

Bicycle Advisory Group Meeting



June 15, 2021

Howard County Office of Transportation
3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043

3:00 p.m.
Held via WebEx

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Howard County
OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION

Responsibilities of the Bicycle Advisory Group



1. Advise and inform the Office of Transportation on transportation matters
2. Provide additional subject matter expertise to the Office of Transportation
3. Provide feedback and technical assistance on the implementation of master plans and other initiatives and policy issues

Review and Approval



1. Today's Agenda
2. Minutes – April 6, 2021

Introductions

(DP Designated Position or RP Required Position)



1. Official BAG Members

- ✦ **Emily Ranson, Chair, Clean Water Action (DP)**
- ✦ **Ted Cochran, Vice Chair, Free Bikes 4 Kidz Maryland (DP)**
- ✦ Jessica Bellah, Columbia Association (RP)
- ✦ Jennifer Biddle, HC Department of Public Works (RP)
- ✦ Lt. Aaron Dombrowsky, Howard County Police Department (RP)
- ✦ Jack Guarneri, Bicycling Advocates of Howard County (RP)
- ✦ Jon Mayer, MDOT, State Highway Administration (DP)
- ✦ Christiana Rigby, Howard County Council (RP)
- ✦ Donald Rucker, Rep for retailers within Howard County (DP)
- ✦ Larry Schoen, Bicycle Advocate (RP)
- ✦ Chris Tsien, Environmental Sustainability Board (DP)
- ✦ Paul Walksy, HC Department of Recreation and Parks (RP)
- ✦ Warren Wortman, Bicycle Advocate (DP)

Introductions



2. Office of Transportation

- ✦ **Bruce Gartner, Administrator**
- ✦ **Chris Eatough, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator**
- ✦ **Molly Nur, Bicycle and Pedestrian Planner**
- ✦ David Cookson, Regional and Long Range Transportation Planning Manager
- ✦ Carrie Anderson-Watters, Transit Planning Manager
- ✦ Allison Calkins, Transportation Demand Management Specialist
- ✦ Brooks Phelps, GIS Specialist

3. Informal BAG Members

Brief Updates



1. OoT staff changes

- New Transit Manager – Carrie Anderson-Watters started May 10; Kimberly Woods left June 4

