

Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Minutes of October Meeting

Friday, October 13, 2000

10 am till noon

Maryland Department of Transportation

BWI Airport, MD

ATTENDEES

MBAC Members Present:

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Harvey Muller, SHA, 410-545-5656, hmuller@sha.state.md.us

MBAC Members Absent:

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Others:

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John Wetmore, Perils For Pedestrians TV, 301-654-5305, john@pedestrians.org

MINUTES**June and September Meeting Minutes**

Accepted with corrections.

Possible Charrette with Dan Burden for US 1/College Park

Doug Simmons said that SHA was not in favor bringing in Dan Burden because he would be viewed as pro cyclist and because SHA has a facilitator (Alan Strauss) they will bring in. Steve McHenry suggested having Dan do a workshop for MDOT/SHA/local transportation planners/designers on the philosophy of "walkable communities."

MOTION by Bob Moore with second by Randy Mardres:

Move that the MPBAC supports the College Park Area Bicycle Coalition (CPABC) letter from Bill Kelly to the Governor recommending that Dan Burden be brought in because of the importance of Route 1.

PASSED with committee members Kelly, LaFond, Madres, and Moore voting yes, and Jones and Muller abstaining.

MOTION by Randy Mardres with second by Don LaFond:

Move that the MPBAC recommends SHA review organizations such as Dan Burden's Walkable Communities and develop similar teams to work in appropriate areas.

PASSED with committee members Kelly, LaFond, Madres, Moore and Muller voting yes, and Jones abstaining.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

Status was given by Marsha Kaiser. Legislation calls for the plan to be finished by October 2002. Phase 1 is a 6 or 7 week project to identify goals, objectives, and performance measures for the master plan. Six focus groups of 20-25 people will meet in November. Phase 1 is being done by Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc. (FHI). Mike Flood of FHI gave a presentation on the plans. His presentation is available at

http://fhiplan.com/md_bike_ped_plan/pdfdocs/mdacpresentationOctober.PDF. FHI has a Web site for the plan at http://fhiplan.com/md_bike_ped_plan. Marsha said that MDOT will have a link to the Bike Plan Site on the MDOT Web site <http://www.SmartTransportation.com>.

Annual Report Status

Jim Hudnall and Harvey Muller are working together to have the report available for next meeting.

Bike/Ped Safety on Roads and Police Understanding Bike/Ped Laws

After discussion, Bill Kelly suggested that the Commuting Subcommittee and the Education and Safety Subcommittee work together to develop a safety handbook.

Bike/Ped Symposium 2001— February 7, 2001 in Annapolis

Format will be same as in 2000, with exhibits in the St. Johns Hall of the Lowe Office Building during the day and a discussion with elected and state officials in the evening.

Bicycles on Controlled Access Highways

Doug Simmons reported that the issue is being discussed at high levels considering the pros and cons, and there will be an answer by the end of the year.

Retrofit Bicycle Program

Harvey Muller reported a project matrix had been sent out to MBPAC members and he will try to have an updated matrix at the next meeting.

MDOT's \$57 million expenditure in 1999

Harvey Muller passed out an information sheet showing "Bicycle and Pedestrian Allocated in 1999." (See Attachment #1) The sheet shows \$41M for construction and \$16M for maintenance, for a total of \$57M.

Director of Bicycle and Pedestrian Access

Marsha Kaiser reported that Virginia Gay Page, the Colorado Department of Transportation Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager, would start Monday, October 16, 2000, as the new Maryland Director of Bicycle and Pedestrian Access. (*ed. note: Gay Page later decided not to take the job.*)

Bikes on Buses

Diane Ratcliff reported that a "cycle-safe" rack has been installed on a MTA bus for tests and that MTA might recommend a pilot program in Baltimore.

MDOT Consolidated Transportation Program Annual County Meeting Schedule for 2000

On the Web at <http://www.mdot.state.md.us/community/CTPscheduleMain.shtml>

Walk to School Day

Several people reported participating in successful "Walk Your Child to School Day" events on October 4.

Mailing List Update

Harvey Muller reported that his mailing list has 70 names.

\$3 Billion TEA 21 Funds Available Nationwide

Doug Simmons said that Transportation Enhancements funds are available and applications should be sent to him. Diane Ratcliff reported that Smart Transit Program funds are also available. MTA is using Neighborhood Conservation funds to put in as many sidewalks as possible to transit stations.

Meeting with MDOT Sec. Pocari on 11/29/2000

MBPAC members and some state legislators will meet with MDOT to discuss legislation for the 2001 General Assembly session.

Conference Dates

- January 7-11, 2001 Transportation Research Board, Washington DC (Dan Burden will be the Key note speaker). More info at <http://nationalacademies.org/trb/>
- September 17-21, 2001 Velo-city 2001, Edinburgh and Glasgow, Scotland. More info at <http://velo-city2001.org/>

Attachment # 1

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ALLOCATED IN 1999
(\$ millions)

Wide curb lanes, sidewalks and shoulders included in major highway and bridge projects. Includes SHA's Neighborhood Conservation Program	\$30
Based on projects advertised for construction in 1999	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wide curb lanes (\$7.25 million); This is the additional cost to major projects to include 14 to 16 foot wide outside lanes; 7.25 miles @ \$1 million per mile (includes both sides) • Sidewalks (\$2.6 million); 9.58 miles x 5280 feet per mile x 2 sides x \$20 per linear foot plus 30% contingency • Shoulders (\$14.7 million); ten foot wide shoulders, \$800,000 per mile x 18.4 miles • Shoulders and sidewalks on bridges (\$5.3 million) 	
Transportation Enhancements Program	\$6
Retrofit Sidewalk Program	
Recreational Trails Program	\$1
MTA's Neighborhood Conservation Program	\$2
SUBTOTAL	\$41
Plus	
Maintenance	\$16
Based on 20% of the safety/resurfacing projects advertised by SHA in 1999. 577.9 million x 20%	
TOTAL	\$57
Construction + Maintenance	

Proposed 3% of the MDOT budget	\$62.2 million
Based on the 2000-2005 CTP, page A-29	
\$12,521.9 million divided by 6 years x 0.03	