

Virginia Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee DRAFT Meeting Notes

The meeting was held in the 24th Floor Conference Room at 600 E. Main St Richmond, Virginia on October 28th, 2015 from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm.

Attendees:

John Bolecek, VDOT TMPD
David Patton, Arlington County
Champe Burnley, Virginia Bicycle Federation
Robert Hofrichter, VDOT TMPD
George Rogerson, VDOT L&D
Bud Vye, Richmond Area Bicycle Association
Mack Frost, FHWA
Karen King, FHWA
Cindy Engelhart, VDOT NOVA
Tim Miller, Richmond 2015
Dwight Jenkins, DMV
Howard Albers, FABB
Tom Bowden, VBF
Mark Cole, VDOT Traffic Engineering
Vanessa Wigand, Virginia Department of Education

Call-in:

Andy Clarke, Toole Design Group
Andrew Mondschein, UVA
David Dorfman
Joe Morgan, VBF
Daniel Henderson, VDH
Allen Muchnick, VBF
Andy Alden, Virginia Tech Transportation Institute
Kelly Hitchcock, Region 2000
Shane Cusick, Bike Virginia

1. Welcome and Introductions

- John Bolecek welcomed the group.
- Attendees in person and on the phone introduced themselves.

A Special Update from Tim Miller, Executive Director of Richmond 2015

The UCI Road World Championships were a big success, over 600,000 spectators attended. There were athletes representing 75 countries. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

- UCI said it was one of the better championships they have ever seen. The event sold out of merchandise three times over. There were 62 broadcasters on site, 38

from international outlets, and 400 written journalists on site. Over 5000 volunteers filled over 6000 volunteer shifts. Richmond 2015 will cease to exist once the financial reporting has been completed.

- One comment was that if it wasn't for this event, lots of bicycle projects in central Virginia would not have been completed by 2015.

2. Rumble strips, stripes and bicycles

Mark Cole 10:15 am to 10:45 am

- **Mark Cole, State Highway Safety Engineer, provided an update on several Traffic Engineering Division projects including an update to the Rumble Strip standards and on a pedestrian safety assessment project.**
- For rumble strips countermeasure is needed for non-interstate routes to reduce fatalities from road departures.
- The current standard makes it very expensive to build shoulders in areas that need rumble strips. The new standard will allow for more flexibility but will reduce the amount of space for bicycles in some instances.
- Rumble strips result in 40-60% crash reduction
- VDOT Traffic Engineering Division is also working on a Statewide Pedestrian Crash Analysis
- 2% of crashes involve bike/ped, 14% of fatal crashes are bike/ped
- Feedback can be sent to Mark Cole at Mark.Cole@vdot.virginia.gov on the workzone document and the rumble strip plans.

3. “Cycles of Influence”

Andy Clarke 10:45 am to 11:30 am

- Andy Clark, former President of the League of American Bicyclists gave a presentation titled “Cycles of Influence” talking about the movement to build more bicycle and pedestrian friendly places.
 - The bike movement that Andy joined in England 30 years ago is dead but has now changed into making cities better places to live.
 - Today we have the most qualified, knowledgeable generation of advocates and demographics are driving change.
 - Have to be a multi-modal movement, can't be surly outsiders.
 - Advice:
 1. Be inclusive and listen
 2. Insist on Quality
 3. Focus on outcomes
 4. Be bold and visionary
- For this group
1. Do no harm
 2. Get out of the way
 3. Support small and rural communities
 4. Insist on Training...and more training

4. VDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Program update

John Bolecek 11:30 am to 12:00 pm

- Overview of projects
 - i. VDOT installed 7 continuous counters on the Capital trail.
 - ii. Southeast High-speed Rail Greenway Study has been completed.

1. Information here until December 12th
 2. <https://eftp.mbakerintl.com/message/7RKlXhmdFx9KRqCjUM8d5>
 - iii. HB2 has bike/ped scoring in both accessibility and congestion metric.
 - iv. 2004 CTB Policy Compliance Audit is nearing completion.
- Business Plan update
 - i. Provide all final comments by 12/18
 - Limited Access report completed
 - i. Available here:
http://www.virginiadot.org/programs/resources/bike/BikeGuideReport_final.pdf
 - ii. Appendix G describes the preferred conditions for allowing bicycle use.

The group broke for 30 minutes and returned to the room for a working lunch

5. Updates on Committee's top technical concerns 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm

- Creating and improving long distance routes
 - i. Capital Trail completed.
 - ii. Website to report missing US Bike Route signs here:
<https://my.vdot.virginia.gov/>
- Maintenance Payments / funding loss from road diets
 - i. VDOT meeting held in June to solicit feedback.
 - ii. VDOT webinar held 10/14 with cities and towns to gather additional feedback .
 - iii. Report on subject due December 1st.
- Sweeping bike lanes / snow clearing
- Urban standards / urban retrofits / DRPT Multimodal Design Guidelines and NACTO
 - i. A NCUTCD Committee Update
 1. Only notable issue that came up was that text signs do not require permits.
 - ii. Separated bicycle lanes and NACTO guides addressed in VDOT Road Design Manual Appendix A-5
- Update on Review of 2004 CTB Policy
 - i. Review should be released soon .

6. Driver's Education Research Project **Andrew Mondschein** 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm

- Key question: How do drivers respond to new facilities?
- Key findings: Safety improvement opportunities exist, safety in numbers is real, deliver the message at the time and place of application, safety campaigns work.
- Goal 1 - Develop useful campaign that could be used statewide, make sure available to planners statewide.
- Goal 2- Take baseline and do survey-based research to measure effectiveness of tools.
- Contact Andrew at mondschein@virginia.edu for more information about this project.

- The following links were requested:
 - i. Driver's Education:
http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/standards_docs/driver_education
 - ii. BikeSmart Virginia:
<http://www.vahealth.org/injury/bike/BikeSmartVaSchools.htm>
 - iii. Virginia Bicycle Safety Lesson Plans:
http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/physed/bicycle_safety/index.shtml

7. Bicycle and pedestrian education discussion **Vanessa Wigand** 1:30 pm to 2:15 pm

- A discussion was had with the entire group on the issue of Bicycle Education in Virginia
- Interested groups could formally request analysis of data to see how many people exceed a given threshold of demerits

8. Closing **John Bolecek** 2:15 pm to 2:30 pm

- Meeting dates for 2016 are February 1st, April 23rd, July 27th and October 26th
- The Virginia APA conference is July 17th to 20th so our dates should avoid this conflict.
- No future agenda items were discussed