



State Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting Winter Meeting

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January 2015 BPAC Meeting Overview

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. DMV Driving Test Questions / Manual edits
3. Legislative Update
4. Top Five Technical Concerns
5. Lunch
6. Status of Bicycle and Pedestrian Program at VDOT
7. Update on Rugby Road Intersection Experiment
8. Update on Route 10 Bicycle Accommodation Closing
9. Closing

Welcome and Introductions

Introductions

- Name
- Location
- Representation



Vanessa Wigand – Dept. of Education

Virginia Driver's Manual

Suggested Questions

**Regarding when motorists are required to yield to bicyclists: If a bicyclist is riding through a crosswalk, are you required to yield?
Yes/No**

Cyclists riding in the road: If a trail or sidewalk is located adjacent to the road, a bicyclist is not required to use it and can ride in the road with traffic. True/False

**Cyclists riding in the road: A cyclist is riding in a lane that is 11 feet wide. The cyclist is required to move over and let cars pass.
True/False**

Bicycles: Which of the following apply:

Bicyclists are allowed to ride on the road.

Motorists must allow three feet when passing.

Bicyclists are not required to ride far to the right if the lane cannot be shared with a motorist.

Bicyclists are allowed to ride on the sidewalk unless prohibited by the local jurisdiction.

All of the above.

Suggested Manual Changes

Signage: Shared Lane markings and Bicycles May Use Full lane signs are relatively new to most motorists. Suggest including examples of each and explaining what they mean. See [MUTCD Chapter 9B](#) and Arlington's [Be A PAL campaign](#). See examples below.

Bicyclists riding in the road: Need more info about bicyclists riding in the road and not being required to ride on the sidewalk or trail or even in the bike lane. [46.2-905](#) in VA code. When a bicyclist should not ride too far to the right: Overtaking, left turn, avoiding hazardous conditions including substandard width lane, avoiding right turning lane, in one-way road

Yielding at a crosswalk - p. 15 - near the bottom on the left in the bullet points under Yielding the Right of Way. Next to last bullet point says they must yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk or at an unmarked intersection. We propose adding "bicyclists".

Following distance - p. 18 - right hand column where it talks about increase your following distance: add "when driving behind a bicycle."

May not park - p. 21 - top of right hand column where "you may not park" -- add "on a bike lane" (bike lanes are for "preferential use of bicycles").

Yielding at a crosswalk - While the text speaks to crosswalks, it never speaks to the situation that the woman who was hit crossing Sunrise Valley encountered where one of the cars stopped and the other, going the same direction in the second lane, did not. There was much discussion about whether Virginia law requires that a car approaching an intersection where another car is already stopped at the crosswalk (going that same direction) must also stop. See [46.2-858](#).

Cyclists at a traffic light "may proceed through the intersection on a steady red light only if the ... rider (i) comes to a full and complete stop at the intersection for two complete cycles of the traffic light or for two minutes, whichever is shorter, (ii) exercises due care as provided by law, (iii) otherwise treats the traffic control device as a stop sign, (iv) determines that it is safe to proceed, and (v) yields the right of way to the driver of any vehicle approaching on such other highway from either direction. the two minute/two cycle law at stoplights as it pertains to bicycles and motorcycles ([46.2-833](#). Traffic lights; penalty).

Opening a car door - Since the current manual asks drivers to be cautious around children, we might want to caution them about opening doors. This might generate more awareness when the dooring bill comes up again .

Bike lane/sharrow images - More images of traffic lanes and intersections should include bicycle lanes (I think i saw just one and it was HOV related). I think it would be helpful to discuss how to properly cross a bike lane when turning right, or other scenarios too.

Sharing the road section. There should be a bold print message stating that if pedestrians and bicyclists are struck they face significant risk of injury - always approach with caution and yield.

Legislative Update – Bud Vye



Committee's Top 5 Technical concerns

1. Develop methods for improving high priority shoulders

- No Update

2. Maintenance Payments / Funding loss from Road Diets

- FHWA Safety Program has issued a 'Road Diet Informational Guide
- HB1402 update

3. Sweeping Bike Lanes / Snow clearing

- No update

4. Urban Standards / Urban Retrofits / DRPT Multimodal Design Guidelines and NACTO

- No update

5. Limited Access Policy

- Report finalized
- Waiting for VCTIR Implementation

State Bicycle and Pedestrian Program

Major Projects Underway

- **Pedestrian Policy Plan**
 - **Finalized**
- **Beaches to Bluegrass Conceptual Trail Plan**
 - **Finalized**
- **Southeast High-speed Rail Greenway Study**
 - **Underway**
 - **Only 13% of Greenway Alignment will fall on abandoned rail ROW**
 - **Smaller sections between towns likely most feasible**
- **NOVA U.S. Bike Route 1 Study**
 - **Finalized**
 - **Submitted to and approved by AASHTO Committee**

State Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Update

Business Plan Item 2.1.5 Background

This is one of six action items designed to meet Objective 2.1, “To guarantee that local governments and citizens have the opportunity to play a meaningful role in transportation decision-making, strengthen coordination and partnerships with state and federal agencies, localities, and industry to support project delivery, and to support multi-modal solutions that expand the role of non-highway modes of transportation in the Commonwealth’s transportation network.”

By pursuing this objective and this action item, VDOT endeavors to expand sidewalk and bicycle solutions in projects.

Business Plan Item 2.1.5

Action:

Develop process whereby the Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee annually provides feedback regarding bike/ped accommodations on new projects in the SYIP and include this information on bicycle/pedestrian needs in the scoping meeting for review by the project manager

Business Plan Item 2.1.5

- **Draft Interim Process for the Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) to Provide Comments on new Projects in the SYIP**
- **TMPD receives the new SYIP projects from Infrastructure and Investment Division**
 - **Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Planner Sends out project list as excel file**
 - **Virginia Roads can be used to show the start and end point of the projects <http://virginiaroads.org/projects/map>. Simply search by the project's UPC and it will appear on the map**
- **January 27th - State BPAC reviews projects at Winter Meeting**
- **February 20th – Final comments on projects due**
- **At April 22nd BPAC meeting – Final comments approved**
- **May 8th - Final comments sent to Project Managers for inclusion in scoping files**

Peter Ohlms – Rugby Rd and Route 10



9. Wrap Up & Next BPAC Meeting

Follow-up Items

- Follow-up items are due to **John Bolecek**
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Next BPAC Meeting:

- **April 22nd 2015**



Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Thank you

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