



**BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY GROUP**  
**Wednesday May 6, 2009**  
**BMC Conference Rooms A&B**  
**1:00 P.M.**

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**ATTENDANCE:**

Members:

Stephanie Yanovitz, Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)	410-732-0500
Barry Childress, Baltimore Bicycling Club	410-919-7695
Nate Evans, City of Baltimore (Chair)	410-984-4856
Ralph Wheeler, Baltimore County	410-887-3739
Janet Gleisner, Harford County	410-638-3230
Molla Sarros, MDE	410-537-4180
Dan Reagle, MTA	410-767-3771
John Mayer, Anne Arundel County	410-222-7432
Michael Jackson, MDOT	410-865-1237

Chairperson Evans called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM

**1. INTRODUCTIONS**

Mr. Evans welcomed everyone. Introductions took place.

**2. APPROVAL OF MARCH 2009 MINUTES**

Minutes were approved. The minutes have been posted on the website.

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

Ms. Stephanie Yanovitz reported that the Transportation Land Use (TLU-8) has met on behalf of the Climate Action Plan to develop priorities for the Commission to consider adopting. The provision of bicycle facilities (parking and showers), Complete Streets Policy and to increase of walking and biking in urban areas to 15% of the mode share are some of the recommendations. Ms. Janet Gleisner requested the Transportation Enhancement Projects (TEP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) projects be presented to the BPAG for review. The TEP projects submitted to BMC were reviewed and approved by the BRTB in late April. Two of the eight have been approved for funding by the State. Others were not granted approval; or need additional funding and consideration before final approval can be achieved.

**Approved:**

Masonville Cove Pedestrian Access	Baltimore City	Y	\$750,000.00	\$1,300,000.00
Westminster High School Stormwater Management Facility	Carroll County	Y	\$428,527.00	\$857,054.00

In addition a TIP summary was sent to BPAG via e-mail on May 27, 2009. June 17<sup>th</sup> the public is invited to attend a meeting at BMC from 4 - 7 pm to overview the process, projects and submit comments. Comments will be accepted until July 28. The Unified Planning Work Program also summarizes BMC/BRTB efforts in the upcoming year, including review of the TEP, TIP and Safe Routes to School proposed projects. The group also recommended a Bike to Work Day follow-up meeting be scheduled shortly after Bike to Work Day.

#### **4. UPDATE ON CITIZEN MEMBERSHIP**

Mr. Childress stressed the importance of providing measurements to biking and walking and Ms. Molla Sarros concurred with the recommendation.

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

Mr. Dan Reagle reported that MTA had bike lids installed at the West Baltimore MARC Station. Ms. Molla Sarros provided an update on MDE's outreach efforts for Bike to Work Day. Mr. Michael Jackson, MDOT reported Maryland ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in the Bike Friendly States survey by the League of American Bicyclists. Maryland also received an honorable mention for the month. Ms. Janet Gleisner stressed the need to increase signage and standards for signage along MD 24 in Harford County. Ms. Gleisner summarized educational events for school-aged children in the county through bike rodeos, essays, and helmet fittings. Mr. Ralph Wheeler cited projects in Baltimore County that were funded and under construction: Western Baltimore County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, Fords Road Bike Lane from Honeygo Boulevard to BelAir and Route 7, Red Run and Dolfield Boulevard Pedestrian Bikeway/new Steel Bridge to Soldiers Delight. It was noted that the projects would provide additional connectivity to Perry Hall. Mr. Wheeler also stated that the county would look to provide bicycle accommodations on roads posted 35 mph or less by providing 10' lanes. Mr. Nate Evans listed recent events that the City has organized including the Baltimore Bike Blast with Mayor Dixon, Andy Clarke, Al Foxx as well as the first Bike Summit. The city's website has been updated. Bike parking/valet will be available at Artscape July 17, 18 and 19<sup>th</sup>. Anna Ricklin participated in a radio interview. John Mayer of Anne Arundel County was prepared to attend the Bike to Work Day event at the City Dock.

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

Ms. Yanovitz is working with Ms. Mary Davidson at SHA to identify existing, planned, and proposed projects in the Baltimore region for continuity between agencies and for project tracking consistent in the Action 2001 plan. GIS data is being collected and anticipated to be provided through SHA and the Trails: Strategic Implementation Plan conducted by MDOT.

#### **7. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

#### **8. NEW BUSINESS**

A survey was presented to the members present, and e-mailed to those absent to determine what future topics would be useful to BPAG to learn about. A summary is provided below.

TOPICS/Speakers/Webinars	Importance: Circle 1 for most interested 5 for least				
	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Safety/Education : WABA Dorcas Adkins</b>	1 <b>3</b>	2 <b>3</b>	3	4 <b>2</b>	5
Children in Nature: Shelly Morhaim/Mary Hardcastle	1 1	2 1	3 2	4 2	5 2
University of Maryland : School of Medicine/Crash Data Cindy Burch/Tim Kerns	1 1	2 2	3 3	4 1	5 1
Transit Oriented Development: MDP/MDOT/ORE/PPP Chris Pataski/Nicole Kasikides	1 2	2 1	3 1	4 1	5 3
<b>Trails: Strategic Implementation Plan MDOT/Sylvia Ramsey</b>	1 <b>2</b>	2 <b>4</b>	3	4 <b>1</b>	5 <b>1</b>
MdTA: Maryland Transportation Authority Melissa Williams	1	2 <b>4</b>	3 2	4	5 2
<b>East Coast Greenway / US Routes Greg Hincliffe</b>	1 <b>1</b>	2 <b>4</b>	3 <b>2</b>	4	5 <b>1</b>
Traffic Calming Guidelines	1 <b>2</b>	2 <b>2</b>	3 2	4 2	5
Transit: Making Bus Stops Accessible Montgomery County/GIS	1 <b>2</b>	2 <b>2</b>	3 2	4 2	5
<b>Projects/Priorities: Action 2001 All Counties</b>	1 <b>4</b>	2 <b>1</b>	3 1	4 1	5 1
<b>MWCOG Programs TLU/Street Smart</b>	1 <b>4</b>	2 <b>2</b>	3	4 1	5 1

In summary, Street Smart is coming to the Baltimore region in August. The Trails: Strategic Implementation Plan (TSIP) is also in final review at MDOT and we will be able to have it presented to BPAG once it is released. Action 2001 updates are underway as GIS data is being obtained. Safety and education still plays a big role in our discussions and we will move forth on those topics. We anticipate that a report from MDOT containing a summary of the schools with walking/biking policies and those without will be presented at a later date. For our next meeting we will hear about the routing of the East Coast Greenway through Maryland and find out more on how to support its continuing development.

The next meeting of the BPAG will be May 6, 2009.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.