

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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MEETING NOTES

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SUBCOMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, November 29, 2023

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: VIRTUAL

CHAIR: Stephanie Piperno, DDOT

Attendance:

Bryan Barnett-Woods	City of Rockville
Rick Birt	DDOT
Bryce Bundens	WMATA (consultant)
Bryce Barrett	Prince William County DOT Bike/Ped Coordinator
Andrew Bossi	Montgomery County DOT
Hannah Cacner	
Lisa Campbell	Bike Loudoun
George Clark	Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland
Mary Dallou	Director of Active Transportation, Arlington Commuter Services
Lauren Delmare, Active Transportation Section Chief	Fairfax County DOT
David Edmondson	City of Frederick
Mike Doyle	Alexandria Families for Safer Streets
Nate Evans	Active Transportation Planner, Maryland Department of Transportation
Seth Garland	WMATA
Elwyn Gonzalez	Transportation Planner, Arlington DES
Alex Freedman	City of Takoma Park
Laura Ghosh	Loudoun County DOT
Michael Hackman	City of Gaithersburg, Long Range Planner
Yolanda Hipski	Tri County Council for Southern Maryland
Michael Jackson	Prince George's County Planning

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Dwight Jenkins	VA DMV, Highway Safety Office
Tiffany Jennings	Bicycle & Pedestrian Program Manager, Prince George's County DPW&T
Jill Kaneff	Northern Virginia Regional Commission
Joe Kelley	Frederick County
Aisha Khan	Vision Zero Program Coordinator, Prince George's County DPW&T
Kalli Krumpos	Capital Trails Coalition
Dustin Kuzan	Loudoun County DOT
Brian Leckie	City of Manassas
Mackenzie Love	NVRC
Sean Martin	City of Alexandria
Christine Mayeur	DDOT
Charlene Mingus	BMC
Heidi Mitter	VDOT NOVA District Bike/Ped Coordinator
Doug Mowbray	MHSO, Data Manager
Allen Muchnick	Active Prince William
Rebecca Murphy	NVRC
Kevin O'Brien	Washington Area Bicyclist Association
Hannah Pajewski	
George Phillips	Prince William County
Natalie Roach, Vision Zero Program Coordinator,	Prince George's County DPW&T
Chloe Ritter	City of Fairfax
Jon Tygret	WMATA
Cynthia Spriggs	MDOT/MVA/MHSO, Pedestrian/Bicycle/Speed Program Manager
Brian Shelton	Active Transportation Manager, Arlington County
Eileen Sheridan	Greater Prince William Trails Coalition
Kimberly Vacca	DDOT
Kaysi-Ann Webley, Special Projects Coordinator - City of Takoma Park	
Nicole Wynands	Fairfax County

COG Staff Attendance:

Michael Farrell
Tim Canan
Cristina Finch
Pierre Gaunard
Charlene Howard

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Andrew Meese
Janie Nham

- 1. General Introductions.**
- 2. Review of the September meeting notes**

The September meeting notes were approved.

- 3. DC Corridor Safety Projects**

Ms. Mayeur spoke to a powerpoint.

Dustin Kuzan asked about the temporary treatments, what sort of documentation there was on effectiveness, and whether DDOT engineers supported these treatments. Ms. Mayeur replied that the very effective, but with multiple treatments being implemented it can be hard to parse out which treatment did what. DDOT engineers are supportive of the temporary treatments because they're effective and can be implemented quickly.

- 4. Jurisdictional Updates**

Loudoun County is working on developing a crosswalk program that will identify locations that need to be evaluated for crosswalks. 8 locations are under study now. There will be a comprehensive request based program, especially in the school walk zones.

Prince William County is working on the TLC grant for the Yorkshire corridor. It's on Route 28 between Fairfax and City of Manassas. Prince William is working on a comprehensive safety plan for next year.

VDOT NOVA has completed 11 miles of trail along I-66. There are some segments that need further improvements. There is also a Northern Virginia pedestrian and bicycle network study, identifying needs and coming up with cost estimates for what it would take to fill those needs. Please send Heidi examples of recently built facilities and costs in your jurisdictions.

Virginia's new State Trails office is housed in VDOT. They are doing a statewide trails study, and have a web site, which was dropped in the chat. There are also numerous corridor studies; the link is in the chat.

In October Heidi Mitter was promoted to Multimodal Program Manager, so VDOT will be hiring for Heidi's old position of bike/ped coordinator.

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City of Manassas has developed its first ever paper bike map. Copies are available.

David Edmondson mentioned that MDOT has a cost spreadsheet available for bike/ped facilities.

City of Frederick is developing a comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian plan. The stretch goal is 25% of all trips by biking and 5% by walking.

Tri County Council for Southern Maryland received a Kimberly Lambert grant for a bike trail in Waldorf. There is a bike ped advisory committee.

The City of Takoma Park also received a grant to update its section of the Met Branch Trail, and it will adopt a public space management plan to address bike and ped gaps in frastructure within the city.

The District of Columbia has a Safe Routes to School pilot in the Mount Pleasant neighborhood, closing the street near the school. DDOT received several excellence in engineers awards, including SE Pennsylvania Avenue, a bus lane on Minnesota Avenue SE, and a crash tool.

5. National Capital Trail Network Update

Mr. Farrell spoke to a Powerpoint. The Powerpoint was mostly what had been presented to the TPB Technical Committee. There was a question in the chat about whether it's possible to complete the NCTN by 2040 at the current rate. Mr. Farrell replied that that was not possible; at the current rate it would take 31 years.

Charlene Howard said that many of these projects may end up changing because they may prove to be infeasible. Mr. Muchnick asked if the latest version was up for the public to review. We are still working on making the changes in the Prince William County projects, and we are looking more closely at the changes between the last version and this version, so the numbers will change. There are issues with multiple projects on the same geography. Ms. Howard encouraged the group to provide comments to Mr. Farrell

Mr. Farrell said that he would be following up with agency staff individually.

Another possible approach is "zero-based budgeting" whereby we might have the agencies re-enter the data and re-do the mapping.

6. Other TPB Program Updates

Mr. Swanson announced the opening of the grant application period for the TLC and Regional Roadway Safety programs on January 5. We're looking for projects that will help complete the National Capital Trail Network and improve station area access.

There was a TLC webinar last month which is posted on the web site, for which you can get one TLC credit.

The Fall Street Smart Press event at Vienna Metro Station went well. The Fall campaign is ongoing.

The regional safety results that were presented to the TPB recently were not good. So Safety is likely to be an increased priority for the Board. A more ambitious Safety work program, even additional staffing, is a real possibility.

Stephanie Piperno's term as Chair is ending. Next year, 2024, it will be Virginia's turn to provide a Chair. It involves attending six meetings per year, vetting the agendas, and helping set the direction of the Subcommittee.

Ms. Piperno expressed her pleasure in having served.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 16.

Adjourned