM

Is that restriction on signage recommendations or policy?

Francine Waters7/26 10:59 AM

Sorry I have to leave for another meeting. Thank you

Bong Delrosario7/26 10:59 AM

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marshall edwards (External)7/26 11:00 AM

Great meeting ! I have to hop off for a 11 am meeting .

Patti7/26 11:00 AM

In email or next meeting could you provide an update on the TRAIN Commission, specifically will there be a cycling/ Active Transportation advocate on the advisory committee?

Meg Young7/26 11:01 AM

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- Yes, Patti we asked about this and were asked to wait until October

Antoine RJ Wright (Guest)7/26 11:01 AM

Yea! Awesome Jennifer

Daniel Paschall, ECGA (Guest)7/26 11:02 AM

Great to see you, Jennifer! Lots of potential for trail connections to/from the refuges and the statewide network

Meg Young7/26 11:02 AM

Complete Streets Leadership Academy Hub: <https://bit.ly/CSLAHub>

Jackson, Michael (Unverified)7/26 11:03 AM

I am willing to join the Trails Subcommittee.

Meg Young7/26 11:04 AM

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Nigel Samaroo (Unverified)7/26 11:05 AM

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Greiner, Jennifer (Unverified)7/26 11:05 AM

Thanks, everyone, for all this great information. For USFWS Patuxent Research Refuge connections, feel free to contact me at jennifer_greiner@fws.gov

Patti7/26 11:06 AM

I have to jump off. Great meeting!!

Ndegwa R. Kamau7/26 11:07 AM

Thanks everyone!!

7/26 11:08 AM Meg Young stopped recording.