

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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MEETING NOTES

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SUBCOMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 20, 2026

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Virtual

CHAIR: Meg Young, MDOT

Attendance:

Andrew Bossi (MCDOT)
Andrew Sheldon, FCDOT
Anne Welch, DDOT
Antonio Rossi, WMATA
Ayden Cohen, Toole Design
Brian Leckie (VDOT)
Brian Shelton (Arlington)
Bryan Barnett-Woods
Bryce Barrett, PWCDOT
Cassi Patterson (VDOT)
Ceriann Price (COG/TPB)
Charlene Howard (COG/TPB)
Charlene Mingus (BMC)
Chloe Ritter (City of Fairfax)
David Cook (VDOT Central Office)
Jake Helmboldt
Janie Nham, COG/TPB
Jennifer Wampler, Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail
John (JT) Thomas, MNCPPC Prince George's Parks & Recreation
Jon Ryder (MNCPPC)

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Jona Elson (DC HSO)
Kandese Holford, MDOT
Kaysi Webley - TKPK
Kenny Black
Kevin O'Brien WABA
Laurel Hammig NPS
Meg Young MDOT
Michael Jackson, MNCPPC-Prince George's
Molly Porter
Nicole Wynands (FCDOT)
Noah Fossick, Frederick County
Ryan Yowell (WMATA)
Sandra Brecher, Montgomery County
Sean A M-NCPCC
Shane Sarver - SHA
Stephanie Walder
Swathi
Tiffany Jennings, DPW&T, PGC
Tom Harrington - COG/TPB
Wade Holland - Montgomery County DOT

1. General Introductions.

Meg Young chaired the meeting.

2. Review of the November meeting notes

The meeting notes were approved.

3. Jurisdictional Updates

- Nicole Wynands announced significant trail connections in Fairfax County, enhancing regional connectivity. A major new trail connects the City of Fairfax with Prosperity Avenue in Fairfax County, filling a significant gap along the Arlington Boulevard trail which then continues into Arlington.
- Fairfax is expanding Bikeshare, particularly along the Alexandria and Arlington border and along the I-66 Trail, with a total of 23 new stations coming this Spring

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- The 495 trail will be opening this Spring. It will connect from near the Potomac to the McClean Metro Station. It will eventually extend across the American Legion Bridge into Maryland.
- FCDOT updated transportation policy guidance for the first time since 2014, improving planning frameworks.
- This will be Nicole Wynands last meeting as she is leaving Fairfax County.
- Mr. Barrett of PWC announced the County Active Transportation Plan, which was adopted in 2025. The safety recommendations of that plan are being implemented. The County is working with City of Manassas and City of Manassas Park on a rails with trails feasibility study along the Manassas Line, which would be the first phase of a trail connecting through Fairfax to Alexandria. A study was recently completed evaluating gaps in the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail.
- VDOT's Bicycle Advisory Committee will be held next Tuesday.
- DDOT shared successful public engagement for the strategic bikeways plan, which gathered extensive feedback from residents. DDOT hosted meetings in all eight wards and got 1800 on-line map comments. DDOT will use that feedback to develop a prioritized network. DDOT recently opened the Fort Totten to Takoma section of the Met Branch Trail.
- DDOT has also been doing a speed feedback sign study on the MBT trail. DDOT would be happy to share the results once they've available. DDOT would like to slow bicyclists down in the more congested areas of the trail.
- WMATA began installing new bike lockers at stations to enhance cycling infrastructure and promote bike usage. About twenty lockers will be installed.
- Prince George's County is installing new maps in all the bikeshare stations in Prince George's County.
- Sandra Brecher of Montgomery County announced the adoption of bill 2425 which repeals numerous elements of transportation demand management. Employers will face fewer TDM requirements, such as installing bike lockers.
- Montgomery County is working with WMATA on replacing bike lockers at Metro stations.
- Mr. Holland announced that the Met Branch Trail is also being expanded in Silver Spring, eventually connecting with the Purple Line Trail and the Capitol Crescent, with a bridge over Georgia Avenue. Veirs Mill Road is getting Bus Rapid Transit with pedestrian and bicycle improvements. Montgomery Village Avenue will get some pedestrian improvements at intersections.
- John Thomas of MNCPPC-PG announced that Prince George's has developed a trailfinder web site.
- Takoma Park will improve its section of the Met Branch Trail. There will also be Purple Line connector trail built along New Hampshire Avenue.
- Mr. Jackson of Prince George's Planning announced the North Prince George's East-West Bikeway feasibility study, which is currently underway.
- Frederick County is updating its Bike/Ped Plan, as well as a microconnections plan to fill gaps in pedestrians and trails.

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- The Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail comprehensive plan is under development.

4. MDOT Updates for Complete Streets

- Meg Young discussed the recently released CTP funding and grants roadshow, and Complete Streets guidance updates. Meg Young discussed the final review process for Maryland's MUTCDs and shared lighting policy links.
- MDOT launched grants programs with over 100 participants, offering updated materials and a new kickoff format.
- Upcoming federal infrastructure grants focus on multimodal improvements, including safety action plans and bridge investments.

5. Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update

Ayden Cohen of Toole Design introduced the 2026 update for the regional bike plan, emphasizing data compilation and stakeholder collaboration.

6. ActiveFairfax

- Nicole Wynands presented updates on the Fairfax County Active Transportation Plan study.
- The study aims to improve non-motorized travel options, including walking, biking, and micromobility.
- Community engagement shaped the proposed active transportation network and toolkit recommendations.
- The plan is aspirational, focusing on long-term infrastructure improvements for all road users.
- Future implementation relies on available funding and prioritization of projects from the toolkit.

7. Other TPB Program Updates

Upcoming TPB products include the following:

- Regional Roadway Safety Strategies Inventory and Recommendations
- Automated Traffic Enforcement White Paper
- Commuter Connections – State of the Commute Survey Report

8. Announcements and Other Business

- Our BP Plan consultant, Toole Design, was involved in creating the NACTO/ASSHTO Bike Guides. We are in talks with them now to do full or half day workshops. Mr. Farrell suggested that an in-person workshop would yield the best interaction.

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- Price is currently being negotiated. Mr. Farrell asked for the Subcommittee's interest in attending such a workshop.
- Ms. Young, Ms. Jennings, and others responded positively to the idea of an in-person workshop. Mr. Jackson asked whether it would be hosted by COG or would attendees have to pay a fee. Mr. Farrell replied that typically these types of events are free. At previous events we've used public employees that were willing to do it for free.
- Toole is proposing a significant fee for a one day workshop. However, Toole has expertise in these manuals that is hard to find elsewhere.
- Mr. Jackson suggested doing the PROWAG in the afternoon, to allow people to split the day. The PROWAG is pretty involved and would take at least half a day. These events are typically free to participants and open to all, though TPB member jurisdiction staff would get priority. Timing would be not less than two months out.

Adjourned