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Mayors Bicycle Advisory Commission

Location: On Microsoft Teams (Online)

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

Commissioner Attendance

Austin Davis (DOP)	Peter Jackson (Business Community)	Jon Laria (Chair)
Matt Hendrickson (DOT)	LaKeisha Henderson (Bike Community)	Jasper Barnes (Underserved Community)
Graham Young (DOT)	LTC Monique Brown (Baltimore Police Department)	Ethan Cohen (For Terrence Jennings, Mayor's office)
Penny Troutner (Bike Community)	Dan Knopp (Public Health)	

MINUTES

Approval of November Minutes: Approved – No Objections

1. Community Updates
 - a. Magical Monday: Druid Hill Basketball Courts, 6:00 pm
 - b. Crank Mavens WTF ride: NW Corner of Washington Monument, 7:00pm
 - c. Tuesday Lake to Lake: Druid Hill Basketball Courts, 6:00pm
 - d. Taco Tuesday Ride: Washington Monument (sometimes joins Lake2Lake), 6:30pm
 - e. Fly Wheels Thursday Night Ride Out: Madison Ave arches, 6:30pm
 - f. Thursday Night Indeterminately Names Baltimore Social Ride, locations changes: 7:30pm
 - g. Saturday Coffee Ride: 10am at 32nd Street Farmer's Market
 - h. **Special Event:** Thursday December 30 Bike Party: New Year's Eve Eve St Mary's Park, 7:00pm
2. Discussion around North Avenue Rising with Mr. **Patrick McMahon (MTA)**
 - a. Scope of North Ave Rising – Large Comprehensive Project MDOT, MTA, BALTIMORE DOT using federal dollars
 - b. Striping and flex posts are completed on 20th Street
 - c. Coordination with MTA on Shared mobility corrals and bike racks with Commissioner Meg Young



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- d. Enforcement of Shared Bus Bike Lane was started in November, looking for a photo enforcement bill
 - i. The more bike riders use shared bus-bike lane, the more it will help make a safer facility
- e. Discussion of Mt. Royal Cycletrack- Ask federal contact and found it is not possible to use any federal dollars for Mt. Royal Cycle Track from Lafayette to North Ave.
- f. North Avenue Cycle Track
 - i. Safety improvements like flex posts, signage, bicycle boxes, and signals, directional guidance, curb extension (northbound Howard Street), Maryland Ave
 - ii. Discussion of McMechen and JFX On-Ramp
 - 1. January 3rd contractors will be replacing storm drains
 - 2. Putting in new flex post (twice as many)
 - 3. Signal (two options)
 - a. Separate Phase just for bikes and peds
 - b. Leading ped interval (LPI) for crossing North Ave and JFX On Ramp (in operation)
 - 4. MTA will remove water barriers if it felt comfortable with LPI after discussions with BCDOT
 - 5. Currently in testing phase of LPI but will move forward to work to install a camera at the JFX on ramp for pedestrians
 - 6. Planned to open up cycle track in mid-January
- g. Open Question Period about North Avenue Rising
 - i. **Participant Comment/Question not related to North Avenue:** Hamburg Street Light MTA/BGE – ADA Ramps/Gwynn Falls Trail, 10-foot trail to 5-foot sidewalk- Can they check the trail?
 - ii. **Mr. McMahon Answer:** Will reach out to MTA Engineering and get back
 - iii. **Participant Question:** What is the LPI? What is the comparison of delay if there was an all-way stop?
 - 1. **Answers from Mr. McMahon and Mr. Graham Young:** Mr. McMahon was told the LPI is about 6 seconds after field work from colleague, he will reach back out to participant to confirm after the holidays. Commissioner Young does not know the delay for the all way stop but notes the standard minimums are 26-30 seconds.
 - 2. Participants discuss the differences between options and express concerns around overall safety of LPI (backed by Mr. Jackson and Ms. Henderson)
 - iv. **Chair Laria Question:** Does the signal a decision made by personnel or is it hardware? Furthermore, could be done without hardware?



