# MARYLAND Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

9:00 AM

October 28, 2022

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**MEETING MINUTES**

**Attendees:**

| **Members:** | | **Non-Members:** | | |
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| Jon Morrison, Chair | Kat Midas (DNR) | Steve Ashurst | Brigitte Carty | Jon Korin |
| Bong Delrosario | Kristi Pier | Bari Klein | Patrick McMahon | Joe Moges |
| Marshall Edwards | Patti Stevens | Daniel Langenkamp | Molly Porter | David Greene |
| Eli Glazier | Jim Titus | | | |
| Steve Green | John Wetmore | | | |
| Susan Llareus (MDP) | Antoine RJ Wright | | | |

| **Absent Members:** | | **Staff:** | | |
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| Steve Friedman | Jim Smith | Marty Baker | Nate Evans | Francine Waters |
| Lt. Laura Beck | Matt Hendrickson | Maureen Madden | | |
| Andrew Mengel | Pierre Stewart | | | |
| Nigel Samaroo | Marian Vessels | | | |

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**I. Welcome & Introductions** (10 min)

The meeting began at 9:05 AM with Nate Evans alerting attendees that the meeting is being recorded and then leading a roll call of committee members. A quorum was not yet established until later in the meeting. Nate relayed that committee members are concluding their current terms while new members are still being approved. Jon Morrison joined the meeting and thanked members whose term is concluding.

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

The agenda was reviewed with no revisions. Jim Titus motioned to approve the April 22, 2022 meeting minutes. Antoine RJ Wright seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**III. Montgomery County Pedestrian Master Plan** (45 min)

Eli Glazier, Maryland National Capital Parks & Planning Commission (MNCPPC) provided an update on the Pedestrian Master Plan for Montgomery County. Following the presentation, Eli answered questions from the audience.

**IV. Approval of Minutes** (5 min)

Jim Titus motioned to approve the July 22, 2022 meeting minutes. Bong Delrosario seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved. Jim Titus motioned to approve the September 27, 2022 meeting minutes. Bong Delrosario seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**V. Old Business & Public Comment** (15 min)

Mike Evans, Takoma Park resident, alerted the committee of an unsafe bicycle crossing of the new Purple Line tracks at the intersection of MD 193 (University Boulevard) and Campus Drive. The committee reviewed Mike's presentation including the construction drawings. MDOT staff will coordinate a review of the plans.

Jim Titus expressed concern that a future Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) project will exclude pedestrian and bicycle accommodations based on an administration's preference. John Wetmore concurred stating that a wholesale reform of MDTA governance is needed. Committee members were encouraged to coordinate with Jon Korin, Bike AAA, who is involved with advocacy legislative coordination.

**VI. MBPAC Subcommittee Reports** (15 min)

The Disability Subcommittee did not meet this quarter but will schedule a future meeting.

The Eastern Shore Subcommittee celebrated several grant awards to promote, plan and design several trails.

The Legislative Subcommittee did not meet this quarter but will schedule a future meeting soon to coordinate for the upcoming 2023 General Assembly legislative session.

Pedestrian Subcommittee lead staff Francine Waters noted that the committee has been involved with the planning and celebration of Walktober with four walkinars, numerous organized walks, and Walk Maryland Day. The subcommittee also hosted a September meeting with the next meeting to be held December 8.

Nate Evans solicited MBPAC members to join the new Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan Subcommittee. This new subcommittee will work with the Technical Advisory Group for the upcoming plan and report out to the main committee. Subcommittee members will be asked to attend 4-6 meeting and review milestone documents for the 12 months planning process.

**VII. Partner Agency Updates** (20 min)

Nate Evans shared that FY23 Bikeways, Transportation Alternatives and Recreational Trails Program awards were announced on Wednesday, October 26. A total of $35 million in projects for all three programs will be implemented over the coming years. Bikeways provided $2.6 million to 21 projects across the state.

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Patrick McMahon from MDOT Maryland Transit Administration shared that MTA received a $5 million congressional budget request to improve Baltimore's Penn Station access. An additional $6 million in RAISE grants was also awarded to MTA for Penn Station, which will include improved bike parking accommodations.

**VIII. Closing Reminders and Adjournment** (5 min)

Action items:

1. Coordinate MD 193 and Campus Drive intersection review.
2. Members can contact Nate Evans to participate in the Bike Ped Plan Subcommittee.
3. Committee members will discuss how to require MDTA's inclusion of bike ped facilities.

The next MBPAC meeting will be held on January 27, 2023.

Jim Titus motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bong Delrosario seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10:55.

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**Appendix A – Chat Log from the October 28, 2022 MBPAC Meeting**

[9:13 AM] Jon Korin

If there is time, it would be interesting to hear if there are any successful ramped up sustained (not event) walk/bike to school programs that are helping to address the school bus driver shortage

[9:22 AM] Mike Evans
How about as a recommendation: connect to neighboring entities?

[9:24 AM] Jon Morrison
How about shared use paths vs 5 foot wide sidewalks, anywhere they can fit - and having SUP fit in the same budget process/funding as sidewalks

[10:35 AM] Jon Korin
Anne Arundel County looks forward to connecting our in-process Broadneck Trail at Sandy Pt State Park with Kent Island's Cross Island Trail at Terrapin Park via any new or replacement Chesapeake Bridge Crossing which MUST include a separated bike/ped facility.

[10:35 AM] Kristi Pier (she/her) MDH (Guest)
Here is the Walk Group registration page:
https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/ccdpc/WalkMD/Pages/WalkMDAbout.aspx

Pages - About An official website of the State of Maryland.

[10:41 AM] Marty Baker
Along those lines, Patti - Eli deserves a shout out for having presetned to the MD Planning Commissioners mtg.

[10:42 AM] Patti Stevens
Agreed Marty!

[10:43 AM] Marty Baker
And MDP deserves a shout out for reaching out to us to help make that happen.

[10:43 AM] Kristi Pier (she/her) MDH (Guest)
Sorry, I need to leave for another meeting. As Francine mentioned, here is the Walk Group registration page:
https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/ccdpc/WalkMD/Pages/WalkMDAbout.aspx

[10:50 AM] Mike Evans
Thank you!

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[10:50 AM] Patrick McMahon
https://rtpcorridors.com/northsouth
North-South Corridor Study - Regional Transit Corridors

[10:51 AM] Mike Evans
@ Patrick can I have your email contact to check in on progress?
[10:51 AM] Patrick McMahon

https://www.mdot.maryland.gov/tso/pages/Index.aspx?PageId=173

RAISE Transportation Discretionary Grants (2022) - MDOT - MDOT SHA
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...
[10:51 AM] Patrick McMahon

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[10:54 AM] Mike Evans

Thank you everyone.

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