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Mayors Bicycle Advisory Commission

Location: On Microsoft Teams (Online)

Date and Time: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 --- 4PM - 6PM

Commissioners in Attendance

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| Jon Laria (Chair) | Austin Davis (Planning Department) |
| Col. Monique Brown (BPD) | Jamison Holtz (Recreation and Parks) |
| Meg Young (DOT) | Peter Jackson (Business Community Representative) |
| Matthew Hendrickson (DOT) | Lakeisha Henderson (Community Representative) |
| Dan Knopp (Public Health Representative) | |

Meeting Minutes

Approval of August Minutes- Raised by MBAC Commission Chairs

Status - Approved

Community Events

- Commissioner Young notes that there are rides every night of the week and highlights the new rides that may be available to people (Represented on Slide 4 Labeled Community Events) including:
 - Crack maven WTF ride- NW Corner of Washington Monument, 7:00pm
 - **Correction from Slides.** Black People Ride Bikes Lake Montebello Conditioning Ride is Every Thursdays at 6PM
 - Representative noted that there has been rain dates that have hindered the weekly occurrences of the BPRB Schedule
 - Saturday Coffee Ride: 10am at 32nd Street Farmer’s Market
 - Commissioner Davis notes that this route has
 - Routes posted weekly on Facebook
 - An Instagram that can be followed; and
 - That there are no “drops”—A ride for everyone so and that no one will be left behind.

Special Events (Slide 4)

- Commissioner Young notes that there are special events every weekend
- Highlights some special events that represented on Slide 5 (Labeled community events) notably:
 - **October 1** – Bike Leaders Breakfast, 8am – 3 West 23rd Street Special Events Every Weekend
 - **(as reflected on Slide 5)** Lake 2 Lake Grants given by NACTO help repairs, traffic calming, and big Jump projects including:



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- **October 2** - BPRB Soul Food Saturday Ride
 - **October 6** - Mobile Bikeshop at Druid Hill Farmer's Market
 - **October 7** - Mobile Bikeshop at Montebello 4pm, BPRB Training Ride 6pm
 - **October 21** Mobile Bikeshop at Montebello 4pm, BPRB Training Ride 6pm
 - **November 6**- Finale event TBD
- More Information will be available in the upcoming weeks

Open Call for Comments on Community Events that may have been left out- No Comments Raised

(Slide 7-9) Cycle September

- Commissioner Hendrickson notes that cycle September is wrapping it up and thanks everyone for participating in the event.
- Hendrickson highlights that Baltimore City Department of Transportation is leading the charge in most miles biked and thanks the interagency competition for pushing miles up.
- Hendrickson notes that DOT has a new Goal 2500 miles instead of 2000

No updates from the Mayors Office

(Slide 10) MBAC Nominations and Awards. Commissioner Laria will make a recommendation of possible changes because of COVID restrictions

(Slide 11) Department of Planning

- Commissioner Davis states they are ARPA funding, partnering with BCDOT, to rezone areas of Boston Street.
- States emphasis on Linear Park instead of Trail because of the amenities along the lanes will help this part of the trail.
- Total costs around \$14 million divided by:
 - \$2.5m Land Acquisition
 - \$1.5m Design
 - \$10 Million for Construction
- OPEN Question Period
 - **Participant Question:** Can you repeat the breakdown of ARPA Funding
 - **Commissioner Answer:** (see above breakdown)
 - **Participant Question:** Will there be Art Budget?
 - **Commissioner Answer:** Not Sure, will look to get back to them
 - **Participant Question:** How long is the trail?
 - **Commissioner Answer:** 3 ½ miles cost per mile will be 2.5-2.8 miles.
- *At end of slides Commissioner Davis stated he could be reached by email for additional questions*

(SLIDE 2) Introduction of Corren Johnson



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**This was pushed down in meeting agenda because of time conflicts*

