

BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY GROUP
September 10, 2008
BMC Conference Rooms A&B
1:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE:

Amber Blake, Baltimore Metropolitan Council	410-732-0500
Edward Cohen, Transit Riders Action Council	410-837-6582
Nate Evans, Baltimore City Department of Transportation	443-984-4856
Janet Gleisner (Chair), Harford County P& Z	410-638-3230
Michael Jackson, Maryland Department of Transportation	410-865-1237
Derek Myers, Carroll Department of Planning	410-386-2247
E. Lee Moser, MAC Trails and Greenway, Friends of Patapsco Valley & Heritage Greenway	410-465-5679

Chairperson Janet Gleisner called the meeting to order at 1:15 P.M.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Gleisner welcomed everyone.

2. APPROVAL OF JULY 2008 MINUTES

Approval of the minutes was postponed because there were too few members for a quorum. The following changes were noted:

- › City update, bike racks were received by the City, but not yet installed
- › Change “on” to “one” in the 5th bullet point
- › Change “Roland Av” to “Roland Ave” under Mr. Childress’ comment on page 3
- › Add comment by Ed Cohen to Michael Jackson about examining bike safety issues on Falls Road north of Seminary Ave

3. UPDATE/DISCUSSION OF CURRENT BRTB/BMC ACTIVITIES

Ms. Monica Haines was not available to update group.

Ms. Gleisner noted the CMAQ Funding Workshop will take place on Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at 9:00 at BMC.

Ms. Amber Blake noted that the next BRTB meeting will be September 23, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

4. DISCUSSION OF CHANGES TO BYLAWS

Ms. Blake provided attendees with copies of the proposed bylaws and comments from Dr. Kwaku Duah. It was agreed to list the nine (9) voting members, to limit the citizen voting member term to 2 years, and to use an application process for the selection of the citizen voting member.

Mr. Ed Cohen commented that it was his understanding that the Freight Movement Task Force had a number of voting citizen members. [**Action**] Ms. Blake will research that, and get back to the group.

[Action] Due to the lack of a quorum there will be an e-mail vote on the bylaws, so the resolution can go before Technical Committee, and the BRTB at the October meetings. Ms. Blake will take care of this.

5. LESSONS FROM SCANDINAVIA

Mr. Michael Jackson presented on his recent trip to Scandinavia. The presentation included technical traffic systems and bicycle amenities such as; the bicycle traffic counter, the Green Wave, Air Compressors near bike parking, two story bike racks, bicycle pavement locks, year round outdoor water fountains, cyclist speed display signs, and See-me RFID technology employed in Denmark and Sweden.

Other highlights of Mr. Jackson's presentation were the Public Bicycle Program in Copenhagen, which included blue bike lanes, an \$18 million bike/pedestrian bridge, and excellent communication by the Public Works Department (bilingual signage).

5. UPDATES FROM LOCAL/STATE AGENCIES

Mr. Jackson (MDOT) reported that:

- He was just back from ProBike ProWalk in Seattle.
- Noted Seattle and Vancouver, BC were very similar with their emphasis on bicycling as a mode of transportation.
- Highlights:
 - **Vancouver**- bike symbol on street signs to indicate bike route, Skytrain with 2 minute headways, new subway line from waterfront to airport, detailed signage.
 - **Seattle** – Pedestrian on-street sign (Jackson St.), Green bike lanes through intersections, bike parking/facilities), Government Building has shower facilities/locker room for cyclists, increased transit service to UW football games.

Mr. Nate Evans (City of Baltimore) reported that:

- Eleven more bicycle racks were installed in the City yesterday; an additional 13 will be installed Friday.
- Penn Station racks will be installed Friday in the garages and by the sculpture.
- PSA to encourage responsible road-sharing is airing on TV 25 and YouTube, search: Baltimore bikes.
- Manual bike counts on Pratt Street have been collected, 280 bikes in 6 hours. More counts to take place.
- Returned from ProBike ProWalk where he learned a lot.
- An application for "Bike friendly communities" has been turned in.

Mr. Derek Myers (Carroll County) reported that:

- Carroll County is wrapping up a draft of Greenways and Bike Routes for the county (this is a sub element of the Master Plan).
- The County is still working on the Long Range Master Plan.

Ms. Gleisner (Harford County) reported that:

- Bike racks have been installed on Harford County transit buses. A marketing program for this will ensue.
- Harford County would like to develop a stand alone Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. The public participation portion of the plan will begin next year.

Mr. Jackson (MDOT) reported that:

- The League of American Bicyclists has announced the results of their survey on Bike Friendly States. States can apply for recognition.
- Maryland ranked 35th
- Lists of responses from the states were not provided at the unveiling of the results.
- Issues with timing and permission to release data may have resulted in the low ranking.
- The top state was Washington
- Questions for the future:
 - What can be done to increase our ranking?
 - How did the LAB come up with the rankings?

6. UPDATE ON ACTION PLAN 2001 ASSESSMENT

Ms. Blake reported that she has continued to work on the second draft of the document. Chapter 1 was sent out for editorial comments, none were received.

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

7. OLD BUSINESS

Falls Road – Mr. Jackson will talk to Stephanie Yanovitz at SHA.

Ms. Blake reminded attendees that the Tort Liability Workshop will take place on December 11. Contact Mr. Bridges for more information.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None

The next meeting of the BPAG will be November 5, 2008.

The meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