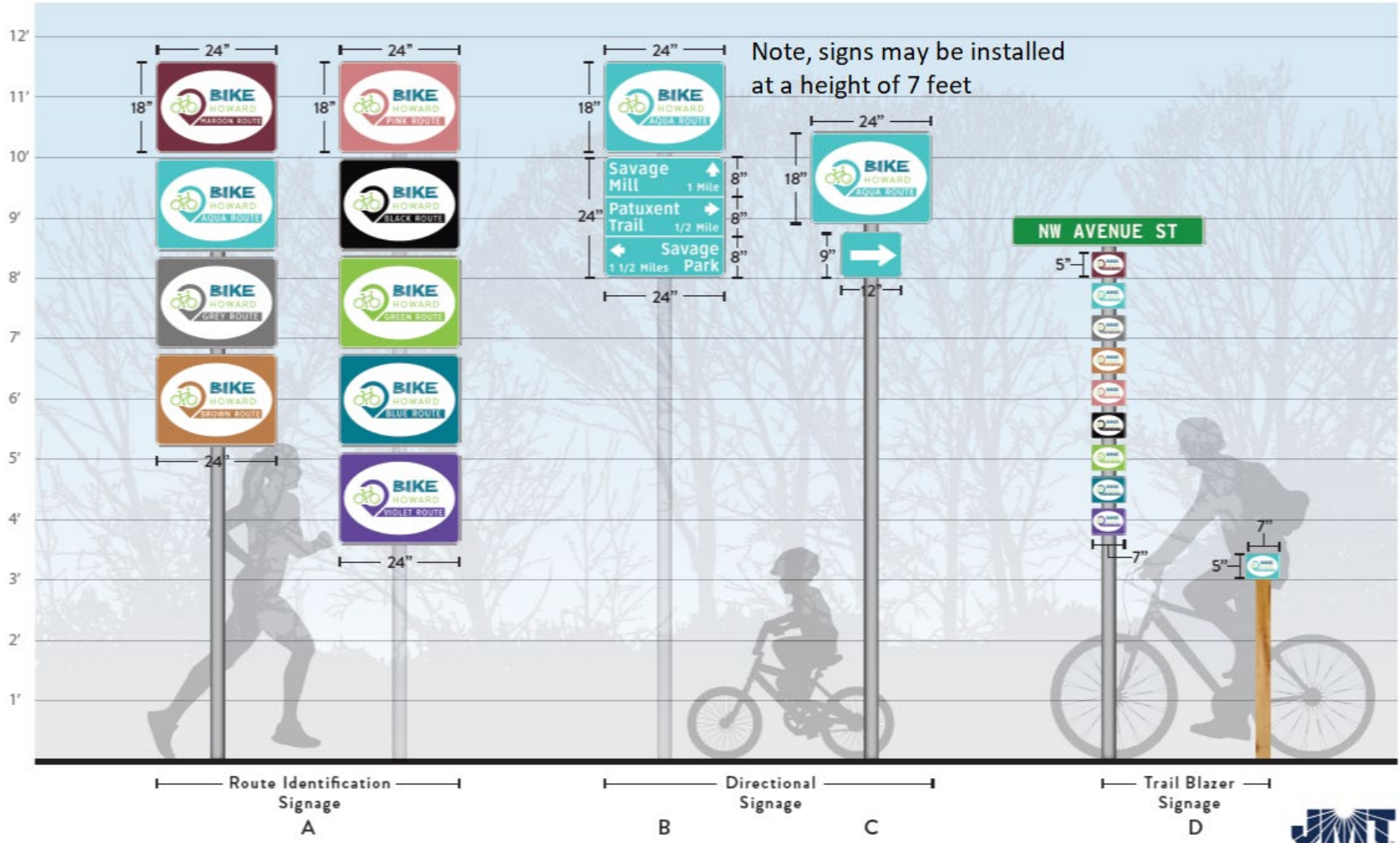
2. BAG membership

- Donald Rucker from Patapsco Bikes; Warren Wortman, Bike Advocate

3. Complete Streets

- [18-month implementation report](#) submitted to County Council

4. Bike Wayfinding project - [link](#)



Brief Updates (continued)



5. MD 32 Alternate Bike Route Priority Improvements and Clarksville-River Hill Streetscape Design (segments)
 - OoT submitted Bikeways Grant application June 2
 - Design pathways for “pinch point 6” and Clarksville Streetscape - [link](#)
 - Awards announced by October

6. Patapsco Regional Greenway Spur and Savage Mill Trail
 - State provided a \$1.25 million grant to support a spur of the Patapsco Regional Greenway to connect Elkridge to the Guinness Brewery in Halethorpe
 - County received a \$250,000 grant from the State to support critical repairs to the Savage Mill Trail (1.16 miles of trail space within Savage Park)
 - [Press event](#) held on May 4

Brief Updates (continued)



5. Bike lanes from road resurfacing projects

- Centre Park Drive and Columbia 100 Parkway
- Warwick Way and Birmingham Way
- Minstrel Way

6. Chip and Seal

- Chip and seal on County roads in western Howard County beginning Monday, June 14
- Approximately 22 miles
- [Press release](#)

Brief Updates (continued)



7. Road work – how best to alert bicyclists
 - Currently: signage for bike detours, press releases
 - Possible additions: post list on website ahead of construction, social media, other?

8. 4th of July Fireworks in Columbia
 - To help minimize car traffic and encourage using alternative forms of transportation, Oakland Mills Village is organizing a manned bike corral in the Haven parking lot
 - Encouraging parking in Oakland Mills and biking/walking to fireworks

9. MDOT SHA Bike Lanes
 - Coordination with MDOT SHA with bike lanes through road resurfacing of State roads

Key Topics



1. FY22 Capital and Operating Budget update
2. Bicycle Rider Fatality on 4/10/21
3. Oakland Mills Road Diet and protected bike lanes

FY22 Capital and Operating Budget Update



Capital Budget Additions Related to Biking:

1. K5066: \$825,000 new county funding (existing fund balance is \$3.7 million)
2. N3963: \$675,000 new county funding (for future grant match for surface upgrade of Patuxent Branch Trail)

Related Budget Amendments:

1. K5061 receives \$150,000 from state for US40 ped bridge feasibility study.
2. K5066 receives \$250,000 from state for Patapsco Regional Greenway design. \$1 million more from state will be added in FY23 for matching funds for a construction grant.
3. T7108 receives \$600,000 of an expected \$1.1 million grant for design of the MD 32 alternative bike route. The remaining \$500,000 should be added to FY 2023 in the next budget submission.

