

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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MEETING NOTES

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SUBCOMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, May 20, 2025
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: Virtual
CHAIR: Laurel Hammig, National Park Service

Attendance:

Bryce Barrett	Prince William County DOT Bike/Ped Coordinator
Bryan Barnett-Woods	City of Rockville
Griffin Frank	NVTA
Laura Ghosh	Loudoun County DOT
Wade Holland	Montgomery County
Michael Jackson	Prince George's Planning
Tiffany Jennings	Bicycle & Pedestrian Program Manager, Prince George's County DPW&T
Jill Kaneff	Northern Virginia Regional Commission
Joe Kelley	Frederick County
Brian Leckie	VDOT-NOVA
Charlene Mingus	BMC
Calandra Moss	Virginia DMV
Chloe Ritter	City of Fairfax
Antonio Rossi	WMATA
Shane Sarver	Bicycle and Pedestrian Planner MDOT SHA
Brian Shelton	Active Transportation Planner, Arlington County
Tyler Smith	Baltimore City Dockless Vehicle Program Manager
Nicole Wynands	Fairfax County
Valentin Facuse	DDOT
Meg Young	MDOT Active Transportation Planner
Ryan Yowell	WMATA

COG Staff Attendance:

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Michael Farrell
Laura Bachle
Jamie Bufkin
Victoria Caudullo

1. General Introductions.

2. Review of the March meeting notes

The meeting notes were approved.

3. Maryland Transportation Trails Strategic Plan

Meg Young presented the Maryland State Transportation Trail Strategic Plan, focusing on shared use paths. The plan aims to update and enhance Maryland's multimodal trail network through stakeholder collaboration.

The plan compiles local trail projects and funding sources to assist local jurisdictions. MDOT does not prioritize trails but provides metrics to guide local planning efforts.

The toolkit includes recommendations for maintenance and innovative funding opportunities for ongoing projects.

Upcoming reports and webinars will present findings and updates on trail initiatives in Maryland.

Mr. Jackson asked about the best practices portion of the trails plan. The State uses a lifecycle analysis of trail projects, with a best practices toolkit for each step. MNCPPC has revised its best practices for maintenance, and as shared that information with the State.

Ms. Wynands asked what factors were used to prioritize trails for implementation. Ms. Young replied that the State is leaving prioritization to the locals. The State focuses on explaining the funding process and tools to help the locals advance their priorities. Maryland is a big, diverse state and it's hard to tell the locals what should be a priority for them. The exception is projects where MDOT would have to be the lead. An example would be the crossing of the Susquehanna, and projects that are in MDOT right of way.

Ms. Hammig asked about funding strategies for ongoing maintenance. Ms. Young replied that there were short, medium and long term strategies in the toolkit. An example strategy is the use of friends group.

The final report and webinar will come out at the end of August/early September.

4. Jurisdictional Updates

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- Arlington is refreshing its transportation plan, with the Vision and Goals to be adopted soon. The plan will be completed in 2026.
- Prince William County is wrapping up its Safe Streets for All Action Plan, and is starting work on a County Trails Plan.
- DC is finishing the existing conditions inventory for its bikeways master plan. DC aims to enhance pedestrian spaces through curbless street designs for mixed-use corridors.
- Ryan Yowell of WMATA noted that the Washington region jurisdictions, especially DC, will play a prominent role in next week's NACTO conference. WMATA will also be doing a bike to work day survey this summer.
- Baltimore City's two dockless providers have agreed to a common discount rate for access users.
- City of Rockville will be doing a couple of intersection improvements and traffic calming along Mannikee Street. These were TAP and TLC funded.
- MDOT has launched an MDOT in Motion webinar series on the first Thursday of every month. The first will be focused on lessons learned from quick build projects. Some bike to work week events and rides had to be rescheduled due to weather.
- Montgomery County held numerous events relating to Bike Safety and youth bike safety month. 30 youth ambassadors graduated, and over 1000 people showed up for Montgomery County Safety day. The Street Smart virtual reality car joined the event.
- National Park Service has celebrated the opening of its rehabilitated Oxon Cove trail. The project came out of City of Forest heights TLC grant, with follow up TAP grant to fund construction. The project included a bridge that connected the National Park Service portion with the Prince George's portion of the trail.

5. Visualize 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan

Ms. Bufkin spoke to a powerpoint on the Visualize 2050 transportation plan. This plan is federally required to be updated every four years.

6. Transportation Land Use Connections and Regional Roadway Safety Programs

Ms. Caudullo spoke to a powerpoint. She introduced the on-line database of all the projects that these programs have funded over many years. Both TLC and RRSP programs are competitive with a selection process to receive the small grants of \$80,000-\$100,000, and a short turnaround of eight months. Consultants work with the jurisdictions.

Mr. Farrell noted that a lot of these are coming out to be bike and ped projects. That's to be expected for TLC but why for roadway safety. Ms. Caudullo replied that both these programs speak to the need for people to walk and bike safely, so many of the applications address that. Mr. Farrell replied that his guess was that most of these projects are small retrofits, and if you look at where safety is the most lacking, it's often bike and ped. In the past there were often not provided at all, and when they were provided it was in a perfunctory manner with the least amount of thought. Ms.

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Caudullo agreed that a lot of these applications addressed low hanging fruit, which tended to be bike and ped.

Ms. Hammig asked whether the Capital Bikeshare project was only for the identified corridor, or whether it was county wide. Ms. Caudullo replied that it was for the corridor. There's a concern about funding stability for Capital Bikeshare in that corridor. City of Rockville removed four due to ongoing maintenance costs. They're looking forward to seeing the results of the County study.

7. Other TPB Program Updates

Commuter Connections held another successful bike to work day. There will be a Micromobility workshop on June 30. Mr. Farrell reminded the group about the NACTO conference next week.

Mr. Edmondson from the City of Frederick asked if there were any NACTO events that did not require registration. Mr. Farrell replied that they did seem to want to be collecting money for this event. There are happy hours that don't require registration. Mr. Farrell suggested that we might be able to get NACTO speakers for free or cheap, since many of them are local, to do workshops for the benefit of the region.

8. Announcements and Other Business

Adjourned