

**Draft Summary of June 2, 2016 MEETING of the PEDESTRIAN, BICYCLE and TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
Executive Office Building, 9th Floor Conference Room**

Members Present: Drew Morrison (representing Councilmember Roger Berliner); George Branyan; Marybeth Cleveland; Kristy Daphnis, Vice Chair; Capt. Thomas Didone, MCPD; Darrel Droblich, Chair; Steve Friedman, Bicycle Advocate; Wendy Leibowitz; Jeremy Martin, Rockville/Municipal League; Anyesha Mookherjee, MSHA; Andrew Fisher (representing Reemberto Rodriguez), SSRSC; Michael Subin; Leah Walton.

Members Absent: Ramin Assa; Roger Berliner, Councilmember; Al Roshdieh, MCDOT; Reemberto Rodriguez, SSRSC; Colleen Mitchel, Aaron Zimmerman; MNCPPC.

County Staff: Jeff Dunckel, MCDOT; Nadji Kirby, MCDOT; Shelley Johnson, MCDOT; Mark Terry, MCDOT, Emil Wolanin, MCDOT.

Guests: Tommy Heyboer, MC Council; Peggy Dennis, WMC/CAB; Matt Johnson, MCDOT-DTE, David Anspacher, M-NCPPC; John Wetmore, Perils for Pedestrians.

PBTSAC Committee Business:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Darrel Droblich at 7:05pm.

Review of Summary from February Meeting

George Branyan requested that his question about how the local jurisdictions were to implement the Strategic Highway Safety Plan should be included in the May meeting summary. The May meeting summary was approved with that amendment.

Update on Committee Member Vacancies: Selection Committee (Jeff Dunckel)

The nomination memo is now in the County Executive's office. Two new appointments are recommended. The Council may not approve these appointments until August or September.

Reappointments are necessary for Captain Didone, Al Roshdieh, and Jeremy Martin.

Volunteers are needed to be on the search committee to find replacements for Darrell Droblich and Ramin Assa. If you'd like to be on the search committee, please send Darrell Droblich your contact information.

Discussion Bike Issues

Presentation: Update on Bicycle Master Plan (David Anspacher)

David Anspacher is leading Montgomery County's update to the Bike Master Plan and gave the committee a presentation. To see the presentation click here:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-PedSafety/Resources/Files/PBTSAC%20Meeting%202016-06-02.pdf>

What it takes to have a World-Class Bike Plan:

1. Holistic – more than infrastructure recommendations.

2. Progressive

- a. Bicycle Facility Classification
 - i. Trails – most separated from traffic
 - ii. Separated bikeways
 - iii. Striped bikeways
 - iv. Shoulders
 - v. Shared roads – in the road with traffic

3. Data Driven

Each road in Montgomery County has been categorized by stress level. To see the look, feel, and sound of each stress level check out the website: <http://mcatlas.org/bikestress/>

- a. High stress – 7% of riders can tolerate a high stress environment and are comfortable on non-residential streets without bike lanes
- b. Medium stress – 5% of riders tolerate moderate stress and are comfortable on non-residential streets with bike lanes
- c. Low stress – 51% of riders are less than very comfortable on non-residential streets with or without bike lanes
- d. No Stress – 37% of people do not bicycle

4. Opportunistic

- a. Redevelopment opportunities

5. Engaging

- a. Eblasts
- b. Social media (<https://twitter.com/mcbikeplan>)
- c. Community Meetings and Community Advisory Meetings
- d. Crowd Source Maps (<http://www.mcatlas.org/bikeconnections/>)
 - i. They need help cataloging bike racks. School kids could possibly help for SSL hours.

The plan will make education recommendations.

The draft bicycle master plan will be submitted to the planning board in early spring.

Darrell proposed a motion that the PBTSAC commends David Anspacher and the Montgomery County Planning Department in the development of the new bike master plan. The PBTSAC board pledges to support the implementation. The motion passed.

