

Bicycle Action items proposed for Sep 12, 2013 PBTSAC meeting

Action items proposed to PBTSAC at March 2013 meeting in response to discussion at January 2013 PBTSAC meeting focusing on bicycle specific needs. The following Motions are now proposed:

MOTION 1.

Voted, that the PBTSAC recommend to the County Executive that a **county-wide bicycle safety education campaign be developed** that meets national best practices (i.e. League of American Bicyclists) for bicyclists of all levels with consideration for less experienced bicyclists to address the anticipated increase in bicyclists due to the implementation of Bikeshare. In addition, the PBTSAC recommends that an **education campaign be developed which focuses on motorists** regarding safe interactions around and with bicyclists. This may include details such as:

- Understanding the rights and responsibilities of bicyclists in using the roads, trails, and/or sidewalks
- Conflict mitigation with other road users
- Use of protective and reflective devices to reduce risk while riding
- Use of proper signals to inform other road users of bicyclists actions

MOTION 2

Voted, that the PBTSAC recommend to the County Executive that **MCPD bike patrols ride in the streets in addition to riding on sidewalks during routine patrols as well as participate in motorist and bicyclist sting operations** to identify road users operating vehicles in an unsafe manner. MCPD bike patrols would serve as examples to all road users of riding on the road safely and would educate road users on relevant laws pertaining to safe/legal operations regarding interactions with other road users. Doing so as an ancillary function to these patrols would not diminish the ability of bike patrols to be able to go where cars can't go and would further educate and protect all road users as well as pedestrians who have to cross county streets while considering that actions of vehicular road users.

MOTION 3

Voted, that the PBTSAC recommend to the County Executive that emphasis is given to **improving existing bike infrastructure or implementing new bike infrastructure in the areas where Bikeshare will be implemented**. In order to provide the Bikeshare program with the opportunity to succeed, Bikeshare participants must feel safe and confident when using bicycles. Research indicates that proper signage, bike lanes, sharrows, etc. help facilitate safe bicycling by notifying bicyclists and motorists alike of where bicycles are allowed to ride as well as create an expectation that bicyclists will be using these facilities.

MOTION 4

Voted, that the PBTSAC recommend to the County Executive that **all county contractors be required to adhere to the Master Plan**. This includes new building development, road resurfacing, road maintenance, bike parking, etc. Adherence to the Master Plan is not only a requirement but ensures continuity of existing facilities. It also helps further create a series of facilities for bicyclists as well as continue to educate and inform motorists of where bicycles can ride and create an expectation that bicyclists will be using these facilities thereby encouraging safer usage by all types of vehicles.

MOTION 5.

Voted, that the PBTSAC recommend to the County Executive that the **2011 ride-along is repeated within and not later than one year following the implementation of** Bikeshare. This will allow MCDOT, bicycling advocates and other stakeholders to assess the progress being made in the first four points above and point out areas requiring more attention.