



**Virginia Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Spring meeting**

24th Floor Conference Room
600 E. Main St Richmond, Virginia 23219
May 16th, 2017
10:00 am – 2:30 pm

1. Welcome and introductions

John Bolecek 10:00 am to 10:15 am

- Attendance on sign-in sheet

2. Lynchburg District update

David Cook 10:15 am to 10:45 am

- 1st ever Lynchburg District update
- Active 2017 Lynchburg District Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects
 - i. Odd Fellow Road Realignment Segment B2 Reconstruction. Estimated completion Jan 2019 - - project will include new 10' shared use path and pedestrian safety for students living in nearby dormitories
 - ii. Route 60 Construct New Sidewalks. Estimated completion March 2017. Project improves pedestrian connectivity along the corridor and meet ADA standards
 - iii. Route 24 (Campbell County) – Sidewalk project on Rte 24 EB
 - iv. Route 1001 – Sidewalk construction – Estimated completion November 2017
 - v. BUS 29 (Madison Heights) Construct Sidewalk – Estimated completion Sept 2020
 - vi. RTE 151 Shoulder Widening and Rumble Strips – Estimated completion March 2018. Project include continuous 2' paved shoulder
- Downtown Amherst Pedestrian and Walkability Study
 - i. EPR/Renaissance Planning Study with support from Central Virginia MPO, Region 2000, Town of Amherst, and VDOT Planning and Engineering
 - ii. Study done in 2016
 - iii. Steering Committee identified comments and concerns (in slides): missing sidewalk ramps, pedestrian signal heads, and limited crosswalk visibility. Sidewalk gaps and several desire lines visible. There are no formalized driveway conditions and sidewalks at roundabouts
 - iv. Public meeting comments and concerns addressed many of the same existing conditions
 - v. Final recommendation id Downtown Amherst Recommended entified in Phase 1
- Highlighted project: Town of Amherst RTE 29 Business (Main Street) Road Diet

- i. Received official request from Town Council and Town Manager to look at feasibility of including bicycling facilities on Main Street to coincide with repaving schedule. Anticipated completion June 2017.
 - ii. Area is mostly residential in nature in northern portion.
 - iii. Southern portion (0.8 miles) is predominantly commercial. Current AADT is approximately 5000. Speed limit is 25.
- o Planning studies and other plans and initiatives
 - i. Danville River District Recommended Bike Route and Facilities
 - 1. Proposed Road Diets in the Danville River District
 - 2. Bike Rack and Commuter Station Recommendations
 - 3. Danville Bike Share Program
 - ii. Downtown Lynchburg Waterline and Streetscaping Project Phase I
 - iii. Town of Amherst Road Diet Project
 - iv. Town of Altavista road diet project
 - v. TJPDC will begin an update to Long Range Bike and Pedestrian Plan in May 2017 and will include a prioritization process

3. Pedestrian safety update

Mark Cole 10:45 am to 11:15 am

- o 51% increase in 2016 in pedestrian deaths. A bicycle crash report will be completed this summer
- o Howard Albers
 - i. In Fairfax, Fairfax County Policy no longer give out accident reports. You need to go collect them for \$8. Publically available data through Va Roads Mapping Application or Tableau Tool
- o David Patton
 - i. Suggests that Arlington would be a good place to have a workshop. Arlington has a very active pedestrian safety advisory committee that works closely with local policy.
 - ii. The of HSIP funds dedicated to bike/ped safety used to be 10%. Does that proportion of money allocated to bike/ped safety rise as a result of this increase?
- o VDOT Pedestrian Safety Action Plan Stakeholder Team Kick-Off .
 - i. Includes representatives from VDOT and BPAC
 - ii. Focus areas: identify risks to pedestrian safety at crossing locations, motor vehicle speeds and speed policies, separation of pedestrian traffic and motor vehicle traffic, visibility between motor vehicles and pedestrians, and pedestrian and motorist behaviors

