

9:00 AM

January 27, 2023

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MEETING MINUTES

Attendees:

Members:

Jon Morrison, Chair	Brooks Phelps
Marty Baker	Kristi Pier
Lt. Laura Beck	Gabriel Rose
Bong Delrosario	Patti Stevens
Marshall Edwards	Pierre Stewart
Steve Friedman	Nigel Samaroo
Eli Glazier	Jim Titus
Steve Green	John Wetmore
Matt Hendrickson	Antoine RJ Wright
Andrew Mengel	

Non-Members:

Stewart Becker	Cindy Burch	Brigitte Carty
Kristy Daphnis	Brian Fields	Peter Gray
Lynn Gulley	Lori Hippensteel	Jon Korin
Connor Klein	Caitlin Kovel	Kalli Krumpas
Brian Lange	Doug Mowbray	Daniel Paschall
Molly Porter	Deborah Price	Walt Roscello
Cynthia Spriggs	Caitlin Tobin	Michelle Tarquino
Erik Valentine		

Absent Members:

Marian Vessels

Staff:

Nate Evans Francine Waters

I. Welcome & Introductions (10 min)

The meeting began at 9:05 AM with Jon Morrison welcoming attendees. Nate Evans stated that the meeting is being recorded and lead a roll call of committee members with a quorum established.

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

The agenda was reviewed with no revisions. Jim Titus motioned to approve the October 28, 2022 meeting minutes. Antoine RJ Wright seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

III. Kim Lamphier Bikeways Network Program (25 min)

Nate Evans, Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Active Transportation Planner, provided a history of the Kim Lamphier Bikeways Network Program and answered audience questions.



IV. Old Business & Public Comment (10 min)

Nate Evans provided a follow-up on Mike Evans's redesign request for the MD 193 intersection of Campus Drive with Purple Line improvements. Nate relayed that MDOT State Highway Administration (SHA) and Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) officials have worked with Mike in the past to address his concerns. Several design changes were made, including adding bike lane buffers and travel lane narrowing, but the angle at which the bike lane crossed the transit tracks could not be mitigated.

Jim Titus expressed concern that a hazardous condition still existed. Eli Glazier expressed similar concern experienced in Montgomery County. The committee is interested in understanding what mitigating factors can be provided to improve transit track safety for bicycle traffic.

Daniel Paschall shared that the East Coast Greenway is encouraging federal legislation to create the Chesapeake National Recreation Area in an effort to improve walking and biking access around the Bay.

Peter Gray shared that Bike Maryland/WABA will host the Bike Symposium on Wednesday, February 8th in Annapolis. Registration is encouraged as space is limited.

Jon Morrison shared the final draft of the 2022 MBPAC Annual Report. Jim Titus motioned to approve the annual report. Antoine RJ Wright seconded the motion. The report was unanimously adapted.

V. MBPAC Subcommittee Reports (15 min)

The Disability Subcommittee did not provide an update.

The Eastern Shore Subcommittee is partnering with the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy (ESLC) to support the Chesapeake National Recreation Area to in turn support regional trail development. The Rural Maryland Economic Fund awarded Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset Counties a grant to develop a regional trail plan. The Maryland Coast Bike Festival will be held May 6, 2023.

<https://marylandcoastbikefestival.com/>

The Legislative Subcommittee did not meet this quarter but will schedule a meeting to coordinate review of legislation as it develops. Jon Korin noted several bills have been introduced which will have an effect on walking and biking in the state:

1. Safe Roads for All ([SB16/HB70](#))
2. Equity in Transportation ([SB19/HB9](#))
3. Reduction of Speed Limits by Local Authorities ([HB94](#))

Other bills to be introduced include allowing bikes on sidewalks, stop as yield (Delaware Stop), as well as increased funding for active transportation projects and Acting Secretary Wiedefeld's nomination hearings.



Pedestrian Subcommittee lead staff Francine Waters noted that the subcommittee's annual goals were achieved as indicated in the MBPAC annual report. The subcommittee will meet again on March 16.

Nate Evans provided an update for the Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan Subcommittee indicating that the project's website is live <https://www.2050marylandbpm.com/> and shared the project's outreach schedule.

