BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN/DATABASE UPDATE

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Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the National Capital Region

- Adopted in 2015
- Update was due in 2019
 - Delayed in favor of expanding the National Capital Trail
 - New deadline: July 2021
- Purpose:
 - Big picture pedestrian and bicycle trends, policies and projects in the region
 - 25 year time frame
 - Measure progress by tracking completion of bike/ped projects since the last update
- Static, Paper and PDF-oriented

Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the National Capital Region



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Bike/Ped Project Database

- Database of major Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects is the core of the plan
 - Last updated in 2014
 - Originally designed (2006) as a list of projects with no associated GIS layers
 - Over 1,000 projects
 - Badly out of date
- Goal: A visual, on-line, map-based plan
 - Any project that can be mapped, will be mapped



A Fresh Approach in 2020

- Scrap the 2014 database
- Create a new database drawn from agency bike/ped plans developed since 2014, and the National Capital Trail Projects
- Combine the Bike/Ped Database with the TIP database through consultantsupported Project Infotrak



Progress to Date

- Bulk Data Import Complete
- On-Line Portal
 - https://projectinfotrak.mwcog.org/secure/
 - Use to edit/enter projects
 - Must register to access database
 - I must approve you once you've registered (let me know)
- December 17 Training Session
 - Nadia Bhatti of Ecointeractive led the session
 - Recording and Infotrak Guide ("cheat sheet") have been posted.



Progress to Date

- Database = Bulk Import + Manual Entry thru Infotrak
- Results
 - 17 approved bike/ped Infotrak users
 - 1782 projects
 - All three DOT's, all Counties, most cities, NPS & M-NCPPC have provided projects
 - All but City of Alexandria, and some MDSHA, and Prince George's projects include geospatial data.
- Thanks! 🙂



What Projects Should Be Included?

- Large projects, projects of regional significance, and anything that is part of the <u>National Capital</u> <u>Trail Network</u>
- Projects that will provide access to <u>high capacity</u> <u>transit</u>, or which serve an <u>Equity Emphasis Area</u>.
- Every project in the regional plan must be in an agency plan, capital improvement program, or other elected official approved document.
- Apart from that requirement, agencies have





Keep It Manageable

- Consider the **staff resources** that you will have available to keep these listings up to date.
- Better to have accurate information on a small number of bicycle and pedestrian projects that have regional significance, than a large number of project listings that haven't been kept current.
- DDOT chose to include its protected bike lane network, plus a few major bike lanes.



Schedule and Next Steps

- Complete Database: February 19
- Present First Draft Plan to BP Subcommittee: March 16
- Present Final Draft to BP Subcommittee: May 18
- Present to TPB Technical Committee: June 4
- TPB for Information June 16
- TPB Approval July 21



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