Upcoming Annual Bicycle Summit (Tommy Heyboer) <http://councilmemberriemer.com/bike/>

The bike summit's goal is to bring bicycle advocates, transportation professionals, and elected officials together to discuss bicycle policy. The summit will take place on June 18th from 10am – 12pm. The summit will begin with a bike ride from Grosvenor Metro Station to the Council Office Building in Rockville. The rider will experience several different treatments on this ride and will be asked to provide their opinions about the ride. The second part of the summit will take place at the Council Office Building in the 3rd Floor Hearing Room. The key note speakers will be Greg Billings from WABA and MCDOT director Al Roshdieh. David Anspacher will also be there to discuss the Bicycle Master Plan.

The bike summit has successfully influenced funding decisions. After last year's summit nine million dollars were added to bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects.

After the ride the riders will receive a questionnaire and the bike summit will submit the feedback to the Montgomery County Planning Department.

ACTION ITEM: Invite Tommy back to discuss questionnaire feedback

Updated on BiPPA program – Silver Spring Bike Facilities (Matt Johnson)

Matt Johnson is the program manager for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Areas (BiPPA) program. BiPPA's are districts that have been designated as areas where the movement and safety of bicyclists and pedestrians is prioritized. There are 29 BiPPAs in Montgomery County but only the White Flint BiPPA has been recognized by the SHA. The other 28 BiPPAs have been submitted to SHA.

In FY15, five BiPPAs were prioritized for study and funding for construction of the first BiPPA (Silver Spring) became available in 2016. Grosvenor will be constructed in FY17 and Glenmont, Wheaton, and Randolph/Viers Mill will be constructed in FY18 and beyond. Flower/Piney Branch, Piney Branch/University, Takoma Langley Crossroads will be studied in FY17.

Early construction projects in Silver Spring have included reconstructing curb ramps to meet ADA compliance throughout the CBD, a new unsignalized crosswalk was installed across Georgia Ave and Fenwick lane, and a rapid rectangular flashing beacon pilot is also in progress. The Phase I of the Silver Spring bike parking project is also underway. Additional bike racks are expected in Phase II in FY17. In Phase I, 37 racks will be installed in 14 locations.

The largest investments are in the Silver Spring bike network. Multiple improvements are being made in Silver Spring including the development of one-way separated bike lanes, bike boxes, two stage queue boxes, colored conflict areas, pocket bike lanes, mixing zones, and floating bus stops. Education will be important to teach users on how to use these new improvements. To learn more about each of these improvements please see Matt Johnson's presentation here:

http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-PedSafety/Resources/Files/BiPPAoverview_PBTSAc_2June2016.pdf

Once the project is constructed they are turned over to the Division of Highway Services for maintenance. If there are big snow events the bike areas will have to be cleared by bobcats.

Presentation: County-wide Pedestrian Safety Education (Shelley Johnson)

Shelley Johnson and the Sharp & Company street team performed over 30 pedestrian safety educational activities from March - June. Activities ranged from street teams in the high incidence areas to large special events such as Celebrate Gaithersburg and Imagination Bethesda. At each event the team promoted safe pedestrian behaviors such staying visible, making eye contact with drivers, and watching out for pedestrians when driving. At each event the team distributed the MCDOT pedestrian safety reflective green bag, reflective zipper pulls, and glow sticks. At Greenfest the pedestrian safety zebra was introduced and was received well by children and adults. Modifications will be made to the costume to enhance the pedestrian safety – zebra connection for future events. At Blair High School the street team did a special promotional activity to encourage safe behavior. The team periodically visited the

school at the corner of University/29 and distributed the MCDOT reflective zipper pulls. At the next visit the students wearing the zipper pulls on their backpacks or jackets received a \$5 gift card. Many students enjoyed the promotion and encouraged their friends to wear the zipper pulls. By the end of the school year most students crossing University/29 were wearing zipper pulls!

