Summer Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting

August 3rd, 2016
John Bolecek
Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Planner
1. Welcome and Introductions

Introductions

- Name
- Location
- Representation
2. VDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Update

Projects Underway

• Business Plan Items
  • Will repeat in FY17
  • Process will be presented at October meeting

• SMARTSCALE
  • August 15 — Last day to submit Notice of Intent to apply to guarantee assistance in the preparation of your application.

• Audit Response
• Hampton Roads Capital Trail connection study
• Bike Map Update
• NOVA maintenance research and inventory
• Bicycle Facility Resource Guide Update
• U.S. Bike Route Cue sheets
Update on Compliance Review of 2004 CTB Policy

Findings and Response

- Projects are generally complying with the CTB Policy
- VDOT to update forms to capture documentation on all projects for both bike and ped aspects
- VDOT to create a bike lane, shared use path, and sidewalk data collection method after project close out
- VDOT to update Departmental Memorandum (DM)
  - The DM will specifically highlight:
    - 1. Accommodations along and crossing access controlled corridors; and
    - 2. Accommodation through recreation and tourism corridors including U.S. Bicycle Routes.
- DM will outline metrics to track progress
  - i.e. miles of facilities added each year
3. Update on FAST Act

Mack Frost 10:45 am to 11:05 am

Fixing America’s Surface Transportation

FAST Act

Learn more at www.transportation.gov/fastact
4. Virginia Capital Trail Foundation Update

Beth Weisbrod 11:05 am to 11:30 am
5. Research Update

**Peter Ohlms** 11:30 am to 12:00 pm
6. Committee’s Top Technical concerns

1. Creating and improving long distance routes
   • State Trails Advisory Committee meets August 18th
   • Website to report missing signs here: https://my.vdot.virginia.gov/
   • USBR 176 Application approved by AASHTO

2. Maintenance Payments / funding loss from road diets

3. Sweeping Bike Lanes / snow clearing

   • NACTO Bike Share Siting Guide release

5. Limited Access Policy
   • Will finish mapping this year

6. Update on Review of 2004 CTB Policy (previously covered)
7. Strategic Highway Safety Plan update

Stephen Read 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm
New U.S. Bicycle Route 176

Existing Routes shown in Blue
- Existing U.S. Bicycle Route 76 is 4 miles longer to Ashland
- Higher volume roadways
- Mostly primary roadways

New Route in Red
- 15.7 miles of the 17 mile route is open the Virginia Capital Trail (see photo)
- Passes by more services of interest to bicyclists i.e. bicycle shops, lodging etc.

U.S. Bicycle Route 1
U.S. Bicycle Route 76
Proposed U.S. Bicycle Route 176
New Route in Red and Green

- **Westbound** route shown in red
- **Eastbound** shown in green (due to one way streets)
- 4 miles shorter route to Ashland
- Replaces 15.7 on-road miles onto the Virginia Capital Trail
- Lower volume roads along USBR 1
- Access to bike shops, lodging

**Takes advantage of:**

- Virginia Capital Trail
- Main St / Franklin Street protected Bike Lanes
- Bank St uphill bike lane / downhill sharrows

Existing U.S. Bicycle Route 1 shown in Blue

- Connects USBR 1 at Franklin/Main St and 2nd St
- Riders continue to Ashland on USBR 1

Portion of route that is on road and currently undesignated

- Leaves Capital Trail at 21st street
- Joins U.S. Bicycle Route 1 at Franklin/Main and 2nd St and continues to Ashland

Route leaves Virginia Capital Trail here
8. Traffic Engineering Update

Marc Lipschultz 10:15 to 11:00am
10. Wrap Up & Next BPAC Meeting

Announcements

Follow-up Items

• Follow-up items are due to John Bolecek
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• Next meeting October 26th
Thank you

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