Interactive Mapping and Visualization of Regional Transportation Plans

Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Major Projects

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The idea

- To create an online visualization/ mapping application for major bike & ped projects
  - Projects still identified & approved the same way as with previous plans
  - Concept is consistent with intent to provide a more interactive experience for users interested in TPB's plans and programs

- Online map as a companion product to the regular TPB Bike & Ped Plan document
  - The map data will already be created in hardcopy format– we would like to take this a step further & put these data online
  - Interactive: zoom, popups and other media available to users

- Rollout to coincide with TPB approval of the plan in October 2014 (planned)

What could the map look like?

Example: 2013 CLRP web map application

The application should contain selected major projects, popups with information/media, descriptive text, link to plan database, links to your resources, etc.

Where are we currently?

- Web: one live app, one test app with more planned

- A regional bicycle facilities layer from 2005
  - Obtained from the jurisdictions & assembled by TPB/COG
  - Not really being utilized in any application due to its vintage

- No pedestrian layers in our data library

- Regional Transportation Data Clearinghouse (RTDC)
  - Collection of transportation-related datasets around the region
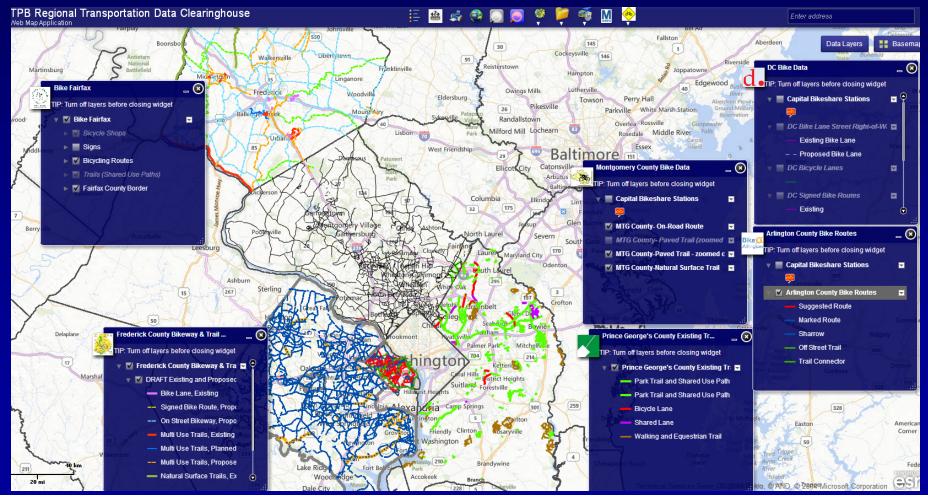 - For our May 2014 release, we included bike data we could easily locate and/or request; combination of map services and actual GIS data
    - GIS data layers: Prince George's and Frederick Counties
    - Map services: District of Columbia, Montgomery, Arlington, Fairfax Counties

What we have now: bike data in the RTDC

Each available jurisdiction has its own menu showing layers included. Data are 'as-is' in terms of symbology and zoom/scale (map services), facility types & descriptions, and attribute fields.

Subcommittee buy-in & participation

- *Is this something that interests the subcommittee?*

- DTP staff will develop the mapping application; we will need some assistance with content. However, the goal of this effort is to minimize impact on jurisdiction staff time

- How can subcommittee members/others assist?
  - Facilitation of data request for GIS layers of bike/ped data; we recognize that subcommittee members may not be data stewards
  - Provide any other media or content you would like to see in the mapping application
  - Much, if not all, of the data already exist for each jurisdiction; we would like to gather and use for this application & for other TPB products in the future (RTDC, planning studies, etc.)

- We will utilize our existing (limited) resources in lieu of jurisdictional data if it cannot be provided

Proposed workflow/timeline

- July-August 2014
  - Introduce the concept, gauge interest & begin discussion
  - Request for data- GIS layers of existing/planned facilities
  - DTP staff will work on identifying major projects from the bike/ped database to include in the plan update
  - DTP GIS staff will follow up with request for data & begin app design

- September 2014
  - DTP staff presents selected 2014 Bike/Ped Plan major projects for subcommittee discussion and approval
  - DTP GIS staff finalizes mapping application based on subcommittee activity

- October 2014
  - TPB approves the 2014 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the National Capital Region
  - 2014 Bike/Ped Plan interactive Mapping application rollout

For questions, comments and suggestions…please contact

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