Complete Streets Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: March 28, 2022 Time: 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Meeting Notes:

• Transportation Plans Influenced by Complete Streets Guidelines

- o East-West Bus Corridor RAISE Grant
 - CityLink Blue and Orange routes
 - Improving pedestrian safety and infrastructure
 - Signal, facility, and bus lane improvements
 - ADA compliance investment
 - Investment in low-stress bike routes
- o Old Town Mall Redevelopment
 - Pedestrian plaza affected by disinvestment
 - City is looking to redevelop the plaza
 - Current proposal is to maintain the pedestrian mall from East St to Aisquith St
 - Alternatives include a single-lane access road with wide sidewalks
 - Businesses support proposals to improve vehicle access
- Toward-Zero Quick Build Projects
 - Focusing on quick and affordable solutions for high crash corridors
 - Uses flex posts, paint markings, signage, barriers, and so on
 - Current top corridors are Light St, Paca St, Monroe St, and Liberty Heights Ave
 - These projects are scheduled for installation in Fall 2022
 - Light St design extends dedicated bus lane, connects cycle track, removes lanes
 - Monroe St design tightens turns, connects cycle track, adds turn lanes
 - MTA suggests exploring bus signal at Pratt and Light to prevent bus delays

• Transportation Land Use Connection Grants

- Baltimore Metropolitan Council
 - Competitive transportation, land use, and equitable project grants
 - Offers \$60K for planning study, \$80K for design
 - BMC connects applicants to consultants, speeding work
 - City will apply to this grant, particularly for Old Town Mall project
 - June 31st is the application deadline

• Sustainability and Resiliency Subcabinet

- Employee Travel Survey on Workday
 - Compiling a survey on City employee transportation choices
 - Voluntary survey answered through Workday
- Discussion on Specific Agency Input
 - Potential for MTA bus passes for City employees

• Update to Book of Standards to Match Complete Streets Manual

- MOT Standards
 - Prioritizing pedestrians and cyclists in MOT during roadwork
 - Improving the visibility of MOT standards
 - Researching best practices from other cities

- o <u>Curb Space Management</u>
 - Include curbside management standards in the updates
- Other Features
 - Coordinate Bus Stop Design Guide with MOT standards
 - Coordinate on floating bus stop standards

• Strategic Highway Safety Plan

- o <u>Finalizing the Plan</u>
 - Annual Complete Streets goals to be reviewed by advisory group
 - Complete Streets training for DOT staff
 - Citywide road diet and street typology plans
 - Reconfiguring formerly industrial roads
 - Recommended speed limits based on speed types