Complete Streets Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
Date: December 20, 2022  
Time: 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Meeting Notes:

- Following up on best practices
- Focus of meeting is sustainability and resiliency
- New subcabinet group on sustainability led by Planning
- To the group, sustainability in city government transportation means transit, walkability, road diets, and bikes, among others
  - 15-minute city discussed; planning and transportation are important to creating easier access to destinations
  - Increasing comfort on sidewalks (shady trees, shaded bus shelters)
- Subcabinet goals include promoting alternative transportation for city employees, creating a more sustainable fleet, reducing the urban heat island effect, and supporting resilient infrastructure
- Goal 1: Setting and tracking annual targets
  - In 2019, 61.5% drove alone to work; overall, 52% of all trips were a driver alone
  - Baltimore has the lowest share of car trips as a percentage of trips in the region
  - Work accounts for 17.1 miles traveled per households, per day
- Departments could influence sustainability by:
  - Allowing outdoor dining on the roadways
  - Promoting more dense development
  - Making more rooms for bikes, lowering parking requirements
  - Procedural equity is a concern
  - Planning’s zoning efforts are limited by political affairs
  - Can the zoning code be used to require transit/public facilities?
    - Code does not require buildings to provide public facilities on the right of way
    - Zoning code does not govern the right of way
    - How would we determine what share of the ROW buildings are responsible for
      - I.e. State requires buildings on highways to build sidewalks
  - Difficult balancing act in transitioning neighborhoods away from parking
  - People with disabilities should be taken into consideration
    - Accessible bus shelters, sidewalks, ramps, etc.
    - Involve disabled constituents in the planning process
    - MobilityLink is expensive; may not be sustainable long term
    - Improving accessibility on fixed bus routes is important
- Electrifying/modernizing the city fleet involves:
  - Automobiles vs. Buses; right-sizing the fleet; electric bikes or scooters; slow vehicles
- Urban heat island effect
  - Cool pavement, more trees, more permeable surfaces, removing asphalt
- Coordinating city efforts around resiliency
  - Aligning stormwater funds with climate resiliency and complete streets goals
- Current efforts are reactive rather than proactive due to funding constraints
- Aligning funding to prevent duplication and decrease disconnect between projects