- Appointed as Deputy Director of Complete Streets at Baltimore City Department of Transportation been working for a week in a half.
- 17 years experience with SHA doing:
 - Highway Designs
 - Streetscapes Projects
 - Access Permits in Montgomery County
 - Office of Construction working with administrative functions
 - Chief of Traffic
 - District Engineer for local counties in Maryland
- “Drawn in” because of City Commitment to Complete Streets in Baltimore City
- The position is over Traffic Sections, ROW, Complete Streets and TEC
 - Bridge the gap and get everyone to work together with this effort
- Lives in the city
- Open Question Period/Comments
 - **Commissioner Question** Could you give us our job descriptions/write up with scope of responsibilities?
 - **Answer:** Job Advertisement so we can share with people

No updates from BPD

(SLIDES 13-15) Jamison - Rec and Parks

- Pump Track
 - On Thursday October 7th for welcome back event
 - Bike Shack can help teaches youth how to ride
- Recap of Summer Bike Programming (*Correction from Slides*)
 - Finished up a ton of rides
 - Saturday Lake Montebello Rides has a little over 500 participants
 - Druid Hill rides have about 160 participants, which is slower than anticipated
 - Rec Center Rides ended Aug 12
 - Most Beneficial getting youth out to Gwynn Falls and Druid Park
 - Black People Ride Bikes Event on Oct 16. - 11-4pm has been cancelled and will be postponed to spring. BPRB will continue to provide updates and there will be information provided in the next couple of months
 - 2022 Bike Program Plans
 - Pump Track will be at Carroll Park
 - Great way to promote Carroll Park bike program similar to Druid Hill and Lake Montebello Bike Program
- Commissioner Holtz notes that this is a great success this summer given conditions from the pandemic



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- Commissioner Holtz reminds of Trail Coordinator Positions that opened up. It was supposed to fall under the Rec department in Rec and Parks, but will now fall under parks and maintenance under Ed Wheeling. Two positions will be interviewing in the second week of October.
- Question for Parks and Rec
 - **Participant Question/Comment:** Visiting the Velodrome in Detroit will Baltimore be looking to include something of the like?
 - **Commissioner Answer:** Exploring idea like that in Parks and Rec, if you would like to include that information please feel free to send it over.
 - **Participant Comment:** Is there anything that is being done with issues with trail safety surrounding planks on Gwynn Falls?
 - **Commissioner Laria Answer:** I have been working with Rec and Parks in conjunction with the Mayor's Office to address issues on the Gwynn Falls Trails
 - Director of Rec and Parks and other officials and advocates are working to get a walkthrough of the trail by getting private and public stakeholders together to address needs.
 - There is an opportunity for Volunteers to participate. Commissioner Laria would like to see the group as private-public partnerships because there is a need for private trail advocates to work together with the city.
 - **Participant Question:** What is the timeline on construction underneath of trails under bridge?
 - **Commissioner Answer:** Construction and Reopening Scheduled for November this is a coordinated effort between BCDOT and Rec and Parks. Once Construction is clear we are ready to reopen
- Commissioner Laria points out issues in Druid Hill Park Gates lock and that Private SUVs have been parking on the trails. The director of the park has gave assurance that these issues will be resolved.

DOT Updates

Dockless Vehicles (Slides 16-19)

- Dockless Vehicle Trips have risen to 10-11k trips on the weekend and 8k a day on the week
- There are 3,000 vehicles per day available for rent
- All numbers reflect closer to the 2019 numbers than the pandemic months
- Monthly Dockless Vehicles Meeting – Second Wednesday of each month
- Updates from Permit
 - Lime
 - 125 Bikes working towards 150, They hope that will be a consistent number moving forward.
 - Lime has submitted adaptive vehicles where DOT is working with Mayors Commission of Disabilities. There Will be a listserv for people who want to rent.



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- **Participant Question/Discussion** on reports on Accidents
- **Commissioner Answer:** Annual Basis done by the Health Department. DOT is working with the University of Maryland Center to help create on a new ICT 10 Code to track scooters crashes and track riders
- Corral Installations are at 50
- **Participant Question** related to Permits and how that compares to pre-pandemic numbers.
- **Commissioner Answer: All Permit Holders** Start at 1000 and are located based on equity and fulfillment. There are up to 4000 vehicles when including all the fleets, which is about what DOT approved in 2019 with 4 companies. DOT tracks trips per day and creates analysis based on that.
- Over the Summer there is an increased ridership
- Over Winter there may be a decrease in available vehicles. Motives to ride may change from more pleasure based to more work related
 - Transit Stops and Equity Zones ridership doubles during the Winter
 - DOT will look to prioritize student fees, currently going through equity survey from Johns Hopkins.

