



State Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting Spring Meeting

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April 2015 BPAC Meeting Overview

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. District Updates
3. Top Five Technical Concerns
4. Compliance Review of 2004 CTB Policy
5. DMV Highway Safety Update
6. Update on SEHSR Greenway Study
7. New Bike/Ped Workzone Guidance
8. Legislative update
9. VDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Update
10. Closing

1. Welcome and Introductions

Introductions

- Name
- Location
- Representation



2. District Updates

Updates from District Bike/Ped Coordinators

10:45 am to 12:00 pm

- 1. Hampton Roads**
- 2. Northern Virginia**
- 3. Richmond**

Committee's Top Technical concerns

1. **Creating and improving long distance routes**
 1. Update on East Coast Greenway meeting on March 19th
 2. Update on U.S. Bike Route 11 meeting on March 13th
2. **Maintenance Payments / funding loss from road diets**
 1. HB1402 passed this General Assembly session
3. **Sweeping Bike Lanes / snow clearing**
 1. Same issues occurred this winter as last winter
 2. Brief slideshow of examples
 3. Maintenance requests can be submitted here:
<http://www.viriniadot.org/travel/citizen.asp>
4. **Urban Standards / Urban Retrofits / DRPT Multimodal Design Guidelines and NACTO**
 1. FHWA to release a "Separated Bike Lane Planning and Design Guide"
 2. NCUTCD Committee Update
5. **Limited Access Policy**
 1. Report finalized
 2. Waiting for VCTIR Implementation

4. Compliance Review of 2004 CTB Policy

David Crotts

1:00 pm to 1:30 pm

- Brief update on the review that will be conducted
- Opportunity for committee to provide feedback

Virginia Department of Transportation
Policy for Integrating Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodations

1. Introduction

Bicycling and walking are fundamental travel modes and integral components of an efficient transportation network. Appropriate bicycle and pedestrian accommodations provide the public, including the disabled community, with access to the transportation network, connectivity with other modes of transportation, and independent mobility regardless of age, physical constraints, or income. Effective bicycle and pedestrian accommodations enhance the quality of life and health, strengthen communities, increase safety for all highway users, reduce congestion, and can benefit the environment. Bicycling and walking are successfully accommodated when travel by these modes is efficient, safe, and comfortable for the public. A strategic approach will consistently incorporate the consideration and provision of bicycling and walking accommodations into the decision-making process for Virginia's transportation network.

2. Purpose

This policy provides the framework through which the Virginia Department of Transportation will accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians, including pedestrians with disabilities, along with motorized transportation modes in the planning, funding, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of Virginia's transportation network to achieve a safe, effective, and balanced multimodal transportation system.

For the purposes of this policy, an accommodation is defined as any facility, design feature, operational change, or maintenance activity that improves the environment in which bicyclists and pedestrians travel. Examples of such accommodations include the provision of bike lanes, sidewalks, and signs; the installation of curb extensions for traffic calming; and the addition of paved shoulders.

3. Project Development

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will initiate all highway construction projects with the presumption that the projects shall accommodate bicycling and walking. Factors that support the need to provide bicycle and pedestrian accommodations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- project is identified in an adopted transportation or related plan
- project accommodates existing and future bicycle and pedestrian use
- project improves or maintains safety for all users
- project provides a connection to public transportation services and facilities
- project serves areas or population groups with limited transportation options
- project provides a connection to bicycling and walking trip generators such as employment, education, retail, recreation, and residential centers and public facilities
- project is identified in a Safe Routes to School program or provides a connection to a school