VI. Partner Agency Updates (20 min)

Gabriel Rose from the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) shared that the department is partnering with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration in an effort to reduce student travel fatalities. [SB95](#) would require county boards of education to identify pathways to certain public schools.

Andrew Mengel from the Department of Natural Resources noted that Land & Wildlife Conservation Fund grants will be available upon notice from the National Park Service.

Eli Glazier from the Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning Commission shared that the Montgomery County Pedestrian Master Plan is being finalized and published next week.

Cynthia Spriggs from the Maryland Highway Safety Office (MHSO) shared that Highway Safety Grant application are now open ([How to Apply for Highway Safety Grants - Tips & Recommendations - Zero Deaths MD](#)). The Maryland Safety Summit will be held on Wednesday April 12 and MHSO completed the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) bicycle and pedestrian safety assessment.

Nate Evans shared the link for the MDOT Grants Webinar to be held Wednesday, February 15 at 1pm. <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5003757999067429976>

VII. Closing Reminders and Adjournment (5 min)

Action item(s):

1. Determine what transit rail design options are available to improve bicycle safety.

The next MBPAC meeting will be held on April 28, 2023.

Jim Titus motioned to adjourn the meeting. Pierre Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10:40.



Appendix– Chat Log from the January 27, 2023 MBPAC Meeting

[9:09 AM] Nate Evans

Kim Lamphier Bikeways Network Program <http://www.mdot.maryland.gov/bikeways>

Kim Lamphier Bikeways Network Program

The Maryland Department of Transportation is a customer-driven leader that delivers safe, sustainable, intelligent, and exceptional transportation solutions in order to connect our customers to lif...

www.mdot.maryland.gov

[9:10 AM] Nate Evans

<https://maryland.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=61dad6442ec04217ac95713c70907c6a>

Bikeways Projects Interactive Story Map Series; maryland.maps.arcgis.com

[9:11 AM] Morrison, Jon (Asbury) (Guest)

[Kim Lamphier Bikeways Network Program - MDOT \(maryland.gov\)](http://www.mdot.maryland.gov/bikeways)

[9:13 AM] Nigel Samaroo (Guest)

Am not seeing your presentation Nate, I am going to log out and back in and see if that fixes it

[9:13 AM] Marty Baker

Just to clarify - FY2012 (not 22) was our first program year.

(1 liked)

[9:14 AM] Patti Stevens (Guest)

What is the most common reason projects cancel?

[9:17 AM] Peter Gray (he/him) (Guest)

Why was the whole \$3.8m not allocat4ed some years? What obstacles are some local jurisdictions facing in obtaining these grants?

[9:17 AM] Bong Delrosario (Guest)

My apologies, I have to do a hard stop at 10am. I have a legislative meeting with my department.

[9:18 AM] Kristi Pier (Guest)

Hi Nate--I am joining in listen-only mode, may not be able stay on the full meeting (jury duty). Kristi

[9:19 AM] Marty Baker

Thanks for joining, Kristi.



[9:22 AM] Marty Baker
and blood, sweat and tears!

[9:23 AM] Kristi Pier (Guest)
Marti--we are expecting a new CDC funding announcement next week, I will email you separately for a meeting about collaboration.

[9:23 AM] Marty Baker
Great. Thanks, Kristi. I'll watch for it.

[9:24 AM] Nate Evans
<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5003757999067429976>

[9:25 AM] Jon Korin (Guest)
The MD FY24 Proposed Budget Summary shows \$7.5M for FY24. Is that an increase in funding or does it reflect "catch up" from prior year projects?

[9:26 AM] Daniel Paschall, East Coast Greenway Alliance (Guest)
Is there any new thinking on how to jumpstart projects in counties and jurisdictions that don't have staff capacity to apply (or simply haven't prioritized it in the past)?

[9:26 AM] Titus, Jim (Guest)
Is this funded from trust fund so money carried over if not all money is drawn down?

[9:27 AM] Morrison, Jon (Asbury) (Guest)
How long are funds held on an approved project before it can be repurposed?

