National Capital Region
Transportation Planning Board

Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee Minutes
September 15, 2026

WELCOME

Mike Farrell, TPB Staff Liaison
Meg Young, Subcommittee Chair

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JULY MEETING

July minutes were approved.

INTRODUCTIONS AND JURISDICTIONAL UPDATES

Maryland

-Baltimore City

- Tyler Smith shared continued growth in bikeshare ridership with projected 4 million rides this year, 33% growth in e-scooter and e-bike ridership. There is a focus on managing that growth via improving parking behavior, working on mandatory parking zone pilot. May have more to report in a few months.

-Prince George's County

- Tiffany Jennings shared a number of upcoming events including Natasha Ride, which happens annual to honor Natasha who was killed on Maryland 202 and to bring awareness to bicycle safety. County Executive is also hosting Purple Ride in October, more information soon. Also mentioned bicycles summit that is coming soon. Will celebrate Walk Maryland Day on October 2nd at Ritchey Rosenwald School
- Michael Jackson with the Planning Department shared they recently completed TLC funded feasibility study of East-West Bikeway in Northern Prince George's County. Looking for additional funding to more forward from 30% design. The Active Transportation Advisory Committee met and received a presentation on Traffic Gardens and successful projects within the county. The Advisory Committee also received a presentation from Anna Jaffe who owns a bike shop and shared internship and scholarship opportunities for youth.

-Montgomery County

- Wade Holland with County Executive's Office shared update on Red Line shutdown and bus lanes. The County is working with SHA on how those lanes have performed. They have also worked to lower speed limits on county and state roads in urban and suburban town centers based on context sensitive design guidelines
- Andrew Bossi with MCDOT shared an update on the McComas Road Neighborhood Greenway in Wheaton which includes new sidewalk and bike accommodations and noted a increase in people walking and biking along the project area.

-Charles County

- Markus Tarjamo with Planning Department provided an update on Indian Head Rail Trail connection between St. Mary's portion of Three Notch Trail. They working to finalizing contractor for MDOT Bikeways grant with report coming in October and

working on TLC project for neighborhood bikeways. Also working on Leonardtown bicycle and pedestrian improvement feasibility study.

-City of Greenbelt

- Ryan Sigworth shared work continues on Hanover Parkway path project and they are installing sharrows according to the City's pedestrian and bicycle master plan.

-MDOT

- Meg Young shared that new micromobility materials are on the website and that there was $11.3 million in grants were announced. SHA is also accepting bicycle and pedestrian priority area applications through end of September which allows designated areas to receive technical assistance from SHA to make improvements. Next month is Walktober which includes walkinars, step challenges, and other programming. October 7th is walk and roll to school day.
- Cynthia Spriggs with MHSO plugged Natasha's Ride, WABA bike in the park event in Rockville, and walk and roll to school day.

DC

-WMATA had no updates

-Anne Welch with DDOT shared the Metropolitan Branch Trail speed study is wrapping up and hopes to share a presentation with the group in the near future.

NPS

-Jennifer Wampler shared the State of the Trail roundtable for the Potomac Heritage Trail will include presentation at signage on trail, federal grants and new opportunities.

Virginia

-Fairfax County

- Sandford Klanfer with FCDOT shared several upcoming events including Tri-Transit Week event to encourage trying a new transportation routine, Cycle September, a bicycle challenge running through the month of September, and the NoVa Loop Trail Puzzle Hunt. They are also doing a secure bike parking promotional. The county installed 27 new CaBi stations in areas such as Annadale, Bailey's Crossroads, and Mt Vernon. They county has seen 40,000 trips last year. Aslo, the Board of Supervisors approved the allocaton of $9.9 million for 17 new active transportation projects.

-Prince Williams County

- Bryce Barrett with Prince William DOT shared they are taking a trails master plan to their board this fall which would serve as implementation plan for bicycle and pedestrian facilities recommended in their comprehensive plan. It includes prioritization for funding and high level preliminary cost estimates. They are also introducing Car Free Day and offering classes through WABA for on-road riding skills.

-VDOT

- Heidi Mitter with NoVa Office plugged VDOT's public project page to stay up to date on projects and studies underway and highlighted the Route 29 project that will adding or upgrading shared use paths within the 1.5 mile corridor.
- Cassie Patterson with the State Trail office shared their new cost estimating program which provides support to localities with conceptual ideas and cost estimates.

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN AND NATIONAL CAPITAL TRAIL NETWORK UPDATE

Michael Farrell with TBP staff provided a progress update. He noted the complexity of producing a regional dataset with multiple calls for data and shared that data cleaning efforts and drafting of the plan were ongoing. He shared a draft network and highlighted the National Capital Trail Network is a TPB priority and the criteria for a facility to be added to the NCTN.

Wade Holland ask if unique IDs would be created for projects and mentioned it could be helpful for tracking purposes at the local level and maintaining the dataset over time. They also shared that sharing best practices or lessons learned from this process with jurisdictions could help with better data collection in the future.

TPB staff indicated original IDs in jurisdiction submitted data should be maintained and the hope was to track NCTN within Project InfoTrac database with the help of jurisdictions.

MARYLAND MICROMOBILITY SAFETY EDUCATON AND ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS

Meg Young with MDOT shared an update on the Safety Advisory Group's work specifically their distribution plan and key deliverables. The group has developed engagement materials for a variety of stakeholders which Meg previewed. Topics covered include proper battery storage, safety riding tips, a family readiness checklist and information about crash data reporting for law enforcement and first responders.

Meg noted that many resources were already available on MDOT's Micromobility webpage and the distribution plan included social media posts and targeted outreach to retailers, law enforcement, and youth. Meg touched on specific outreach techniques for each of these groups.

Presentation concluded with discussion on the important of vehicle codes keeping up with technology particularly what is available online and tracking what others around the country are doing here for the upcoming legislative session.

Bryce Barrett with Prince William County shared that many jurisdictions are dealing with micromobility and having ongoing discussions with law enforcement and the importance of education. He noted underage rider increasing and how useful these resources could be to his group.

Anne with DDOT shared the MBT speed study might be useful to folks when that work concludes. There are interested in decreasing speeds on trails no matter the vehicle type without speed limits or enforcement. She mentioned that during the study there was a focus outreach to trail users and how important that was and encouraged others to do the same.

OTHER TPB PROGRAM UPDATES

Michael Farrell with TPB shared an update on the Street Smart Campaign. He shared how things are going with the new consultant including the development of some new creative and use of geo-targeted programmatic ads. Michael shared that this approach allows for continuous engagement

through the campaign period, which is different than in the past. Michael shared an after action report is expected which will be helpful in determining who the campaign is reaching and lessons learned. He mentioned some of the challenges of running a regional campaign particularly coalescing around a shared message.

Micheal also shared that the follow-up NACTO/AASHTO Workshop was completed in September. This was a follow-up session to the original summer event due to not getting through all the material.

Meg noted that the in-person session included a mix of professionals and as well as citizen advocates and that this influenced the type of questions received. She noted that it was interesting to hear their perspective, but the target audience should be considered for future trainings.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michael Farrell with TPB announced retirement expected in mid-January. Micheal shared that Taylor Robey has been hired to serve in this role and is working closely with him in the meantime.

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