

## **BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY GROUP**

January 20, 2021  
Online Meeting  
1:00 to 1:50 P.M.

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. WELCOME AND ROLL CALL**

Ms. Tanya Asman (Anne Arundel County) welcomed attendees and Ms. Sheila Mahoney (BMC) held a roll call. The meeting took place remotely in accordance with Maryland social distancing protocols.

#### **2. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES**

The minutes from the November BPAG meeting were previously distributed to the group. No comments were received. Ms. Asman asked for a motion to approve, Mr. Chris Eatough (Howard County) motioned to approve the minutes and Mr. Nate Evans (MDOT TSO) seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were approved.

#### **3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Ms. Asman announced the slate of officers and asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Howard County was nominated for Chair and MDOT for Vice Chair. Ms. Asman asked if anyone was opposed, and hearing no one, the 2021 officers were elected.

Members thanked Ms. Asman and Ms. Clare Stewart for their service.

#### **4. ROUNDTABLE UPDATES**

##### **Anne Arundel County:**

- The first meeting of the Vision Zero team was held.
- The Poplar Trail Extension study public comment period is closing shortly.
- The County is reviewing cost proposals so aren't ready to announce the firm that will support an update to their Pedestrian and Bike Master Plan.
- The comment period for the Parole Study was extended.

- The County is waiting on MDOT SHA reviews for the WB&A bridge over the Patuxent River.

### **Baltimore City**

- The City is starting their Capital Improvement Program process for the year. They have a Rapid Enhancement Plan that addresses short term gap fillers, bicycle and Vision Zero maintenance contracts.
- A lot of the larger projects are in the design phases and none are ready for construction. The City has been working with the Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Commission and vetting internally and externally an implementation plan of short, immediate fixes to gaps in the network, while also evaluating larger corridors that need a lot more resources.
- The City is starting an update of the Bicycle Master Plan, scheduled for 2021, and it will include network prioritization. The City conducted a bike audit and established a baseline of what needs repair and will begin with smaller needs in the meantime.

### **Baltimore County**

- The County has chosen a vendor for their Bike Ped Plan with a kickoff in late February.
- There are in-house plans for the Northeast Trail.
- The County applied for a Safe Routes to School Grant for Edgemere.

### **Carroll County**

- The County and Town of Sykesville assisted with the selection of a consultant for the Patapsco Regional Greenway (PRG): Sykesville to McKeldin segment. Planning a kickoff meeting for February.

### **Federal Highway Administration**

- The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) reviewed states' bicycle and pedestrian safety plans and made note of the work the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) did for MDOT SHA.

### **Howard County**

- Howard County is part of a team supporting the PRG: Elkridge to Guinness Open Gate Brewery segment is close to wrapping up 30% design work.
- The County is planning for a virtual Active Transportation Open House at the end of February as a week-long event.
- The permit process for scooters is in place, with Spin approved for 1 year beginning on March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The County is working on a Complete Streets policy and updates to the Design Manual with public comments during the spring and summer.
- As part of routine resurfacing work, additional bike lanes are being added.

### **MD Department of Environment**

- EPA finalized keeping the 70 ppb ozone standard in 2020, and this region is at 72 ppb so Maryland is looking to request a 1-year extension to show the state has met the standard.
- The MDE alternative transportation group is considering a new approach to encourage employee cycling with virtual or simultaneous events.

### **MDOT MTA**

- MDOT MTA received a TA grant for the Patapsco Avenue Pedestrian Bridge and are working with Baltimore City on bike corrals.
- MDOT MTA is continuing to work with Baltimore City on bus/bike routes both on and just off MTA for the North Avenue Rising Project. New information is available to the public on how to use these lanes.
- MDOT MTA is beginning to implement items from the Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan (CMRTP).

### **MDOT SHA**

- Currently all messaging is via social media due to budget constraints. In the meantime, please retweet or share any social media. Some videos can be made in-house.

### **MDOT TSO**

- The FY 2021 Bikeways grants are moving forward.
- MDOT is accepting Letters of Intent now for the FY 2022 program.
- An All Grants Webinar will be held on February 18 at 1 pm.
- Staff are busy reviewing legislation proposed during the current General Assembly session.
- The MBPAC will be meeting this Friday, January 22.
- MDOT has begun planning for Walktober.
- The U.S. DOT has released a Pedestrian Safety Action Plan and MDOT SHA will be launching a similar Plan.

### **BMC**

- BMC is near to completing 30% design for the PRG: Elkridge to Guinness segment and has a consultant onboard to begin the second segment: PRG: Sykesville to McKeldin.
- The consultant has been selected for the Pedestrian Infrastructure Assessment tool
- The BRTB is including a 3<sup>rd</sup> segment, PRG: Guinness to Southwest Area Park in their draft UPWP that is going out for a 30-day comment period.
- The Love to Ride platform will be continued for another year and will merge Bike to Work into an overall Active Transportation planning effort with one budget.

Mr. Daniel Paschall inquired into timing for a possible Susquehanna crossing project. Ms. Mahoney indicated that conversations were beginning with MDOT SHA and WILMAPCO on the subject. No concrete news to report.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Eatough adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 17, 2021.

## **ATTENDANCE**

### ***Members***

Tanya Asman – Anne Arundel County Office of Transportation  
Marty Baker – Maryland Department of Transportation – Secretary’s Office (MDOT TSO)  
Jessie Bialek – Baltimore County Department of Public Works  
Chris Eatough – Howard County Department of Transportation (Howard County DOT)  
Matt Hendrickson – Baltimore City Department of Transportation (BCDOT)  
Jon Mayer, MDOT State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA)  
Patrick McMahon – MDOT Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA)  
Molla Sarros – Maryland Department of the Environment  
Clare Stewart – Carroll County Department of Planning

### ***Staff and Guests***

Regina Aris – Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)  
Lindsay Donnellon – Federal Highway Administration  
Nate Evans – MDOT  
Keith Kucharek, BMC  
Sheila Mahoney – BMC  
Molly Nur – Howard County DOT  
Daniel Paschall, East Coast Greenway Alliance  
Tina Regester, MDOT SHA  
Francine Waters – MDOT