

**Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee**  
**Minutes from Friday, April 13, 2001**  
Maryland Department of Transportation  
BWI Airport

**ATTENDEES**

**MBPAC Members Present:**

Billy Kelly, DC Metro region, 301-441-2740, ws.kelly@worldnet.att.net  
Bob Moore, Baltimore region, 410-435-6623, bikemoore@smart.net  
Bill Siwak, Southern Maryland, 410-757-1318, bsiwak@annapolis.net  
David Taylor, Dept. of Natural Resources, 410-260-8162, dtaylor@dnr.state.md.us  
Randy Mardres, DC Metro region, 301-890-0064, rmardres@juno.com  
Gregg Ukaegbu, Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene, 410-767-5780, guknegbu~dbmh.state.us  
Beverley Swaim-Staley, Dept. of Transportation

**MBPAC Member not present:**

Sgt. Dave Jones, MD. State Police, 410-582-5618, djones3@sha.state.md.us  
Mike Levengood, Baltimore, 410-876-3373, rideleader@msn.com  
Carl Rebele, Western MD. Region, 301-387-6399, crebele@mail2.genet.nt  
James Phillips, Eastern Shore region, 410-543-6007, jphillips@ssu.edu  
Matt Miller, Dept. of Econ. Development, 410-767-6272, mmiller@mdbusiness.state.us  
Dept. of Education, vacant

**Visitors from Maryland State Agencies**

George Branyan, MD Highway Safety Office  
Harvey Muller, SHA  
Tom Revelle, SHA, District 2  
Richard Lindsay, SHA, District 2  
Bob Fisher, SHA, District 7  
Scott Dutrow, SHA, District 7  
Denise Wilson, SHA, District 4  
Randall Scott, SHA, District 4  
Fred Crozier, STJA, District 6  
Ravi Ganvir, SHA, District 1  
Donnie Drewer, SHA, District 1  
Shirlene Cleveland, SHA, District 3  
Charlie Watkins, SHA, District 3  
Valerie Edgar, SHA, Office of Communications  
Paul Armstrong, SHA, District 5  
Jack Cahalan, MDOT  
Sharon Reichlyn, Maryland Office of Planning

## **Other Visitors**

Bob Chauncey, One Less Car

Jim Hudnall, Oxon Hill Bicycle Club

John Overstreet, Baltimore Bicycle Club

Paul Lebow, One Less Car

Steve McHenry, One Less Car

Thomas Rinehart, Patuxent Area Cycling Enthusiasts (PACE)

John Wetmore, Perils for Pedestrians

Henry Rocket, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

Debbie Mayer, Rockville Bikeway Coordinator

John Christman, Greenhorne and O'Mara

## **MINUTES**

- The minutes from the March meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Bill Kelly noted that Michael Jackson was making his rounds throughout the state, meeting with a variety of groups and discussing the future of bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.
- Paul Lebow and Bob Chauncey reviewed House Bill 717 that was passed this session. Part 1 of the bill expands the committee up to 21 members. One of the new members must represent the Maryland Office of Planning, and one from the Governor's Office on Disabilities, one must represent the visually impaired community and one must represent the mobility impaired community.
- Per the Legislation, the current MBPAC memberships expire in October. All existing members and other interested parties who would like to serve on the committee can submit their resumes to MDOT for consideration by the Governor. All resumes should be submitted to:

Ms. Anne Mackinnon  
Governor's Office of Appointments  
Maryland Department of Transportation  
P.O. Box 8755 - Elm Road  
BWI Airport MD 21240

- The bill also stipulates staggered four-year terms for members; provides members with reimbursement for travel and operation expenses; and permits a budget for operating expenses to be included in the MDOT budget.
- Part 2 of the bill mandates that the MIBPAC "shall initiate a pilot project on child pedestrian safety, focusing on routes to schools in target areas."
- Regarding the MBPAC membership, Beverley Staley noted that she had been appointed by the Secretary to represent the Department. Michael Jackson will provide staff to the committee.

- Beverley went on to say that the State Highway Administration will increase its bike/ped safety awareness program from \$600,000 to \$ 1,000.000. One of the goals of the program is to establish contacts at the local levels and share information with them as well as materials for distribution.
- Randy Mardres raised the issue of striping roadways to make sure space was provided for bicycles. Charlie Watkins noted that striping policies for such items as bike lanes and pocket lanes comes from Tom Hicks in the Office of Traffic and Safety but correct striping by the contractors is the obligation of the District Office. Charlie went on to say that striping could sometimes be achieved by applying slurry seal to the roadway and then restriping. Paul Lebow suggested a statewide program to slurry seal the entire state to make sure roadways are brought up to date regarding bicycles. Charlie Watkins stated that slurry seal was not a quick fix or cure for all state highways.
- Each District Engineer present gave a brief update on activities in their district.
- Bill Kelly gave a brief update on the April 11 bicycle workshop.
- Randy Mardres discussed the DC metro plan to expand hours for bicycles.
- Randy Mardres discussed that SHA was working with Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission to determine the feasibility of providing an off road shared use trail parallel to the US 29 roadway project that will extend from MD 198 south to MD 650. At this time the SHA has not made a final decision to fund the trail.
- Randy Mardres noted that the SHA has not yet determined if it will permit bicycles to use give limited access roadways throughout the state. Harvey Muller noted that a meeting was scheduled in April 26 with SHA Administrator to further discuss this issue. Harvey went on to say that the SLIA will make a decision based on their concern for safety, the concern for bicycle accessibility and input from our elected officials. The safety of both the cyclists and drivers is paramount.

#### **May Events:**

- Bob Moore noted that May 4 will be Bike to Work Day in DC and May 11 is Bike to Work Day in Baltimore. DC riders will gather at Freedom Plaza in downtown DC at 8 A.M. and Baltimore riders will gather at the Hard Rock Café' in Baltimore's Inner Harbor at 7:30 A.M.
- Beverley Staley noted that MDOT would be participating in four bicycling events in May, which is National Bicycle Month.

#### **Future Agenda Topics are:**

- Paul Lebow requested an explanation of what funding programs exist for bicycling and walking and how they are administered regarding how percentages of funding are determined. Example: Why is sidewalk funded at 100 percent and 50/50? Why is Maryland's Enhancement Program 50/50 when Federal regulations suggest 80/20?

- Steve McHenry would like a cost breakdown for resurfacing verses slurry seal for roadways.
- Randy Mardres would like an update on bicycles on limited controlled access highways.
- Bob Moore would like a description of how MDOT supports Baltimore City. How are funds determined and what are MDOT responsibilities?

**Future Meetings**

- The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 11, 2001 from 10:00 a.m. until noon in the Chesapeake Room at the MDOT headquarters located at BWI Airport.