[9:30 AM] Marty Baker
The Letters of Intent phase that we've introduced was also intended to help be sure locals understand and address project requirements.

[9:34 AM] Glazier, Eli (Guest)
Do you see the reimburse-only aspect of this program being a difficult barrier for many jurisdictions to overcome? It seems like there's a funding liquidity issue?

[9:35 AM] Daniel Paschall, East Coast Greenway Alliance (Guest)
Is there any way SHA could support the creation of new bikeways by automatically reviewing the potential to include new bike lanes or other striping treatments for resurfacing projects as they come up? Or maybe they already do? PennDOT and DVRPC in Southeast PA has more recently been doing this.

[9:36 AM] Peter Gray (he/him) (Guest)

+1 for Daniel's query. Why is it a reimbursable fund and can it be converted so that local jurisdictions do not have to put monies up front?



[9:37 AM] Daniel Paschall, East Coast Greenway Alliance (Guest)
Thanks

[9:38 AM] Morrison, Jon (Asbury) (Guest)
Are the links on the bottom of [Maryland's Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans and Programs - MDOT](#) the full list of various funding programs?

[9:38 AM] Jon Korin (Guest)
We do that for county road repaving

[9:38 AM] Tarquino, Michelle (Guest)
[U.S. Department of Transportation Transit, Highway, and Safety Funds - Funding - Bicycle and Pedestrian Program - Environment - FHWA \(dot.gov\)](#)

[9:39 AM] Jon Korin (Guest)
THank you. We've had great success with Kim Lamphier Bikeways!

[9:44 AM] Walt Roscello, OHBike (Guest)
There are safer types of inserts to minimize the gap at track too, if MTA is willing to use them.

[9:44 AM] Glazier, Eli (Guest)
can the design be shared on the screen?

[9:54 AM] Kristy daphnis (Guest)



[9:55 AM] Walt Roscello, OHBike (Guest)
% of incidence may be low, but the severity is high

[9:56 AM] Walt Roscello, OHBike (Guest)
(Head injuries and collarbone fractures from the fall)

[9:58 AM] Kristy daphnis (Guest)
I am sure you are all aware, but there are hearings on 1/31 and 2/2 on the SAFE Roads for all Act (waldstreicher/Charcoudian)

[9:59 AM] Daniel Paschall, East Coast Greenway Alliance (Guest)
re: Chesapeake National Recreation Area proposal and legislation -- lawmakers are now accepting public comment on the proposed CNRA legislation and map. Those interested in more closely reviewing and providing feedback can do so at <https://www.vanhollen.senate.gov/cnra>

[9:59 AM] Bong Delrosario (Guest)
I have to run

[9:59 AM] Patti Stevens (Guest)



Great suggestion Daniel! We'd like the Chesapeake Bay Recreation Area Designation to consider/include future Eastern Shore Regional Trail Network!

(1 liked)

[10:00 AM] Patti Stevens (Guest)

Looks great

[10:00 AM] Daniel Paschall, East Coast Greenway Alliance (Guest)
this is the guiding principle related to transportation for the CNRA;

7. Increasing Public Access

The Chesapeake National Recreation Area will focus on providing high-quality close-to-home outdoor opportunities in the Bay. The Advisory Council will engage and empower local leadership, Tribal and Indigenous groups, and other stakeholders, working collaboratively to create a space that eliminates transportation, language, and mobility barriers, and includes features that meet the needs of the community for the purpose of creating a safe and welcoming natural environment for all to enjoy.

<https://www.vanhollen.senate.gov/news/press-releases/van-hollen-sarbanes-announce-chesapeake-national-recreation-area-working-group-principles-to-guide-legislation>

[10:04 AM] Morrison, Jon (Asbury) (Guest)

[2023 Bike Maryland Symposium - Bike Maryland | Bike Maryland](#)

[10:05 AM] Patti Stevens (Guest)

[Marylandcoastbikefestival.com](https://marylandcoastbikefestival.com)

[10:06 AM] Daniel Paschall, East Coast Greenway Alliance (Guest)

Very exciting, thanks Peter!

