Fall Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting

October 28th, 2015
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Virginia Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Fall Meeting
24th Floor Conference Room
600 E. Main St, Richmond, VA 23219
October 28th, 2015
10:00 am – 2:30 pm

1. Welcome and introductions  John Bolecek 10:00 am to 10:15 am
2. Rumble strips, stripes and bicycles  Mark Cole 10:15 am to 10:45 am
3. Evolution of biking and walking programs  Andy Clarke 10:45 am to 11:30 am
4. VDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Program update  John Bolecek 11:30 am to 12:00 pm
   - Overview of projects
   - Business Plan update
   - Limited Access report completed

Break to pick up lunch - Bring back for working lunch  Break 12:00 pm  Resume 12:30 pm

5. Updates on Committee’s top technical concerns:  Various 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm
   - Creating and improving long distance routes
     - Capital Trail completed
     - Website to report missing USBR signs here: https://my.vdot.virginia.gov/
   - Maintenance Payments / funding loss from road diets
     - VDOT webinar held 10/14 with cities and towns to gather additional feedback
   - Sweeping bike lanes / snow cleaning
   - Urban standards / urban retrofits / DRPT Multimodal Design Guidelines and NACTO
     - NCUTCD Committee Update
     - Separated bicycle lanes addressed in VDOT Road Design Manual
   - Update on Review of 2004 CTB Policy
6. Driver’s Education Research Project  Andrew Mondschein 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm
7. Bicycle and pedestrian education discussion  Vanessa Wigand 1:30 pm to 2:15 pm
8. Closing  John Bolecek 2:15 pm to 2:30 pm
   - Meeting dates for 2016
   - Summary of follow-up items from this meeting
   - Discussion of future agenda items
October 2015 BPAC Meeting Overview

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Rumble strips, stripes and bicycles
3. Evolution of biking and walking programs
4. VDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Program update
5. Top Five Technical Concerns
6. Driver’s Education Research Project
7. Bicycle and pedestrian education discussion
8. Closing
1. Welcome and Introductions

Introductions

- Name
- Location
- Representation
2. Various VDOT Safety Initiatives

Mark Cole 10:15 to 10:45am
3. Evolution of Biking and Walking Programs

Andy Clarke 10:45 am to 11:30 am
4. State Bicycle and Pedestrian Program

Projects Underway

• Southeast High-speed Rail Greenway Study
  • Project has closed out
  • Only 13% of Greenway Alignment will fall on abandoned rail ROW

• Business Plan Items
  • Will repeat in FY16
  • Feedback from local governments and advocates

• Count Program
  • 7 counters along Capital Trail
  • VCU MURP project assisting with starting a count program

• HB2
  • Metrics looking at accessibility

• 2004 CTB Compliance
  • Audit nearing completion
State Bicycle and Pedestrian Program

Other news

- Road Diets
  - Road Diet Tool: Can send ArcGIS map to committee
- Limited Access Report
  - Report finalized
  - Drafting guidance on subject
- U.S. Bike Routes
2.1.2 Monitor the ongoing process developed with local governments and advocacy groups to expand opportunities to integrate pedestrian and bicycle solutions into projects.

VDOT is committed to increasing stakeholder engagement to enhance integration of active transportation solutions in the Six Year Improvement Program, and to ensure that citizens play a meaningful role in transportation decision-making process. The Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee provides feedback by identifying opportunities for incorporation into the plan and by commenting on the bicycle and pedestrian aspects in new projects in the Six Year Improvement Program. Reporting on the opportunities identified by the committee will be published each year.
Business Plan Item 2.1.2

• Process for the Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) to Provide Comments on new Projects in the SYIP
  • Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Planner Sends out project list as excel file (With added info this time)
  • Virginia Roads can be used to show the start and end point of the projects [http://virginiaroads.org/projects/map](http://virginiaroads.org/projects/map). Simply search by the project’s UPC and it will appear on the map

• October 28th – State BPAC review of all comments made and discussion of any questions
• At April 22nd BPAC meeting – Final comments approved
• May 8th - Final comments sent to Project Managers for inclusion in scoping files
6. Committee’s Top Technical concerns

1. Creating and improving long distance routes
   1. Capital Trail completed
   2. Exploring options to fund signs on US Bike Route 1 in NOVA
   3. Website to report missing signs here: https://my.vdot.virginia.gov/

2. Maintenance Payments / funding loss from road diets
   1. VDOT webinar held 10/14/15 with cities and towns to gather feedback on HB1402 report due in December

3. Sweeping Bike Lanes / snow clearing

   2. NCUTCD Committee Update

5. Limited Access Policy
   1. Report finalized

6. Update on Review of 2004 CTB Policy
   Review almost completed
Updated website and method to report missing signs and other maintenance issues

Please select the category of request.

- I need a road repaired
- I need something removed from a road
- I need signs or traffic devices repaired
- I need new signs or traffic devices installed
- I need information
- I want to submit a claim

Note: VDOT does not maintain roads in cities, towns, or in Henrico and Arlington counties, except for interstates and major primary roads.

Please submit a separate report for each request.
If your request is related to a road hazard that needs immediate attention, please call 1-800-367-7623 (FOR-ROAD). For emergencies, please dial 911.
Parameters for review:

- At least 10% of projects scoped in the last 5 years
- At least 10% of projects in each district
- At least 10% of each type: construction, maintenance and locally administered
- Roughly 2000 projects
Help share our roads and give bikes the room they need! Never park or stop a vehicle in bike lanes. #BikeSafety

Arlington County Police Department
Bike Safety Tip

Can I stop in a BIKE LANE?

Are you riding a bike?
NO       YES
But I have my flashers on!
Are they attached to a bike?
NO       YES YOU CAN
NO YOU CAN'T

See a hazard? Report to our non-emergency line at 703.558.2222
7. Driver’s Education Research Project

Andrew Mondschein 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm
8. Bicycle and pedestrian education discussion

Vanessa Wigand present for discussion

- Discussion on bicycle and pedestrian education needs and how to accomplish them:
9. Wrap Up & Next BPAC Meeting

Follow-up Items

- Follow-up items are due to John Bolecek
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Thank you

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