

## PBTSAC Meeting Minutes

9.26.19

### Attendees:

Kristy Daphnis  
Heidi Coleman  
George Branyan  
Luisa Montero-Diaz  
Leah Walton  
John Hoobler

Tomas Bridle  
Marybeth Cleveland  
Dave Helms  
Leon Langley  
Jeremy Martin  
Mark Terry

Maricela Cordova  
Frank Kingsley  
Ken McLeod  
Sara Morningstar  
John Wetmore  
Steve Aldrich

### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

Minutes: K Daphnis called meeting to order at 7:15 pm and did introductions.

### **LEAGUE OF AMERICAN BICYCLISTS BENCHMARK UPDATE**

K McLeod: The League of American Bicyclists (LAB) is a national non-profit founded in 1880. We put out a benchmark report that is a large deposit for data. The benchmark collects data, measures progress, and supports efforts. The report is for cities, not counties, and is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Montgomery County is doing well in terms of bicycle infrastructure. LAB looks for Bicycle Friendly Communities. Bike numbers peaked in 2014, and crashes accordingly were on the rise. Ped numbers peaked well before 2000, but crashes are on the rise as well. Montgomery County is better than the national average and the MD average. MD spends less money on bike and ped projects according to the report card, the reports are available on LAB's website. Montgomery County's new Bike Master Plan looks great. Show how projects connect, etc. to keep political attention on them and help them going. Bike fatalities are higher on State Highways.

### **VISION ZERO PROJECT PROPOSAL INTRODUCTION**

D Helms: Darkness poses a safety issue. Let us go to schools and target walkers and their parents with safety messages and gear for the top three dangerous dark weeks. (Presented motion)

T Bridle: What is the trade off in priorities?

M Terry: It is good to do something rather than nothing, data not clear

S Aldrich: Too much here, the data is not clear, have you approached MCDOT?

M Cleveland: This is great, light is helpful and so is education

M Cordova: We need to make sure awareness is the main thing

F Kingsley: Good start, probably needs fine-tuning

K Daphnis: Hearing a need to refine a little more. D Helms can work with CountyStat/MCDOT for data; we should still consider doing this in six months

### **PURPLE LINE UPDATE**

M Cordova: The Purple Line is a P3 project, "Public Private Partnership", MTA is the lead. There are 11 stations in Montgomery County. Overview of impacts.

D Helms: Bike parking impacts in Silver Spring

T Bridle: Bike parking impacts in Bethesda

M Cordova: Capital Crescent Trail will be 12' paved trail with buffers, will be nicer than existing, the access points have been well designed, it will include runners for bikes, new signs, all sidewalks around Jones Mill will be redone; Capital Crescent Trail connects to different neighborhoods and stations

F Kingley: Purple Line BiPPA comprised of four other BiPPAs

K Daphnis: We need more money to fund this, we need greater than a quarter mile connectivity

F Kingley: Quarter mile is only the starting point, BiPPA encompasses larger area around stations that will all receive attention

J Wetmore: There are 16th St. sidewalk needs

F Kingsley: Presented sidewalk request handouts

### **BRIEF STATUS UPDATES**

K Daphnis: Equity Task Force still to release report

K Daphnis: Aspen Hill VZ moving along

K Daphnis: Montgomery Hills Sector Plan passed the Planning Board

S Aldrich: FHWA approved MD 97 design

### **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

K Daphnis: Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee discussion following the Wheaton Safety Walk with recommendations

S Aldrich: We gave our top 100 priorities to the County Executive including funding Vision Zero through a Capital Improvement Project

K Daphnis: Next meeting November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019

K Daphnis: Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm