

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 6, 2021
Virtual – Teams Meeting

Attendance included:

Committee Members	Staff	Guests
Alyssa Boxhill, Chair Marien Hornyak Shayne Boucher Russell Richardson John Thomas Jennifer Whitmore Roger Rinker Lou Huzella Alderman Russell	David Edmondson Brandon Mark	Nathan George Joe Kelley

Chairman’s Report: Meeting Called to Order at 6:30

Announcements:

No announcements.

Approval of Minutes:

February 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion:

Motion: Shayne Boucher made a motion to approve the minutes as amended.

Second: Lou Huzella.

Vote: 9-0.

March 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion:

Motion: Lou Huzella made a motion to approve the minutes as amended.

Second: Marien Hornyak.

Vote: 9-0.

Staff Review:

• **Crash Report**

- JT stated that the report states that the driver was at fault and not cited and it irritates him. He knows there are issues with how and when citations are issued but if people are getting injured it would be good to know have a refresher course on how and why they are not given. Alderman Russell responded that writing a citation for violating a traffic law does not necessarily equate to what the insurance company decides to do. She added that we just hired a brand-new chief. This might be a good opportunity to introduce him to the group and we can talk to him about some of our priorities and concerns are.

• **East Street Rails with Trails Phase 3 Bypass**

- Shayne asked if the pedestrian crossing at Routzahn’s Way/Worman’s Mill if the pedestrian crosses with no traffic or is it turning and it provides traffic access for cars at the same time. Nathan stated this crossing runs at the same time as Worman’s Mill

and through the right turn lanes are split so it is effectively created from traffic because there would be no conflicting vehicles, but we did notice there is a lot of right turning traffic here that did not seem to slow down. They are looking at putting in a truck apron in this area that will help.

- Shayne asked if it would make sense to have a pedestrian delay traffic signal here? Nathan replied in this case no because we do not have any conflict.
- Shayne asked about those who want to ride a bicycle at what point will they be able to cross over and ride on the right side of the road. Nathan stated that he would recommend a two-stage crossing or across the street and cue up in the through lane to turn left.
- Alyssa asked if there was any reason why it might make sense to propose the hybrid open solution as the first choice rather than the full open, the full close and then hybrid as the third alternative. Nathan replied it would not be “if necessary” and to describe that as a hybrid option becomes more difficult.
- Jennifer wanted clarification that when they wanted the open sections every section has the divider between traffic and the trail area. Nathan responded yes. The open section of the ditch and the close section of the grass both include that recommendation for a barrier.
- JT asked if there were any significant delta cost differences between the close section and the open section? Nathan stated that one of the big points of discussion we have had is with our stormwater management team. They have told us it is to keep all the water at the surface and not underground. There are some concerns as we start to consider putting water underground in a close system that there may be some stormwater issues. He added that one of the benefits of doing an open section is treatment out of the open section with a flat bottom ditch which will offset the new impervious and we have design considerations around stormwater.
- Shayne asked if they would leave this section open once we get a bridge that crosses over Rte. 26 or would you decommission it and provide other access through the Worman’s Mill neighborhood and shopping center. Nathan responded he would defer the formal answer to the city, but it would be ideal to maintain that local access. David also stated that this section we have seen a good number of riders on Routzahn’s Way and the neighborhoods to the east so ensuring people can use this and not divert down Routzahn’s Way or go around Clemson Corner would be ideal. This would be an investment that would be encouraging people to provide direct access the adjacent properties off the trail.
- Alyssa stated that the light operation may help foster that highway feel for the road and if we are moving in the direction of recommending that the speeds be reduced, the widths be reduced, then it becomes more of a suburban road as opposed to a highway then maybe we can make the case that the light cycles need changed as well.
- Alderman Russell asked if it is likely to change in the future for the access point on 26 where SHA said no. David replied that from his understanding, we would need to buy access to have that no longer be a limited access highway.

• **Bike to Workday**

- Shayne asked if we could look for riders who would be willing to lead the Historic Bike Tour who may be knowledgeable. David replied yes if it could be done in a way that was safe.
- Alderman Russell asked if the suggestion that we not participate in Bike to Workday like we have in the past 2-3 decades and do this instead or is this something we would do in addition to the Bike to Workday that we have worked very hard to brand and grow over the years. David responded this would be in addition to.
- Alyssa asked that the parade from Hood is not happening this year, correct? David replied right.

- Shayne asked Joe what the plans are at the county level. Joe replied that we have no plans other than what the regional effort is.
- Jennifer stated that an idea that we can encourage is that whole week is for people to take selfies of them on their bikes as a way of participating.
- **AARP Grant – Monocacy Village & Rivercrest Trail**
 - Shayne said with the AARP Grant is that they are looking for something that is shoveled already and could have a quick impact. David said the idea would be to provide linkage to the park so people would be able to ride through it and make these trails a lot more useful and accessible.
 - Jennifer asked if there are any issues with land ownership that he wants to tie in? Do we own that land? David responded a lot of the land is currently city owned.
 - JT asked if what the grant is for, construction or design? David stated the grant would be strictly for construction.
- **Bike-Ped Plan Update**
 - No comments/concerns.

Committee Member Announcements or Comments:

- Marion stated that on April 15th she will be getting her guide dog.
- Shayne gave a summary about the bike summit and bike lobby days. He stated that the house and senate bill they are trying to get adopted by congress. HR463 is a Transportation Alternative (TA) extension bill and it would give an increase to local control over how TA projects are done. Next house bill is HR508 the Safe Street Acts, this is something we are trying to encourage the DOT rank state and prioritize infrastructure funding based on BVRU fatalities and incidents. We will be asking them to spend the money to fix those issues. He said for the senate bills they have bill S425, The Complete Street Acts, which is like the house bill just discussed but would set aside some federal funding to establish technical assistance for construction. The last one is senate bill S614 and this one would be almost the same as the house TA bill as well which is sponsored by our senator Ben Cardin. So, these are the bills we are trying to promote and get more funding.
- Alderman Russell stated that the Comprehensive Plan is slated for approval on April 15th.

Public Comment:

- There was no public comment.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Marien Hornyak.
 Second: John Thomas.
 Vote: 9-0.

Adjourned approximately 7:56 P.M.