

Virginia Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Winter meeting notes

24th Floor Conference Room
600 E. Main St Richmond, Virginia 23219
January 23rd, 2017
11:00 am – 3:00 pm

1. Welcome and introductions – John Bolecek

2. Pedestrian safety update - Mark Cole

- Preliminary numbers show pedestrian deaths up from 80 in previous years to 119 in 2016. There were 10 bicyclist deaths in 2016
 - Trends include mid-block crossings (60%), low-light (75%), and mostly people 59+, some alcohol related crashes
 - A number of initiatives are underway at VDOT and DMV related to bicycle and pedestrian safety
- Current strategic highway safety plan expired in 2016 and we are currently working on a new plan. Recommending new emphasis areas in safety plan with unanimous support in steering committee. Each emphasis area has its own strategies and actions
 - Pedestrian Safety
 - Bicycle Safety
 - Plan should be ready to put in place in March/April
 - Infrastructure (VDOT): working with VHB to develop specific recommendations and actions about what can be done to make roads safer for bicycles and pedestrians. This project will kick off when the Strategic Highway Safety Plan with it being finished around the end of this year
 - Existing pedestrian crash analysis included data through 2014; working with consultant to extend that with current data
 - Vision Summit to occur in Washington DC on March 31. Will include people representing Virginia
- New research by Rick Van Houten on paddleboards on crosswalks by schools shows that they are more effective in front of the crosswalk
- Virginia Pedestrian Crash Assessment Document – available to the public. Also includes spreadsheet and GIS data

3. Maintenance of Shared use path discussion - Various

- Topic was brought up by Howard Albers to see how shared use paths are maintained in NOVA
- Statewide document on maintenance best practices
 - IIM to clarify the 2% spending for pavement allocations
 - What maintenance functions should be added to in relation to bicycle and pedestrian facilities?
- Recommendation: to require removal of snow and ice from sidewalk/path. It is federal regulation to make these facilities accessible (ADA, AASHTO)
- PW Pkwy Trail and Fairfax Pkwy Trail are being restored this year and next
- Paving money comes from district for interstate, primary, and secondary; used for maintaining bike/ped facilities
- No dedicated funds for maintaining bike and pedestrian facilities

4. Business Plan/PE Starts – John Bolecek

- Peter Ohlms provided comments on the last PE starts list
- There should be more information provided in the PE starts list

5. Hampton Roads District PABAC Update – Carl Jackson

- Surry Bike Plan – finished and adopted; includes recommendations of improvements and funding sources
- Paths Connecting to the Capital Trail Committee – two alignments, one Peninsula and one Southside – Hampton Roads TPO released survey in December and ended January 14. Objective was to get preferred alignments from public
- HRTPO and Michael Baker will be meeting with NPS on Thursday
- The next PCCTC will meet Wednesday January 25, 2017
- City of Hampton has a bike plan
- Elizabeth River Trail extension (will be part of South Hampton Roads Trail and Capital Trail Extension)

6. FHWA [Small Town and Rural Multimodal Networks guide](#) – Mack Frost

- Focuses on solving last mile problems in small towns and rural areas through innovative solutions
- FHWA no longer issuing approval for rectangular rapid flashing beacons due to legal issues