[10:09 AM] Peter Gray (he/him) (Guest)

Looking forward to seeing you Daniel and many others

[10:12 AM] Walt Roscello, OHBike (Guest)

FYI Virginia has similar LPI and stop-as-yield bills in this year as well

[10:14 AM] Morrison, Jon (Asbury) (Guest)

Subject Legislation - Bicycles (maryland.gov)

[10:14 AM] Morrison, Jon (Asbury) (Guest)

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgaweb/Legislation/Details/sb0019?ys=2023RS>

[10:15 AM] Jon Korin (Guest)

Speed limit reduction bill

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgaweb/Legislation/Details/hb0094?ys=2023RS>

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[10:22 AM] Marty Baker

Also for your radar: There's a bill to limit how widely school zones can be defined to help reduce and enforce speeds. [SB 11](#) proposes to reduce school zones from a half mile to 1/10 of a mile. Only one sponsor but may be of interest to our Vision Zero partners.

[10:22 AM] Morrison, Jon (Asbury) (Guest)

[Home](#) | [Maryland Department \(2050marylandbpm.com\)](#)

[10:25 AM] Lori L. Hippensteel (Guest)

Nate. your "Sign Up" link doesn't work on the website. FYI

[10:25 AM] Patti Stevens (Guest)

Eli- thank you! That's exactly what I was asking for. (1 liked)

[10:26 AM] Daniel Paschall, East Coast Greenway Alliance (Guest)

+1 to a statewide trail plan update!

[10:26 AM] Daniel Paschall, East Coast Greenway Alliance (Guest)

example from Pennsylvania, an interactive map with their statewide gaps:

<https://maps.dcnr.pa.gov/trailgaps/>

[10:28 AM] Peter Gray (he/him) (Guest)

Amen Patti!

[10:28 AM] Daniel Paschall, East Coast Greenway Alliance (Guest)

(that includes hiking trails as well -- it'd be great to have a multi-use specific statewide trail network)

[10:28 AM] Gulley, Lynn (Guest)

Individual counties have done analysis. A lot of it would be a matter of combining them into one resource.

[10:30 AM] Glazier, Eli (Guest)

Gabriel Rose can you say the name of the legislation again?

[10:31 AM] Morrison, Jon (Asbury) (Guest)

[Legislation - SB0095 \(maryland.gov\)](#)

[10:32 AM] Steve Green (Guest)

What's the bill number for the rolling stop?

[10:32 AM] Morrison, Jon (Asbury) (Guest)

does not yet have a #

[10:32 AM] Morrison, Jon (Asbury) (Guest)

not yet out of drafting

[10:32 AM] Nigel Samaroo (Guest)

there isnt one as yet

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[10:32 AM] Morrison, Jon (Asbury) (Guest)

SB95 was last filed in 2020 but didn't make it out of committee then

[10:34 AM] Kristy daphnis (Guest)

Kudos to Eli, who has done a great job. Despite challenges over the past few years!

(1 liked)

[10:34 AM] Cynthia Spriggs

[How to Apply for Highway Safety Grants - Tips & Recommendations - Zero Deaths MD](#)

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Find useful tips and best practices to apply for federal funds available through the Maryland Highway Safety Office.

zerodeathsmd.gov

[10:34 AM] Peter Gray (he/him) (Guest)

+1 for Kristy's comments

[10:35 AM] Cynthia Spriggs

[Highway Safety Summit - Zero Deaths Maryland & Vision Zero - Maryland Highway Safety Office \(zerodeathsmd.gov\)](#)

Highway Safety Summit - Zero Deaths Maryland & Vision Zero - Maryland Highway Safety Office

The 2022 Highway Safety Summit will be back in person on April 18, 2022 at the Maritime Conference Center in Linthicum Heights, MD.

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[10:36 AM] Cynthia Spriggs

cspriggs@mdot.maryland.gov

[10:38 AM] Patti Stevens (Guest)

Perhaps we could do in person and ride or walks

[10:38 AM] Gulley, Lynn (Guest)

I hope consideration of equestrian access will be included in most of these plans.