

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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MEETING NOTES

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SUBCOMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 22nd 2013

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room 1, First Floor
777 North Capitol Street NE
Washington, DC 20002

CHAIR: Jeff Dunckel
Montgomery County Department of Transportation

VICE-CHAIRS:
David Goodman – Arlington Department of Environmental Services
Kristin Haldeman, WMATA
Jim Sebastian, District Department of Transportation
Fred Shaffer, M-NCPPC, Prince George's County

Attendance:

Monica Backmon	Prince William County (by phone)
Greg Billing	WABA
Veronica Davis	CAC
Jeff Dunckel	Montgomery County
Cindy Engelhart	VDOT
David Goodman	Arlington County
Arkopal Goswami	Loudoun County
Kristin Haldeman	WMATA
David Hayes	National Park Service
Michael Jackson	MDOT
Dana Minerva	AWRP
Allen Muchnick	Virginia Bicycling Federation

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Carrie Sanders	City of Alexandria
Pat Turner	BikeLoudoun (by phone)
Victor Weissberg	Prince George's DPWT
John Wetmore	Perils for Pedestrians

COG Staff Attendance:

Michael Farrell
Karin Foster
Andrew Meese

1. General Introductions.

Participants introduced themselves.

2. Selection of a new Subcommittee Chair

Carrie Sanders was selected as Chair for 2013.

3. Review of the Minutes of the November 27th meeting.

The minutes were approved.

4. Jurisdictional Updates

Montgomery County will hire a new bicycle coordinator.

Arlington is developing a snow clearing plan for trails. There's a need for a clear and consistent policy for plowing. This will not include the Mount Vernon Trail because it's under the National Park Service. What are other jurisdictions doing? Ms. Engelhart noted that in Sweden streets that are bike routes get higher priority for plowing.

Arlington's PAL materials were too large to fit the Street Smart campaign.

MDOT is distributing \$2.5 million in CMAQ funding for bike sharing. NCHRP is proposing to produce a guide on the livability aspects of pedestrian facilities, as well as an evaluation of liability aspects. Ms. Engelhart noted that CMAQ funds can be used only for purchase of equipment, not operating costs. Most agencies are using sole source procurement so as to be compatible with the existing Capital Bikeshare program. MDOT can't use the same costs as Arlington's contract; too much time has passed and costs have gone up.

Mr. Wetmore announced that there was legislation being considered to get trial in utility right of ways.

Ms. Haldeman said that WMATA is continuing to implement its Capital Improvement Program on WMATA property. Toole Design is working on better signs. WMATA will cast a wider net beyond WMATA property, looking at improvements within one mile of Metrorail for pedestrians, and within three miles for bikes. The jurisdictions would have to fund the improvements. Folding bikes are now allowed on Metro during rush hour without a bag. Mr. Goodman expressed concern about the map scale being too large, while Mr. Wetmore thought it was about right.

Alexandria has a new Complete Streets coordinator, Hillary Poole. The former bike/ped manager is now the removal manager. Alexandria is now part of Capital Bikeshare.

Loudoun County is working on traffic calming with VDOT, and is developing a list of pedestrian improvements around future Metrorail stations.

Prince George's County is using its Safe Routes to School grant to target areas with safety problems. "Targeted Neighborhood Initiative". It also has an adopted Complete and Green Streets, with Ager Road as a notable example.

National Park Service is participating in Capital Bikeshare expansion, and has hired a "transportation policy scholar" who will study bicycle and pedestrian connections.

Mr. Muchnick announced a bill in the Virginia legislature to prevent dooring and following too closely. Route 1 is being widened through Fort Belvoir; whether to provide on-road bike lanes is currently being discussed.

5. Proposal for a Regional Green Streets Policy

Ms. Minerva spoke to a powerpoint.

Mr. Goodman said that Arlington does not have a Green Streets policy, but does have Green Streets projects. Mr. Dunckel said that Traffic Engineers like standards, while environmental engineers want to tailor a project to the run-off. Ms. Foster asked if permeable pavement was used. Ms. Minerva replied that it is. Is there a Green Streets coalition similar to NACTO? Not really. Ms. Engelhart noted that some of the treatments shown had drop-offs that could be a hazard for the disabled. There should be a manual.

6. Briefing on the Fall 2012 Street Smart Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Campaign Results, Creative Concepts and Proposed Activities for Spring 2013.

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Mr. Farrell spoke to a powerpoint, went through new creative.

7. Complete Streets Follow-On Actions

Mr. Farrell spoke to a powerpoint on the results of the Complete Streets policy survey.

8. Adjourned