- iii. Goals: better understand pedestrian's safety issues throughout Virginia, the things we can do to better address those concerns, to better understand how land development and permitting affect pedestrian safety
- iv. Step 1: Policy Review – look at current design, permitting and land use, pedestrian planning and policy
- v. Step 2: Crash Data Analysis – look at data to make sure we understand the issues
- vi. Step 3: Identify “hot spots” and risk factors
- vii. Step 4: Pedestrian Countermeasures
- viii. Step 5: Final Report
- ix. Step 6: Outreach and Training
- VDOT bicycle and pedestrians safety program within its HSIP – Virginia DMV analyzes bike and ped crash data, provides education materials and tips to the driving and general public related to pedestrian safety, and supports outreach for pedestrian safety. VDOT incorporates pedestrians and bicyclists as an emphasis area in its new Strategic Highway Safety Plan
- Final Draft of new Strategic Plan is complete. It will be posted online in the next couple weeks.
- Highway Safety Six Year Funding Plan for New Bike/Ped Project FY18-23

4. Historic bridges

Tony Opperman 11:15 am to 11:45 am

- VDOT initiative to update statewide historic bridge management plan
- In order to preserve bridges for another 40-50 years, automobiles will need to be taken off these bridges.
 - i. About 35 historic bridges are under VDOT's jurisdiction. Full range of bridge types. More historic bridges are under local jurisdiction
 - ii. Some bridges are not historic themselves but are part of a larger historic district
 - iii. Opportunity for converting the bridges to another use is an alternative to demolition or mothballing

5. Research update

Peter Ohlms 11:45 am to 12:00 pm

- TPRAC/TASRAC
 - i. Both new projects will begin 7/1/2017
 - ii. New: Road Diets – safety and operational performance, not included: Lawyers Rd Road Diet, and include Fairfax County and possibly elsewhere
 - iii. New: Planning Corridors for Transit Signal Priority and Pedestrians – planning-level analysis to identify Virginia corridors where transit operational measures are likely to work; Strategies to maintain pedestrian quality of service

- iv. Lower-ranked/not planned – assessment of bicycle infrastructure projects, improving bus stop accessibility (ADA), improving inventory of bicycle and pedestrian facilities using crowdsourced data
- v. Completed: When Main Street is a highway – looking at transportation and land use connection. Related to VDOT Arterial Management Plan
- vi. Ongoing – Innovative Pavement Markings To Facilitate Bicycle Travel
- vii. Ongoing- Assessing the Feasibility of a Pedestrian and Bicycle Count Program in Virginia
 - 1. Interim report expected this summer
- viii. Draft final – Development of a Toolbox of Pedestrian Systemic Safety Countermeasures for Widespread Deployment in Virginia
 - o Pooled fund study: Fostering Innovation in Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Pooled Fund Study
 - o Bike Box study

Break to pick up lunch - bring back for working lunch

Break 12:00 pm Resume 12:30 pm

6. Updates on Committee’s top technical concerns:

Various 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm

- o Creating and improving long distance routes
 - i. Birthplace of America Trail Study in Hampton Roads
- o Maintenance payments / funding loss from road diets
- o Sweeping bike lanes / snow clearing
 - i. Each district has their own individual maintenance practices
 - ii. Andrew was former infrastructure manager for Fairfax. He is now the maintenance point of contact for BPAC
- o Urban standards / urban retrofits / DRPT Multimodal Design Guidelines and NACTO
- o 2004 CTB Policy documents
 - i.

7. Virginia Bicycle Federation update

Champe Burnley 1:00 pm to 1:15 pm

- o VBF presented Del. Surovell and Villanueva with bicycle friendly certificates
- o Retained Jennifer Whitaker as lobbyist
- o Champe to step down as president as VBF.
- o Champe received bicycle advocate of the year award

8. Inventory project

Shane Sawyer 1:15 pm to 1:30 pm

- o Initial effort to inventory and map bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout the Commonwealth

- Focus is on on-street facilities (i.e. not shared use paths)
- Potential data application: baseline data (i.e. total miles of on-street facilities), planning, network analysis, policy analysis, performance measures, mapping, best practices, SMART Scale support, incorporation into VDOT roadway databases
- Challenges: data availability, data inconsistencies, ground truthing /verification, update process.

9. Bicycle and Pedestrian Program update

John Bolecek 1:30 pm to 2:00 pm

- Bicycle Facility Resource Guide update
- Bicycling in Virginia map update

10. Various announcements

All 2:00 pm to 2:15 pm

- East Coast Greenway Signing
- Bike Route 76 inventory in Roanoke Valley
- Need to sign Route 176
- Howard Albers – League of American Bicyclists designated Fairfax County as a bronze level community

11. Closing

John Bolecek 2:15 pm to 2:30 pm

- Summary of follow-up items from this meeting
- Discussion of future agenda Items