Virginia Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Summer Meeting
Wednesday July 26, 2017
Begin: 10:00 am
End: 2:00 pm

1. Welcome and Introduction (John Bolecek)
2. VDOT Bike-Ped Program Update (John Bolecek)
   - Bicycling in Virginia Map
   - Interactive Bike Map
     - Interactive Bike Map will be available in draft form on ArcGIS Online for public comment
     - Will explore showing level of traffic stress
     - Will explore showing more layers including bicycling facilities, areas for horseback riding, pedestrians, and other accommodations
   - VDOT County Maps available on website – VDOT County Maps were last updated in 2004. They are currently being updated.
   - DMV Crash Map also now available online. There is also a VDOT Crash Map available on VirginiaRoads.
   - VDOT Business Plan – MetroQuest: Software used to create business plans. Explore this option to create VDOT Business Plan. This is being used for OIPI Scenario Planning.
   - Project Tracking
     - VDOT has requirement to establish metrics to report on number of shared use paths, miles, and sidewalks built in Fiscal Year.
   - USBR 76 Revisions – Clarify that USBR 76 is on Virginia Capital Trail and make technical revisions to route it to Charles City Courthouse Rd
3. Bicycle improvements through repaving – Locality’s role in working with VDOT to provide bicycle improvement (Adam Lind)
   - Bike Master Plan adopted 2014: said anytime a bike lane is added a public meeting is needed
   - HB 2313 passed in 2013 created more maintenance funding
   - Fairfax County wants to get VDOT a list of facilities they want to have repaved to make bike lanes as soon as possible
   - Fairfax County helps VDOT by using their resources for plan work and sometimes VDOT uses their on-call
   - 19 miles of bike lanes in 2017, with 13.1 miles completed through bike lanes. Now there are a total of 73+ bike lanes.
     - 31.2 bike lane miles in 2013, 1.7 bike lane miles in 2014, 12.9 bike lane in 2015, and 8.3 bike lane miles in 2016
   - County wants to consider all streets to look for excess capacity for redesign/repaving so that new bicycle lanes can be added
No buffered bike lanes in Fairfax before 2015. County completed two 4-lanes to 3-lane road diets. 2015 implemented several projects with buffered bike lanes, including a 5-lanes to 3-lane road diet on West Branch which will ultimately be converted to a protected bike lane with flexi posts.

Currently not tracking bike crash data but are trying to pay more attention to that.

County is currently doing spring and fall manual counts, especially before and after counts when they know where a bicycle lane is going to be.

County has gone away from how bike lanes and road diets will improve bike safety to how they will improve operations and safety holistically.

It is a county requirement to hold public meetings for road diets, not a state requirement.

4. Research update – Bicycle and Pedestrian Related Studies (Peter Ohlms)
   - Sharing Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation 1974 Planning and Design of Bikeways and NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide
   - Bicycle boxes now have interim approval from FHWA, regular bicycle boxes got interim approval previously
   - New: Historic Bridge Alternatives (Anne Miller) – will include identifying historic bridges that are good candidates for repurposing to bike/ped use
     - Looking at trying to get vehicular travel off fragile historic bridges (individually eligible for National Register of Historic Places)
   - Permanent bike/ped counting survey – North Carolina puts in bike/ped counting equipment which is maintained by county. Minnesota loans out temporary bike/ped counting

5. Updates on Committee’s top technical concerns
   - Creating and improving long distance routes – Birthplace of American Trail Study in Hampton Roads update (Steve Lambert)
     - Project started in April 2016 and was completed May 2017. Purpose was to study how to connect the end of the Virginia Capital Trail to the coast.
     - Two routes: one to Virginia Beach and another to Fort Monroe in Hampton.
     - Study mapped out both routes and environmental concerns
     - New ownership of subdivision in Williamsburg section of road. James City County currently building relationship with owners to make it available for public use at Birthplace of American Trail.
     - Design of trail will be the same as Virginia Capital Trail (10ft -12ft wide lanes)
     - Conversation on former Virginia Light Rail corridor to possibly include ROW of transit in the future.
     - HRTPO is beginning a Regional Active Transportation Plan
   - Maintenance payments/funding loss from road diets
     - Maintenance payments bill was passed this year. Urban guide will be updated this fall to reflect this change
     - Will requirement statement from P.E. denoting how payments were used for road diets
- Maintenance/snow clearing
- Design update (George Rogerson)
  - Road Design Manual revisions were released earlier in July 2017
  - Section A-5 on Bicycles and Pedestrian, including the bicycle selection facility criteria was reworked.
- 2004 CTB Policy

6. Virginia Bicycle Federation update (Champe Burnley)
   - Tracking HB 1504
   - Currently don’t have a definitive plan for upcoming General Assembly session
   - Starting to discuss I-66 bike/ped additions
   - Discussions with Amtrak and DRPT for roll up bike service at Main Street Station

7. 2018 Land Conservation & Greenways Conference (Jennifer Wampler)
   - 191 people attended the 2017 Land Conservation & Greenways Conference in April
   - The 2018 conference will be on April 23rd, 2018 in Roanoke at the Hotel Roanoke. Virginia Tourism is the first sponsor to sign up.
   - East Coast Greenway Summit in Durham October 1st-3rd
   - Youth Bike Summit August 6th – 8th in Arlington, Virginia
   - Kittelson and Michael Baker are two consultant companies going more into bike design

8. Safety Update (Mark Cole) –
   - The 2016 Pedestrian and Bicycle Crash Report/assessment was extended through the end of 2016. It will be ready to put on the website in about a month. The next phase of the project is a statewide Pedestrian Safety Action plan which will include a stakeholder group that will identify clusters and corridors that need some level of attention for pedestrian infrastructure.
   - Distracted driving is one the variables being tracked in the crash assessment.
   - Strategic Highway Safety Plan finished

9. Various Announcements

10. Closing (John Bolecek)