Presentation: Safe Routes to School – Education Efforts (Nadji Kirby)

Nadji visited several schools this spring performing a crosswalk simulation activity and bike rodeos. In the crosswalk simulation the children role play being cars and pedestrians. At the bike rodeos kids learn how to fit their helmets, ABC spin check, and ride their bikes on a route. Nadji also participated in several community events such as Safe Kids Day. Since January, 13 bike rodeos have taken place which has served 450 kids and 15 bike rodeos have taken place which has served over 500 kids. Additional events served over 400 kids and parents.

Nadji worked with the League of American Bicyclist to develop a certification program for people interested in using the bike trailer. Anyone can attend a seminar and be certified to use the bike trailer.

At the middle schools, SRTS did a take action against distraction contest. There were five middle schools that submitted entries. The high schools continued to utilize the YOLO materials such as posters and banners in their schools and community events. SRTS also created an emoticon PSA video that was played during school announcements.

Nadji will be working with MCPS to revise their website such as updating the FAQ section. The MCDOT page was recently updated by contractor Sharp & Company to be more user friendly and interactive. They also developed a new logo that was more representative of kids of all ages.

To promote safe walking the SRTS social media page held a “Don’t Be Distracted” creative contest. The contest was open to all Montgomery County Public School students and ended May 31. Students could submit any artwork, essay, or PSA video about distracted walking or driving. Many entries were received from across the County and Nadji showed a few of her favorite entries to the board. Entries are being featured on the SRTS Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/MOCOSRTS>

Approved FY17 Operation and Capital Budget for Ped Safety Initiative Programs (Emil Wolanin, Drew Morrison)

Council approved the budget and had the final reconciliation in May. The additional funding needed for all pedestrian oriented projects related to the Purple Line were approved (Capital Crescent Trail, Silver Spring Green Trail, Bethesda Metro South entrance). Additional funds were also given to the BiPPA program. FY18 will be the year Vision Zero implementation is funded. Activities will be determined based on the plan recommendations.

Action Item: fill in numbers. Track progress.

Status of State Road Projects (Anyesha Mookherjee)

Work at River Road at Springfield is complete. The state would like Montgomery County to build the ramp.

At Rayburn Parkway the state is interested in pursuing an S shaped island in the median with an ICWS (Intersection Control Warning System) that would signal a flashing beacon on west bound River Road warning drivers that there is a left turn. They believe this will address the problem of left turn crashes.

The state has received the initial draft of the Massachusetts Ave Safety Study. It should be finished within a month.

The Wheaton Triangle Pedestrian RoadSafety Audit will be complete by July 2016.

Captain Didone announced that the speed camera program would be expanded. Camera locations will be announced in the newspaper.

Vision Zero (Mike Subin)

The PBTSAC will consider forming a subcommittee to form Vision Zero input.

MCPD Update on Enforcement (Capt. Didone)

On June 2nd a 16 year old Gaithersburg High School student was hit and killed on 355. The student was riding his bicycle home on the sidewalk. He was trying to avoid a pedestrian on the sidewalk when he struck a commercial sign. On upon striking the sign it deflected the bicyclist into the path of a Toyota that did not have the ability to stop in time. There have been three pedestrian fatalities and one bicycle fatalities in 2016.

The school board was presented with a contract that will have school bus cameras on every school bus within three years. This would also provide cameras inside the school buses. There is no cost to the County but the vendor will maintain all enforcement revenues that are received until 12 million dollars is recouped. 500 cameras will be installed in the first year. There are currently 25 cameras on Montgomery County school buses. These 25 cameras have done 2300 citations this year. The new vendor did a pilot test on five buses and they identified 2600 violations. The difference is that the new cameras are more effective. The citation fine is \$125. MCPD will do education and possibly use a PSA they did a few years ago.

Other Updates

Check out the PBTSAC Facebook Page – [XLink Needed](#)

The next meeting will be rescheduled. Please look out for a doodle poll for Darrell Droblich.

Meeting adjourned: 9:41pm