Summer Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting

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

1. Welcome and introductions
   John Bolecek 10:00 am to 10:15 am

2. VDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Program update
   John Bolecek 10:15 am to 10:30 am
   - Overview of projects
   - Business Plan update

3. RRFB on W&OD Trail Evaluation Report
   Lance Dougal 10:30 am to 11:00 am

4. Walkability activities at Department of Health
   Henry Murdaugh 11:00 am to 11:30 am

5. Update on Charlottesville bike box experiment
   Peter Ohlms 11:30 am to 11:45 am

Break to pick up lunch - bring back for working lunch
Break 11:45 am  Resume 12:15 pm

6. Updates on Committee’s top technical concerns:
   Various 12:15 pm to 1:00 pm
   - Creating and improving long distance routes
     - Moving signs on U.S. Bike Route 76 in Rockbridge
     - New website to report missing signs here: https://any.vdot.virginia.gov/
   - Maintenance Payments / funding loss from road diets
     - VDOT meeting held 6/12 with cities and towns to gather feedback
   - Sweeping bike lanes / snow clearing
   - Urban standards / urban retrofits / DRPT Multimodal Design Guidelines and NACTO
   - NCUTCD Committee Update
   - Update on Review of 2004 CTB Policy

7. Watch Public Service Announcements
   Various 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm

8. Update on Safe Routes to School Program
   Robert Williams 1:30 pm to 2:00 pm
   - Activities of local coordinators
   - Status of grants and projects
   - Bike and Walk to School Days

9. Transportation Research Board bicycle feedback
   Daniel Painter 2:00 pm to 2:15 pm

10. Closing
    John Bolecek 2:15 pm to 2:30 pm
    - Final meeting date for 2015: October 28th
    - Summary of follow-up items from this meeting
    - Discussion of future agenda Items
July 2015 BPAC Meeting Overview

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. VDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Program update
3. RRFB on W&OD Trail Evaluation Report
4. Walkability activities at Department of Health
5. Update on Charlottesville bike box experiment
6. Top Five Technical Concerns
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1. Welcome and Introductions

Introductions

- Name
- Location
- Representation
2. State Bicycle and Pedestrian Program

Projects Underway

• Southeast High-speed Rail Greenway Study
  • Will host online meeting in August
  • Project should close out in September
  • 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
  • Assisting Capital Trail Foundation
  • Will install 7 counters along Capital Trail

• HB2
  • Metrics looking at accessibility

• 2004 CTB Compliance
  • Policy comments compiled
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
  • UBSR 76 signs getting moved
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

• July 28th - State BPAC provides comments
• 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
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6. Committee’s Top Technical concerns

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2. **Maintenance Payments / funding loss from road diets**
   1. VDOT meeting held 6/12 with cities and towns to gather feedback on HB1402 report due in December

3. **Sweeping Bike Lanes / snow clearing**

4. **Urban Standards / Urban Retrofits / DRPT Multimodal Design Guidelines and NACTO**
   2. NCUTCD Committee Update

5. **Limited Access Policy**
   1. Report finalized

6. **Update on Review of 2004 CTB Policy**
Residency moving signs on U.S. Bike Route 76 in Rockbridge

Existing Route in Red
- 24 miles
- Poor sight lines on Route 39
- Two high volume interchanges

New Route in Blue
- 18 miles
- Avoids two interchanges
- Lower volume roads
- Consistent with Adventure Cycling Route and Maps
Updated website and method to report missing signs and other maintenance issues
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6. Update on Review of 2004 CTB Policy
Update on Compliance Review of 2004 CTB Policy

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

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. Watch Public Service Announcements

**Various** 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm

- **Driving around cyclists**  
  [https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=EezZDtGV5Fo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=EezZDtGV5Fo)

- **Why not to ride on the sidewalk**  
  [https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=CPB8B0s_EAs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=CPB8B0s_EAs)

- **Visibility and Hand Signals**  
  [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ST71he_jm4&feature=player_embedded](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ST71he_jm4&feature=player_embedded)

- **Shared Lane Markings / Sharrows**  
  [https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=Nx6_ekJHBfk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=Nx6_ekJHBfk)
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Daniel Painter looking for feedback from this Committee to guide his service on the TRB Bicycle Research Committee
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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