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Mayors Bicycle Advisory Commission

Location: On Microsoft Teams (Online)

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 26, 2022--- 4PM - 6PM

Commissioners in Attendance

Matthew Hendrickson (DOT)	LTC Monique Brown (BPD)	Austin Davis (Planning)
Jon Laria (Chair)	Daniel Knopp (Health Dept)	Meg Young (DOT)
Graham Young (DOT)	Peter Jackson (Business rep)	LaKeisha Henderson (Community rep)

Minutes

December Minutes: Approved

Introduction of New DOT Planning Officers:

- Mr. Patrick Patterson, Bike Planner
 - o Nearly 10 years of planning practice at local, county, and federal levels of government across 3 states
 - o Masters of Urban Planning with a specialization in Active Transportation from Texas A&M University
 - o Former Senior Transportation Planner with the Montgomery County Planning Department
 - o Founding member of First Friday Courteous Mass, a group which teaches riders about bike etiquette, bike laws, and different ways to help riders of all ages have a more comfortable trip
- Ms. Allysha Lorber, Capital Planning Chief
 - o Over 20 years of experience in multi-modal transportation planning, urban design, environmental justice, stakeholder outreach, and grant writing.
 - o Experience in both public and private sector, and have worked in large and small firm environments with agencies and municipalities across the Mid-Atlantic.
 - o Member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, and a Professional Licensed Landscape Architect.
 - o Active member and committee chair with WTS and ASLA.

Community Events –

Recurring Rides & Events:

- Monday Crank Mavens WTF ride: NW Corner of Washington Monument, 7:00pm
- Taco Tuesday Ride: Washington Monument (sometimes joins Lake2Lake), 6:30pm



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- Major Taylor Whirlwind Wednesdays on Zwift (virtual training ride) with Black People Ride Bikes (BPRB), Group rides 6:30 for faster groups, 9pm for everyone
- Saturday Coffee Ride: 10am at 32nd Street Farmer's Market

Special Events:

- Friday, January 28 Bike Party: Sportsball theme St Mary's Park, 7:00pm
- Tuesday, February 8 Race Pace Baltimore Presents: Biketouring Basics with Rebekka Paisner and Maya Kosok Race Pace Charles Village, 6:00pm

North Avenue Rising (Mr. Matthew Hendrickson) –

- Signal at McMechen and North
 - o LPI increased to 10 seconds, Walk phase is every cycle
 - o Short term solutions above
 - o Long Term Solutions:
 - MTA procuring camera detection and additional ped signals
- Reopening will be after the delivery and installation of flex posts, potential opening in Mid-February
- **Questions Period**
 - o **Ms. Young:** Has Maryland at North being reset to not be recall, has that been fixed?
 - o Answer: This issue has been resolved. Continue communication and collaboration between DOT departments on signal issues.
 - o **Participant Questions:** Can you change the overall signal timing at North? The light cycle is too long and could be dangerous? (Overall Time for Vehicular Traffic)
 - o DOT Personnel: We look into it further to see if that is a viable option in the future.

Mayor's Office (Mr. Matt Hendrickson, proxy):

- Selection Process for the MBAC Awards is complete
- MBAC and DOT are coordinating communications with Mayor's Office to announce hopefully at next meeting

Planning (Mr. Austin Davis):

- Still waiting on updates for ARPA Application
- Locke Insulator has proposed a new residential development with a waterfront bike trail, hoping to coordinate efforts with them
- Norfolk Southern has responded to city offer but there are still negotiations (Austin will follow up with Matt on specifics)
- Chair Laria will write a letter of support from MBAC regarding Department of Planning's ARPA Application

BPD (LTC Brown and Chair Laria):



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- Meeting was held with LTC Brown, Chair Laria with Heads of the Baltimore City Police Department.
 - o Regarding reporting Policy on Bike Accidents, The Department will be more transparent with reporting policies and making amendments
 - o Chair Laria noted the meeting was overall positive
 - o Plan to create a Written Summary of what they want to do
 - o Plans to release and present bike accident reporting process and have a presentation as soon as conversation is available on MBAC Meetings

BRCP, Rec and Parks (Mr. Matt Hendrickson, Proxy)

- 2022 Public Bike Program Schedule
- 2022 Rec Center Bike Program Schedule
- Pump Track

Dockless (Mr. Matt Hendrickson, Proxy):

- o Rides are lower because of the winter months
- o Dockless Meetings will now be held quarterly rather than monthly
- o Six Month update released regarding Dockless vehicles is online
- o Annual policy revision underway, Dockless Vehicle Committee Meetings moving forward.