Bicycle Rider Fatality on 4/10/21

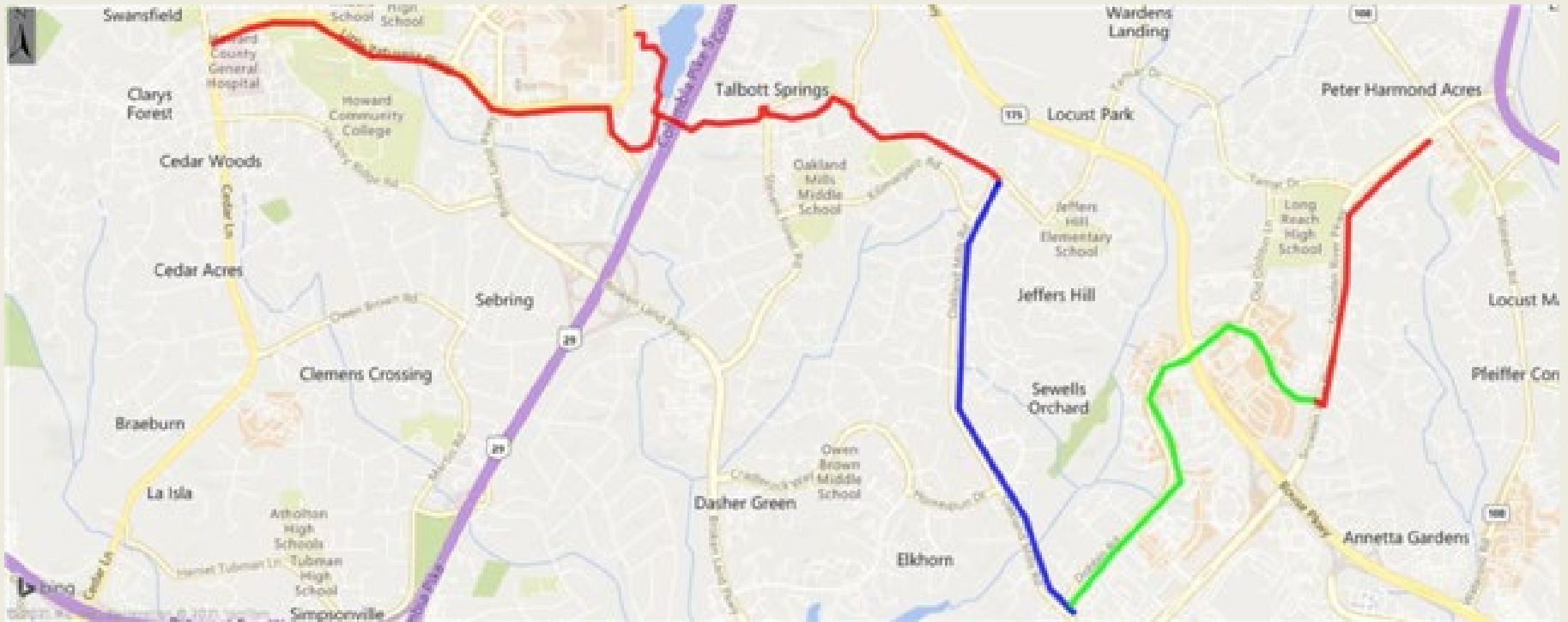


Information provided by Howard County Police Department

Oakland Mills Rd Diet and Protected Bike Lanes



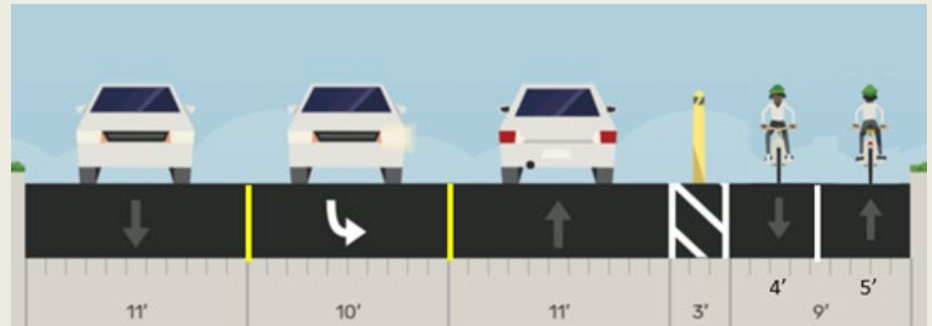
- 1 mile of Oakland Mills Road from Old Montgomery Road to Dobbin Road (blue)
- Connects to existing Downtown Columbia Trail (red, left side of graphic)
- Connects to future Dobbin Road Pathway (green) and Lake Elkhorn pathways



Oakland Mills Rd Diet and Protected Bike Lanes



- "Road Diet" from 4 lanes to 3 lanes with protected bike lanes
- Increased pedestrian safety through speed management, more crosswalks with refuge islands and less travel lanes to cross
- 2 way protected bike lanes with flex posts and cross hatched buffer



Upcoming Events



Spring

- [Cycle2Health](#) – season began May 18
- [BikeAround Downtown Columbia](#) – June 19, 20

Fall

- BikeAround Downtown Columbia – September 18, 19
- Walktober events – October (*more details coming*)
- Free Bikes 4 Kidz Collection Day – October 2 (Goal 2,000 bikes)

Note: All events to be posted on BikeHoward.org

Business from Last Meeting



- Bike rest stops (Recs and Park)
 - Glenwood, Rockburn

Open Discussion



Among BAG Members

Adjournment



**Next meeting
September 14, 2021
at 3:00 PM**

Thank you for attending