

Charlottesville Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

November 3rd, 2016

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

NDS Conference Room, 2nd Floor City Hall

Meeting Participants

Marie Phillips

Carl Schwartz

Frank Deviney

David Stackhouse

Peter Ohlms

Chris Gist

Ruth Stornetta

Scott Paisley

Jake Fox

Jim Herndon

Amanda Poncy

Meeting Summary

ADA/BPAC Joint Meeting Recap

The group discussed mapping accessible routes as an opportunity for the two groups to collaborate. There was discussion about creating an app so that individuals can report barriers. Jim Herndon provided an update on his efforts to secure GIS data from utility companies in an effort to identify utility pole obstructions. Dominion will be providing data. Century Link does not have digital information available at this time. The next ADA meeting is Dec. 8 at 10:00 AM at the Independence Resource Center.

Policy Items for Council Consideration

The group discussed the definition of "Vision Zero," how it relates to bicycle and pedestrian travel and whether or not a policy or plan is needed in the city. The group agreed that a Vision Zero policy would benefit bicycles and pedestrians and further supports commitment to Complete Streets. Scott agreed to write a draft statement. Carl and Peter agreed to help. The group voted in favor.

Bikes May Use Full Lane ("BMUFL") vs Shared Lane Markings ("SLM")

Peter Ohlms provided an overview of how BMUFL and SLM are intended to be used per the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. He also provided a summary of the research with regard to the safety benefits of SLMs. Jake, Ruth and Eberhard agreed to create a subcommittee to evaluate future use of BMUFL/SLM and consider wayfinding.

Others? Improve reporting – DMV

Another topic that was raised is the need to improve reporting by police and DMV. The form is currently limited in terms of what information can be captured related to bicycles and pedestrians.

Education Efforts

A number of group members recently heard the Share the Road PSA and shared positive comments on it. The city currently produces PSA's three times a year – May for Bike Month, August for Back to School Safety, and October for Daylight Savings time. The group discussed the possibility of creating a handbook, but it was noted that there is a lot of information available already, the challenge is getting information into the right hands. The group discussed the possibility of working with the West Main St. ambassadors to help spread the message about bicycle and pedestrian safety and suggested getting the PSAs on other radio stations such as

WNRN and WTJU.

6:20 pm Code Audit Topic Assignment – Not discussed

Bike Box update - West Main

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) issued an interim approval for bike boxes a few days before West main St. was repaved, providing an opportunity to install bike boxes with the repaving. The costs to install bike boxes at Ridge, 4th and JPA are approximately \$16,000. The group discussed prioritizing Ridge and JPA, but ultimately the group decided to install boxes at all locations.

Permanent Bike/Ped Counters update – Not discussed.

Statewide BPAC update – Not discussed.

The following summary was provided by Peter Ohlms as a follow-up to the Nov. meeting.

- Heard from Andrew Mondschein on his driver education study
- VDOT bike/ped website is getting improvements; still time to submit suggestions/revisions for next version of statewide bike map
- A colleague and I are starting a research study of how VDOT might consider initiating a statewide bike/ped count program
- One thing the BPAC does is to comment on new projects beginning the preliminary engineering phase; these comments will be summarized and discussed at the next meeting on Jan. 23.
- VDOT has new draft guidance for pedestrian accommodations at signals - an internal review is underway now, after which the guidance will be posted (similar to the unsignalized guidance I referenced in the Hillsdale email but maybe more complicated).

Liaison Reports

- PLACE (Scott Paisley, Representative)
Scott brought the group up to speed on the Hillsdale Drive project that was reviewed by PLACE at their Oct. meeting. There was concern about the speed limit and lack of pedestrian crossings between Hydraulic and the roundabout at Zan Rd. Scott volunteered to draft a statement that could be shared at the next PLACE meeting emphasizing the need for a 25 mph speed limit and additional crossings between Hydraulic and Zan Rd..
- Streets that Work (Eberhard Jehle, Representative)
Next meeting will be Nov. 30 for Council and Planning Commission to discuss next steps on the code audit.
- Board of Architectural Review (Carl Schwarz)
No updates.
- Transit Advisory Board & Tree Commission (Lena Seville)
Not present.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 16, 3:00PM: APBP Webinar "Transitions between Bikeway Facilities," Water St.

Dec 1, 5:00PM: Next BPAC meeting, NDS Conference Room

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