

Virginia Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Summer Meeting

Wednesday July 26, 2017

Begin: 10:00 am

End: 2:00 pm

1. Welcome and Introduction (John Bolecek)
2. VDOT Bike-Ped Program Update (John Bolecek)
 - *Bicycling in Virginia* Map
 - Interactive Bike Map
 - Interactive Bike Map will be available in draft form on ArcGIS Online for public comment
 - Will explore showing level of traffic stress
 - Will explore showing more layers including bicycling facilities, areas for horseback riding, pedestrians, and other accommodations
 - VDOT County Maps available on website – VDOT County Maps were last updated in 2004. They are currently being updated.
 - DMV Crash Map also now available online. There is also a VDOT Crash Map available on VirginiaRoads.
 - VDOT Business Plan – MetroQuest: Software used to create business plans. Explore this option to create VDOT Business Plan. This is being used for OIPI Scenario Planning.
 - Project Tracking
 - VDOT has requirement to establish metrics to report on number of shared use paths, miles, and sidewalks built in Fiscal Year.
 - USBR 76 Revisions – Clarify that USBR 76 is on Virginia Capital Trail and make technical revisions to route it to Charles City Courthouse Rd
3. Bicycle improvements through repaving – Locality's role in working with VDOT to provide bicycle improvement (Adam Lind)
 - Bike Master Plan adopted 2014: said anytime a bike lane is added a public meeting is needed
 - HB 2313 passed in 2013 created more maintenance funding
 - Fairfax County wants to get VDOT a list of facilities they want to have repaved to make bike lanes as soon as possible
 - Fairfax County helps VDOT by using their resources for plan work and sometimes VDOT uses their on-call
 - 19 miles of bikes lanes in 2017, with 13.1 miles completed through bike lanes. Now there are a total of 73+ bike lanes.
 - 31.2 bike lane miles in 2013, 1.7 bike lane miles in 2014, 12.9 bike lane in 2015, and 8.3 bike lane miles in 2016
 - County wants to consider all streets to look for excess capacity for redesign/repaving so that new bicycle lanes can be added

- No buffered bike lanes in Fairfax before 2015. County completed two 4-lanes to 3-lane road diets. 2015 implemented several projects with buffered bike lanes, including a 5-lanes to 3-lane road diet on West Branch which will ultimately be converted to a protected bike lane with flexi posts
 - Currently not tracking bike crash data but are trying to pay more attention to that
 - County is currently doing spring and fall manual counts, especially before and after counts when they know where a bicycle lane is going to be
 - County has gone away from how bike lanes and road diets will improve bike safety to how they will improve operations and safety holistically
 - It is a county requirement to hold public meetings for road diets, not a state requirement.
4. Research update – Bicycle and Pedestrian Related Studies (Peter Ohlms)
- Sharing Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation *1974 Planning and Design of Bikeways* and NACTO *Urban Bikeway Design Guide*
 - Bicycle boxes now have interim approval from FHWA, regular bicycle boxes got interim approval previously
 - New: Historic Bridge Alternatives (Anne Miller) – will include identifying historic bridges that are good candidates for repurposing to bike/ped use
 - Looking at trying to get vehicular travel off fragile historic bridges (individually eligible for National Register of Historic Places)
 - Permanent bike/ped counting survey – North Carolina puts in bike/ped counting equipment which is maintained by county. Minnesota loans out temporary bike/ped counting
5. Updates on Committee’s top technical concerns
- Creating and improving long distance routes – Birthplace of American Trail Study in Hampton Roads update (Steve Lambert)
 - Project started in April 2016 and was completed May 2017. Purpose was to study how to connect the end of the Virginia Capital Trail to the coast.
 - Two routes: one to Virginia Beach and another to Fort Monroe in Hampton.
 - Study mapped out both routes and environmental concerns
 - New ownership of subdivision in Williamsburg section of road. James City County currently building relationship with owners to make it available for public use at Birthplace of American Trail.
 - Design of trail will be the same as Virginia Capital Trail (10ft -12ft wide lanes)
 - Conversation on former Virginia Light Rail corridor to possibly include ROW of transit in the future.
 - HRTPO is beginning a Regional Active Transportation Plan
 - Maintenance payments/funding loss from road diets
 - Maintenance payments bill was passed this year. Urban guide will be updated this fall to reflect this change
 - Will requirement statement from P.E. denoting how payments were used for road diets

- Maintenance/snow clearing
 - Design update (George Rogerson)
 - Road Design Manual revisions were released earlier in July 2017
 - Section A-5 on Bicycles and Pedestrian, including the bicycle selection facility criteria was reworked.
 - 2004 CTB Policy
6. Virginia Bicycle Federation update (Champe Burnley)
 - Tracking HB 1504
 - Currently don't have a definitive plan for upcoming General Assembly session
 - Starting to discuss I-66 bike/ped additions
 - Discussions with Amtrak and DRPT for roll up bike service at Main Street Station
 7. 2018 Land Conservation & Greenways Conference (Jennifer Wampler)
 - 191 people attended the 2017 Land Conservation & Greenways Conference in April
 - The 2018 conference will be on April 23rd, 2018 in Roanoke at the Hotel Roanoke. Virginia Tourism is the first sponsor to sign up.
 - East Coast Greenway Summit in Durham October 1st-3rd
 - Youth Bike Summit August 6th – 8th in Arlington, Virginia
 - Kittelson and Michael Baker are two consultant companies going more into bike design
 8. Safety Update (Mark Cole) –
 - The 2016 Pedestrian and Bicycle Crash Report/assessment was extended through the end of 2016. It will be ready to put on the website in about a month. The next phase of the project is a statewide Pedestrian Safety Action plan which will include a stakeholder group that will identify clusters and corridors that need some level of attention for pedestrian infrastructure.
 - Distracted driving is one the variables being tracked in the crash assessment.
 - Strategic Highway Safety Plan finished
 9. Various Announcements
 10. Closing (John Bolecek)