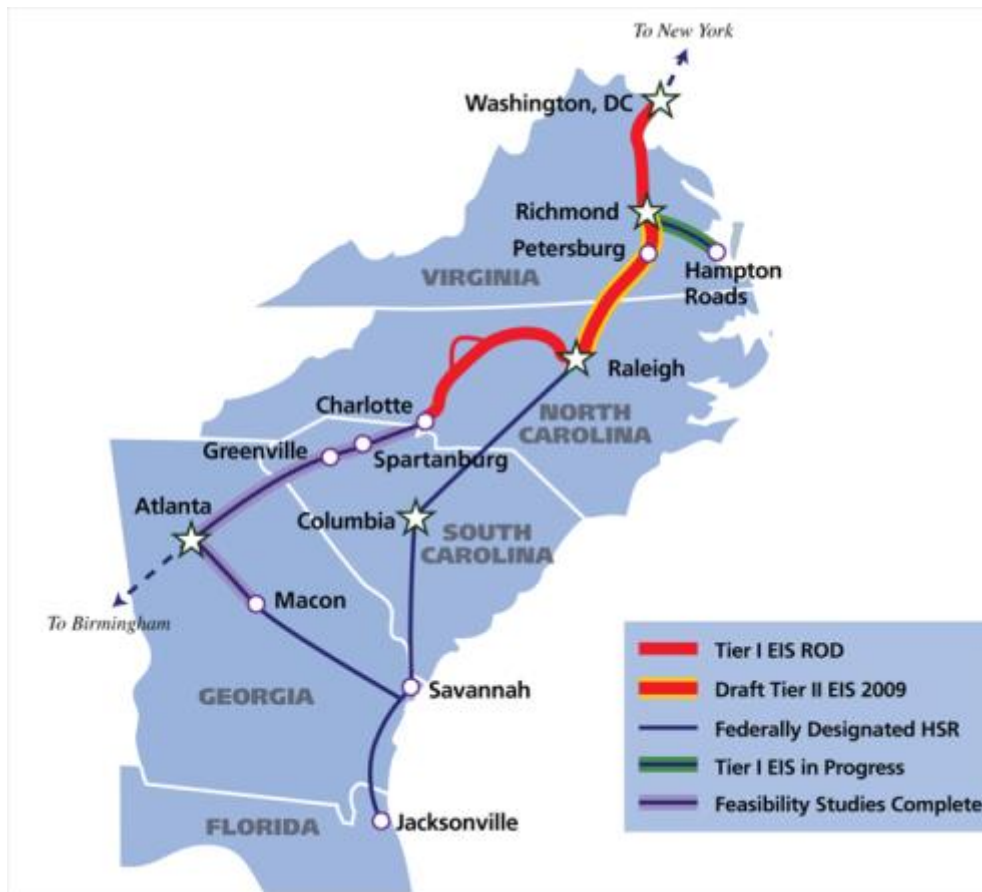
5. DMV Highway Safety Update

Lori Rice 1:30 pm to 1:45 pm



6. Update on SEHSR Greenway Study

Michael Todd 1:45pm to 2:15pm



7. New Bike/Ped Workzone Guidance

Mark Cole 2:15 pm to 2:30 pm



8. Legislative Update – Bud Vye



9. State Bicycle and Pedestrian Program

Projects Underway

Southeast High-speed Rail Greenway Study

- Underway
- Only 13% of Greenway Alignment will fall on abandoned rail ROW
- Smaller sections between towns likely most feasible
- **Business Plan Items**
 - Feedback from local governments and advocates
- **Count Program**
 - Assisting Capital Trail Foundation
 - Exploring new technologies
- **HB2**
 - Metrics looking at accessibility
- **Road Diet**
 - FHWA webinars
 - Road Diet Tool: Can send ArcGIS map to committee
- **U.S. Bike Route Expansion**
 - U.S. Bike Route 11 possibility

Business Plan Item 2.1.5

Action:

Develop process whereby the Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee annually provides feedback regarding bike/ped accommodations on new projects in the SYIP and include this information on bicycle/pedestrian needs in the scoping meeting for review by the project manager

State Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Update

Business Plan Item 2.1.5 Background

This is one of six action items designed to meet Objective 2.1, “To guarantee that local governments and citizens have the opportunity to play a meaningful role in transportation decision-making, strengthen coordination and partnerships with state and federal agencies, localities, and industry to support project delivery, and to support multi-modal solutions that expand the role of non-highway modes of transportation in the Commonwealth’s transportation network.”

By pursuing this objective and this action item, VDOT endeavors to expand sidewalk and bicycle solutions in projects.

Business Plan Item 2.1.5

- **Draft Interim Process for the Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) to Provide Comments on new Projects in the SYIP**
- **TMPD receives the new SYIP projects from Infrastructure and Investment Division**
 - **Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Planner Sends out project list as excel file**
 - **Virginia Roads can be used to show the start and end point of the projects <http://virginiaroads.org/projects/map>. Simply search by the project's UPC and it will appear on the map**
- **January 27th - State BPAC reviews projects at Winter Meeting**
- **February 20th – Final comments on projects due**
- **At April 22nd BPAC meeting – Final comments approved**
- **May 8th - Final comments sent to Project Managers for inclusion in scoping files**

9. Wrap Up & Next BPAC Meeting

Follow-up Items

- Follow-up items are due to **John Bolecek**
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Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Thank you

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