Winter Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting

February 8th, 2016

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Virginia Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Fall meeting
24th Floor Conference Room
600 E. Main St Richmond, Virginia 23219
February 8th, 2016
10:00 am – 2:30 pm

1. **Welcome and introductions** — **John Bolecek** 10:00 am to 10:15 am
2. **Safety update** — **Mark Cole** 10:15 am to 11:00 am
   - Bike/Ped HSIP funds
   - Workzone Bike/ped guide
   - Rumble strips and stripes
3. **Virginia Capital Trail Foundation update** — **Beth Weisbrod** 11:00 am to 11:30 am
4. **Research update and discussion** — **Peter Ohlms** 11:30 am to 12:00 pm

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
     i. Update on State Trails Advisory Committee
     ii. DCR Signage Plan for state trails
     iii. Website to report missing USBR signs here: https://my.vdot.virginia.gov/
   - Maintenance Payments / funding loss from road diets
   - Sweeping bike lanes / snow clearing
   - Urban standards / urban retrofits / DRPT Multimodal Design Guidelines and NACTO
     i. NCUTCD Committee Update
     ii. NACTO Global Street Design Guide released
   - Update on Review of 2004 CTB Policy
6. **VDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Program update** — **John Bolecek** 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm
   - Overview of projects
   - Business Plan update and approval of comments
7. **Legislative update** — **Champe Burnley and Bud Vye** 1:30 pm to 2:00 pm
8. **Closing** — **John Bolecek** 2:00 pm to 2:30 pm
   - Summary of follow-up items from this meeting
   - Discussion of future agenda Items

1. Welcome and Introductions

Introductions

- Name
- Location
- Representation

2. Various VDOT Safety Initiatives

Mark Cole 10:15 to 11:00am

3. Virginia Capital Trail Foundation update

Beth Weisbrod11:00 am to 11:30 am

4. Research Update

Projects Underway

- **Business Plan Items**
  - Unsure whether it will repeat in FY17
  - Approve comments this meeting
- **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

5. Committee's Top Technical concerns

1. **Creating and improving long distance routes**
   - Update on State Trails Advisory Committee
   - DCR Signage Plan for state trails
   - Website to report missing signs here: https://my.vdot.virginia.gov/
2. **Maintenance Payments / funding loss from road diets**
   - Bill under consideration would allow 50 miles or 3% of lane miles to be converted penalty free
3. **Sweeping Bike Lanes / snow clearing**
4. **Urban Standards / Urban Retrofits / DRPT Multimodal Design Guidelines and NACTO**
   - NCUTCD Committee Update
   - NACTO Global Street Design Guide released
5. **Limited Access Policy**
   - Report finalized
6. **Update on Review of 2004 CTB Policy – next slide**

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- Hampton Roads Tunnels and Bridges
- Current Opportunities
- Jamestown-Scotland Ferry
- Manuals Guides and Informational Instructions
- Safety Rest Areas and Welcome Centers

Update on Compliance Review of 2004 CTB Policy

Draft findings:

- Projects are complying with the CTB Policy
- VDOT to update forms to capture documentation on all projects
- VDOT to create an bike lane, shared use path, and sidewalk inventory
- VDOT to develop metrics to track progress

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

7. Legislative Update

Champe Burnley and Bud Vye 1:30 pm to 2:00 pm

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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