DOT Recent CIP Requests (Mr. Matt Hendrickson):

- o DOT makes CIP request to Planning based on research and what they want to accomplish in the future
- o FY2023 Requests total 3.845M
 - o Continued bike program funding at 500k
 - o Additional, 2000k leverage the funds to uses to leverage federal grants and other funds
- o Several Commissioners noted that the overall feeling around the CIP meeting is that the City is facing significant funding restraints

DOT Updates (Mr. Matt Hendrickson):

- o Scheduling installation of Melrose Ave at Charles
- o Greenway Trails – Northern Segment Meeting will be split up between three meetings on 3/1, 3/2, 3/3

Druid Park Lake Drive Presentation: (Mr. Will Ethridge, DOT and Mr. Wesley Mitchell, DOT Contractor)

- o The study on Druid Park Lake Drive Studies is from I-83 entrance to second Greenspring Ave. entrance
- o The study gave planners the opportunity to consider and add multimodal transit lanes, where they do not exist now.
- o The extended comment period doubled the amount of public comments received, in total over 1000



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- Big Jump was a big aspect they looked at in the planning process
- They used the Complete Street Manual as the start off point with modal hierarchy
- Project Goals
 - Improve safety of Druid Park Lake Drive for all users (i.e., pedestrians, individuals with disabilities, cyclists, micromobility / transit users and drivers)
 - Reconnect neighborhoods to the park
 - Reduce speeding
 - Highlight historic landmarks on the corridor
 - Ensure that the entire corridor is ADA compliant
 - Make the corridor beautiful and green
- The planners reviewed community characteristics, traffic, and crash data to help inform study
- The planners also held several community engagement events to gather opinions and suggestions
- Pedestrian infrastructure like the Complete Streets Sidewalk Zone, Raised Midblock Crosswalk, and Shared Use Path informed overall Concepts
- Concepts Overview (One Lane, Hybrid Two Lanes)
 - Current Layout is 8 lanes without safe ways for pedestrians or bikes to walk, bike or have multimodal non-vehicular transportation
 - There are some Common Elements of Improvements amongst all options
 - Two Lane Cycle Track around park, ada sidewalks, bike signals at key locations, lpi on all signal phases, pedestrian phase built into cycles, and pedestrian-scale lighting
 - Single Lane Option
 - Plan layout: 20ft use shared use path, 8ft buffer, 20ft drive lane, 8ft buffer, 12ft two lane cycle track, 8ft buffer, and 12ft two way cycle track
 - One travel lane north and south
 - Series of roundabouts and traditional intersections.
 - Removing Segment of Druid Park Lake Drive from Liberty Heights Ave to Anoka Ave
 - Hybrid Concept
 - Plan Layout: 20ft shared use path, 8ft green buffer, 2 10 ft driving lanes going north, 1 10ft lane going south, 8 foot green buffer, 12 ft two way cycle track, 8ft green buffer, 12ft sidewalk
 - Hybrid Option is close to Original big jump design
 - Hybrid will add a local roadway that brings the bike lane into the local environment
 - Traditional intersections are at most intersections
 - Two Lane Concept
 - Plan Layout: 20 ft shared use space, 8ft green buffer, 40 ft of travel lanes (2 lanes each way), 8ft green buffer, 12ft two-way cycle track, 8ft green buffer, 12 ft sidewalk
 - Only one round about at Liberty Heights
 - T Intersection will be added at Reisterstown Rd.
 - There are additional options that may be used



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- Pedestrian Bridge at Lakeview Ave
- Cut and Cover design to add Madison to the park area
- Measures of effectiveness
 - Looked at Safety, Accessibility, Multimodal, and Aesthetics to compare effectiveness of each option compared and current
- Evaluation of Travel Time – by using the current/no build as control, planners found that calculated times for each option and found there was approximately a 9% reduction
- Based on public comment, there is overwhelming support for single lane options as of the early January comments
- All options have around the same preliminary cost estimates at \$30 million
- Question Period
 - **Question:** How will it be funded and how will it be made different if all options are around the same? Or can it be phased?
 - **Answer:** Yes, it can be phased if funding can be interested
 - **Question:** How has the options been compared with Complete Streets Ordinance?
 - All of the options have been evaluated with the complete streets manual, some better than others.
 - Single lane met the majority of complete streets concepts
 - **Comments:** MBAC took comments from participants and all participants that spoke were for the single lane option as it is the safest for bicyclist
 - **Question:** How does traffic circles help reduce traffic times?
 - **Mr. Young Answer:** Traffic will be decreased during non-peak hours and increased during peak
 - **Chair Laria Question:** Have these efforts been coordinated?
 - **Answer:** Yes, there is a webpage being created for all West Baltimore projects that is being coordinate throughout the city
 - **Chair Laria Question:** When will the report come out?
 - **Answer:** WSP is finalizing report, presentation and recommendations before the end of the month

Final Comments

- North Avenue at the Coolidge – Dumpster and work vans parked every day blocking lanes
- Mr. Davis: NYC has worker protections office work together with deliver carrier rights, can the commission put something together? Jed Weeks can put a presentation together for MBAC
- Traffic at North Ave where they are building dedicated bus lane is lacking clarity and many bikers/vehicles have been running the red light

Next Meeting is Feb 23, 4-6pm