Other Information from DOT (Slides 20-25)

- Still working on scheduling for some projects, Commissioner Hendrickson noted the need for:
 - Follow up outreach in Pigtown and other areas
 - That on Melrose doing final outreach and looking to add that into fall construction
- Rapid Enhancement Plan Projects (REP):
 - Won a Bikeways grant for \$326 000 for construction of four REP projects.
 - Won the award because of already developed designs, Commissioner Hendrickson thanks MBAC and DOT Traffic Engineers
 - Currently DOT is finalizing grant agreements
- **Participant Question-** When will the Bike Lanes on North Ave be opened and not blocked off by barriers?
- **Commissioner Answer-** DOT has coordinated with MTA to close facilities, specifically around bike circles and intersections. DOT has had meeting with MTA helping people navigate the area, including flex posts and the efforts cited signal timing as an issue that needed to be corrected. DOT will make sure safety improvements are included in design. Bike lane construction are set to close in October.
- **Participant Comments-** North Ave riders requested for the barriers because of safety concerns with signals and high-volume traffic.
- **Commissioner Comment:** Looking to contact MTA figuring out when lanes will open back up and construction
- Prioritization of Bike Projects- Discussion of getting similar a bike contract that are similar to those projects REP

DOT Updates

- Working with Slow Streets Team as an opportunity around traffic calming



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- Using Bike Support Consultant Team to work to coordinate additions to the master plan
- Bike Contracts- Vision Zero and Bike Programs Construction and Maintenance approved by Board of Estimates today, the bid of \$1.3 million awarded to P.Flanigan and Sons, INC. Flanigan and Sons will help with immediate improvements during striping season. DOT has list and designs they are working on.
- Over the past few months, there has been a Planning Update Bike Master Plan to continuing to update list of projects since 2019 and evaluating the Bike plan itself
- Next Steps with Master Plan will be Coordinating with Department of Planning to see what is needed to approve bike master plan
- **Commissioner Laria:** Our question were: How do we get it from where we are to a completed plan? How can we turn this into actions? We decided to take all the lessons learned from 3 plans and create a document that is ambitious, practical and fundable. If you look at the 2015 plan was ambitious, following ones are more practical.

Col. Brown BPD *Hopped on Later

- No updates
- Agency has been trained in reports to bike safety and bike laws

Follow Up from Last Meeting: Commissioner Laria Access around the Casino and Trail – Specific Chokepoints and Issues

- We will follow up
- If there are specific concepts and issues please raise them in this meeting
 - Reach out to Jon Laria

Open Question Period at the End of Meeting

- 1. Participant Question: When will Bike Contract be available? And will there be access to contractors?**
 - a. Answer Given:** Bike Contract will be available in late October. This is dependent on agreements made with the contractors, the review process (which is about 10 days), and then further approval.
- 2. School Police Issue Raised by participant**
 - a. Scope. Continuation of Harassment of Bikers on Roland Ave by School Police by yelling at bikers and parking vehicles in Bike Lane. Since school police are under BCPD jurisdiction the participant raised that a school representative may need to be involved to take action. But when emailing representatives of school police there has been no response.**
 - b. Participant Questions: Asked MBAC if action has been made or taken?**



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- c. Answer Given:** There has been meetings set and there is now a need for a follow up. MBAC Commissioners will add topic into next meeting with the Mayor's Office. The Mayor's Office has said the issue has been addressed, but MBAC commissioner have assumed that addressed does not mean resolved based on the continuation of the issues with school police.
- d. Participant Question:** Can Black People Rides use their connections with schools to support?
- e. Participant Answer (from BPRB):** They agree that it would be a good idea to connect and plug in for support whenever action is needed.

END OF MEETING 5:33PM Next meeting Wednesday October 27th