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JOINT- BICYCLE ADVISORY GROUP and TRANSIT & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY GROUP MEETING MINUTES

September 20, 2018 3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Astamay Curtis
Marlene Hendler, TPAG Chair
Bob McLaughlin
David Ramsay
Jen Terrasa
Paul Walsky
Hannah Witkin
Jack Guarneri, BAG Chair
Ryan Channels
Lt. Jeff Specht
Jen Biddle
Marian Vessels
Jessica Bellah

Staff: Clive Graham, Executive Secretary
Rashidi Jackson, Office of Transportation
Chris Eatough, Office of Transportation
Allison Calkins, Office of Transportation
Albert Engel, Office of Transportation
Jason Quan, Office of Transportation

Non-Members:
Kris Singleton
Kristen O'Conner
Kate Bollinger
Peter Conrad
Phil Nichols
Erin Logan

1. **Introductions** (minute :01)

Clive Graham announced that this is the second joint TPAG/BAG meeting. A round of introductions followed.

2. **Approval of April 17, 2018 Minutes** (minute :02)

Marian Vessels noted that she was at the April 17, 2018 meeting and would like to be included in the list. Bob McLaughlin moved to approve the minutes, Marlene Hendler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. **Ellicott City Master Planning Efforts – Kate Bollinger** (minute :04)

Clive introduced Kate Bollinger, Community Planner with Department of Planning and Zoning, who gave a presentation on the Ellicott City Master Planning Efforts. Kate announced the next opportunity to provide input in the master planning process will be at a public workshop October

25, 2018, followed by a public online engagement opportunity. The public input will be taken into consideration while working with the consultant team to prepare a draft master plan for public review in early 2019. Kate directed members to go to <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/ecpm> for more information and to join the mailing list to receive more details as they come out. Kate provided background and findings from the consultants, and recapped some of the master plan concepts as they were presented back in March. Kate explained that after the May 27th flood, the master plan was put on hold and the five-year mitigation was presented in August. The master plan is a long term comprehensive plan for Ellicott city. The five-year plan is the exhilarated plan which will be nested into the long term.

Chris Eatough asked if there were any questions. Jack Guarneri asked who makes the decision on what the streetscape will look like? Kate explained the process will develop concepts into a draft plan which will come out early 2019. Peter Conrad added that after there is an adopted master plan there will be another process with public engagement.

4. **Broken Land Parkway and Little Patuxent Parkway Intersection** (minute :24)

Chris Eatough provided an update on the adjustments to the traffic signal operations at Broken Land Parkway and Little Patuxent Parkway Intersection. DPW's traffic division adjusted the traffic signal so traffic is not turning right while pedestrians are in the crosswalk. Chris noted the change is working well. Member asked when this was implemented? Another member answered 28th of June.

5. **US 1 Safety Evaluation** (minute :35)

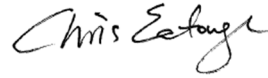
Clive announced the next public meeting on the US 1 Safety Evaluation will be held next week and the full report was released two days ago. Chris announced that OoT will hold two public meetings to present the findings in the report. Chris said the project started a year ago regarding safety issues on route 1, especially with pedestrians and presented statistics on pedestrian fatalities. Chris stated US 1 is a state road and was built to old highway standards. There is now more pedestrian and transit activity but the road is the same. The study was done from Elkridge to North Laurel, about 11 miles. Chris stated this was a data driven process and the goal of the project was to focus on severe segments to be fixed short term. Chris stated there are four focus areas and described recommendations from Sabra & Associates which included, adding sidewalks and crosswalks, improving lighting, and slowing down traffic. Chris discussed five high priority concepts that came out of the study with cost estimates of \$1 million, but could cost up to \$2 million. Next step is to talk to State Highway Administration regarding the improvements with the hope that they will be implementing most of them. Chris added that Howard County does have some funding available.

A member recommended adding different colored pavement for safety. Chris added that the members could advocate to SHA and instructed that a drafted letter be circulated for signatures of the BAG members.

A member asked if there was a push for a median? Clive said that something like that will come out of a bigger process, as this project focuses on the short-term.

6. **Adjournment** (minute 1:03)

Clive announced that this is Jen Terrasa's last meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 4:07pm.



3/18/2019

Chris Eatough

Date

Executive Secretary



3/18/2019

Lauren Frank

Date

Office of Transportation