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- v. **Mr. McMahan Answer:** Yes, it could be done without additional hardware. MTA/DOT is testing whether the LPI is sufficient versus dedicated the traffic signals, does not change future outcomes
- vi. **Participant Question:** Why is the bike/ped not being prioritized in comparison to vehicular traffic because of safety? Is the area still closed?
- vii. **Mr. McMahan Answer:** Yes, it is still closed because of the signal timing, barriers on bridge, and storm drains.
- viii. **Ms. Henderson:** Can the signal timing be phased in and people use the track sooner than later?
- ix. **Mr. McMahan Answer:** MTA and city DOT need to determine what's the best for that intersection. It is ultimately a BCDOT decision.
- x. **Ms. Henderson:** Is there a law or a policy that we are not able to open it or is it a technical decision?
- xi. **Mr. Hendrickson Answer:** This is a signal timing issues, **discussion offline with larger group after observations**
- xii. **Ms. Henderson Question:** Is there a liability for MTA/BCDOT if the track opens?
- xiii. **Mr. Hendrickson Answer:** Liability is a concern and that is the big caution with the current conditions
- xiv. **Chair Laria Question:** Is it a technical problem or human decision/programming or capital investment?
 - 1. **Mr. McMahan Answer:** Human Decision and no capital investment
 - 2. **Mr. Young Answer:** Agrees, that it is a decision and need for additionally programming to get video detection set up
- xv. **Chair Laria Question:** Where was the decision made and why that a separate phase was ineffective?
- xvi. **Mr. McMahan:** A Joint Decision was made several years ago. We are always trying to figure out how to make a balance between needs of bikes/ped and vehicles. We try deterring drivers from running a red lights and safety issues if they are not driving through the red lights.
- h. Mr. McMahan mentions recommendation to open in two weeks after all hardware pieces have been installed and suggest that personnel can go out and make a decision from BCDOT and MTA regarding dedicated phase or LPI

3. City Updates:

- A. Mayor's Office --- Have met concerning MBAC Awards, planning to make winners announcement next meeting
- B. Department of Planning
 - a. Discussion around ARPA Funds and submitting another application with recommended changes
 - b. Discussion of the Strava Account, which has routes and printable cue sheets.



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- i. Commissioner Davis suggests that people should reach out with routes and maps
 - C. BPD updates LTC Monique Brown:
 - a. Discussion around Accident 2600 N Hilton that caused a bicyclist fatality:
 - i. Detectives found that Environmental Street Decisions was not a factor and there is a video that Bicyclist does not follow traffic signal
 - b. Open Question Period:
 - i. **Ms. Troutner Question:** Is there video of this?
 - ii. **LTC Brown Answers:** There is some technology that is helping the investigation.
 - iii. **Ms. Troutner Question:** Is it going to be on the news? Will the family be getting his effects?
 - iv. **LTC Brown Answers:** Doesn't know what items are being held and how it is affecting the investigation
 - v. LTC Brown discusses training around accident detectives and how they are working intently with medical examiner, along with speed, weight of the vehicles
 - vi. Chair Laria discusses his conversation with BPD to work on accident investigation and surrounding general protocol for officer at accidents or conflicts between cars and cyclist.
 - vii. Mr. Davis Question: How can I trigger BPD response? Mr. Davis reflects on negative interactions with police officers after multiple bike accidents with fleeing vehicles.
 - viii. **LTC Brown Answer:** We now have an education process that we haven't had, we've had officers who were in the academy have the street. Those officers that are investigating the accident in discussion only work on critical injuries and above. When there are not as serious injuries we need to work on a program within our team. Please email MBAC if incident has happened, LTC Brown, Matt, Jon, and help inform the process on real time reporting.
 - ix. **Ms. Henderson Question:** What are the policies and procedures that are already written out?
 - x. **LTC Brown Answer:** What Austin experienced was not protocol and was not investigated correctly. Officers would be able to use cameras and technology, officers that are responding can do investigative sides.
- D. Central Ave Field Walk Discussion
 - a. Mr. Young: We went over design and comments, send further comments to Mr. Henderson and Mr. Young
 - b. **Chair Laria Question:** What is the arc of the Central Ave Project?
 - c. This coming Tuesday- request for more federal funding, presumably January
- E. Druid Park Lake Drive:
 - a. Public Comment Period extended until January 17th



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- b. January MBAC Meeting, will have more conversation around Druid Park Lake Drive Concepts
 - c. Discussion around how this will help the buffer and change buffers and ped/bike space
 - d. Will include evaluation data from Big Jump and a One Pager will be shared with this group.
- F. Further bullet points for DOT project updates will be sent to the list because of meeting length
- a. Bike Project Updates – Utah Place and Melrose Ave

NEXT MEETING JANUARY 26, 2022