

**BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY GROUP**

**July 9, 2008**

**BMC Conference Rooms A&B**

**1:00 P.M.**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Amber Blake, Baltimore Metropolitan Council	410-732-0500
Jamie Bridges, Baltimore Metropolitan Council	410-732-0500
Barry Childress, Baltimore Bicycle Club	410-919-7695
Edward Cohen, Transit Riders Action Council	410-837-6582
Kwaku Duah, City of Annapolis	410-2637961
Nate Evans, Baltimore City Department of Transportation	443-984-4856
Janet Gleisner (Chair), Harford County P& Z	410-638-3230
Monica Haines, Baltimore Metropolitan Council	410-732-0500
Michael Jackson, Maryland Department of Transportation	410-865-1237
Tiffany James, Parking Administration of Baltimore City	443-573-2800
Ralph Wheeler, Baltimore County Department of Public Works	410-887-3739

Chairperson Gleisner called the meeting to order at 1:13 P.M.

**1. INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairperson Janet Gleisner welcomed everyone. Introductions followed.

**2. APPROVAL OF MARCH 2007 MINUTES**

Minutes were approved with changes:

- Old Business add: Regarding biking the ECG and bikes on buses over the Route 40 Bridge crossing the Susquehanna. Work will be done on the bridge within the next three years.

**3. UPDATE/DISCUSSION OF CURRENT BRTB/BMC ACTIVITIES**

Ms. Monica Haines provided a brief update to the Group that included mention of:

Members from the FTA and FHWA attended the meeting as part of the MPO Certification. The process included 3 days of meetings with Staff, and a public meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Public comment for the review ends July 9, 2008. FTA and FHWA will issue a report within 60 days.

Action items for the meeting included approval of MTA Alternatives, and an Amendment to the 2009 UPWP.

Ms Haines stated that she would provide a link to the BRTB Agenda and Minutes to the Group. [BRTB JULY AGENDA AND JUNE BRTB MEETING MINUTES.](#)

Ms. Haines noted that the next BRTB meeting will be July 22, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

#### **4. PRESENTATION OF NEW AND PLANNED BICYCLE PARKING IN BALTIMORE CITY**

Ms. James gave a presentation on the City's Bicycle Parking Initiatives. The presentation included an overview of current and future initiatives for standard bike rack and secure bicycle parking in garages across the city. The initiatives will provide tools to help lower demand for (automobile) parking and help create a more walkable community.

Copies of the [Bicycle Parking Power Point Presentation](#) were provided to BPAG meeting participants

**[Action]** Ms. Blake will provide Mr. Evans with the [Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals - Bike Rack Guidelines](#) for the City's design a bike rack competition.

**[Action]** Mr. Childress will send information to Ms. James and Mr. Evans on bicycle vending machines. The vending machines carry spare tubes, patch kits, Co2 Cartridges, water bottles, and energy bars. The machines are also equipped with an air pump to inflate tires.

#### **5. UPDATES FROM LOCAL/STATE AGENCIES**

Mr. Bridges reported that:

- BPAG will revisit the TIP review process in January 2009.
- He will be sending out a 'wrap-up' letter of the projects reviewed this year.
- **[Action]** Send Mr. Bridges information as to where the letter for your jurisdiction should be sent. Mr. Bridges will send out a reminder email.

Mr. Nate Evans reported that:

- The 2010 Rails to Trails Application was submitted and will be available online in the next 2 weeks.
- 30 more bicycle racks were received in June.
- ArcMap Bicycle map will be online by the end of the summer.
- City code is being reworked to allow bikes on the Promenade.
- An application to have Baltimore listed as one of the nations Bike Friendly Cities has been submitted.
- The [Climate Ride 2008](#) will go through Baltimore on September 23, 2008.

Mr. Jackson reported that:

- He went to Scandinavia to look at Bicycle facilities. He will give a formal presentation to the group in the future.
  - Highlights included: mention of Denmark's 200% car tax, Green-wave boulevards, and bicycle stations.

Chairperson Gleisner reported that:

- In May, a series of 10 bicycle helmet safety trainings were held at 5 libraries in Harford County. The events were very successful and will be conducted again next year.
- Recently had a productive meeting with the Department of Public Works who were supportive of bicycle/pedestrian linkages and components of the bicycle pedestrian plan for Harford County.

Mr. Childress reported that:

- Christopher Fields the new president of TRAC, voiced safety concerns regarding discontinuing the bike lane stripping on Roland Ave before major intersections. The striping at major intersections is standard design and is safe. However, there is an issue with striping on Roland

Ave where the bike lane is striped up to minor intersections and that is not standard or safe. There are also issues with door zone bike lanes on Roland Ave.

- o Asked when the LOS data was last updated? 2004. Mr. Jackson stated SHA may have 2008 data out in January of 2009.

## **6. UPDATE ON ACTION PLAN 2001 ASSESSMENT**

According to Ms. Blake, staff continues to work on the second draft of the document with the goal of having the Final Draft to the BRTB by the end of the calendar year.

Ms. Blake and Mr. Bridges will distribute chapters as they are completed for editorial comments.

## **7. OLD BUSINESS**

- o Mr. Bridges reported that the Tort Liability Workshop is proposed for December 11, 2008.
- o Mr. Bridges reported that the thank you letter to MTA regarding the bike racks on buses was sent.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

Look into changing BPAG bylaws and membership to allow for a voting position to be held by a member of the public. **[Action]** Ms. Blake will find out what procedures need to take place to change bylaws, report back at next meeting. She will also check to see if non BRTB members can be made official committee members and can they vote.

Concern was expressed that representatives from SHA's district offices did not attend the BPAG meetings. Mr. Jackson noted that he and Ms. Yanovitz could take concerns and questions to the appropriate person at the district level. **[Action]** Ms. Blake will follow up with Mr. Jackson regarding region wide bicycle access as a future BPAG meeting topic.

Ms. Blake informed the group of available grants and upcoming deadlines. Possible grant opportunities include the American Hiking Society. Deadline for applications is August 15, 2008, and the American Academy of Dermatology Shade Structure Program. Applications for this grant are due April 10, 2009. Ms. Blake also noted that a dermatology sponsor is needed for this grant, and the BMC will work with the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health to provide a sponsor for those applying for the grant.

Ed Cohen asked Michael Jackson **[Action]** if he would look at Falls Road North of Seminary Ave regarding bicycle safety issues. In that location, Falls Road has a steep grade, no lighting, and a minimal to no shoulder.

The next meeting of the BPAG will be September 10, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.