



Active Transportation Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

Prince George's County Planning Department

Monday, March 6, 2023

7:00 to 8:30 PM

Attendees

M'Balu Abdullah, Prince George's County Planning Department

Halima Ali, Largo/Kettering resident

Dan Behrend, Riverdale Park resident

Jeff Bell, Berwyn Heights resident

Yuri Borovsky, Largo resident

John Evans, University of Maryland/College Park student

Seth Grimes, Washington Area Bicyclist Association

Crystal Hancock, Prince George's County Planning Department

Michael Jackson, Prince George's County Planning Department

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Kalli Krumpos, Capital Trails Coalition

Jeff Lemieux, Greenbelt Bicycle Advisory Committee

Ken McCaughey, Bowie Bicycle Advisory Committee

David Owens, Forward Fort Washington

Robert Patten, Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation

Alaina Pitt, College Park resident

1. Introductions

Michael opened the meeting with a round of introductions at 7:05 PM.

2. Proposed Greenbelt/NASA Protected Bikeway

Jeff Lemieux gave a video presentation regarding a proposal that a protected bikeway be created along MD 193 in Glenn Dale and Greenbelt. The protected bikeway would be built by utilizing the existing shoulder on the north side of MD 193/Greenbelt Road from the vicinity of MD 564/Lanham Severn Road to Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Proposed bikeway extensions would connect the protected bikeway to the WB&A Trail on the east and to the Indian Spring Trail on the west. The protected bikeway and the eastern and western extensions would provide a regional connection between the WB&A Trail and the Anacostia River Trail network.

The Maryland State Highway Administration would have to approve the protected bikeway proposal as prerequisite to its being constructed. Jeff is soliciting letters of support for this proposal.

3. Planning Department Updates

Michael Jackson provided updates on two projects. The Carole Highlands Safe Mobility Study draft document is undergoing internal review. The county's Pedestrian and Bicyclist Behavioral Study is well underway but will not be able to access pedestrian and bicycle crash reports occurring in the county due to unanticipated costs to obtain these reports. Completion is scheduled for August.

4. Other Business

Bob Patten briefed the attendees on a variety of topics. The WB&A Trail bridge over the Patuxent River, now under construction, is scheduled for completion in August. The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is preparing a GIS file listing their shared-use paths for the Master Plan of Transportation 2035 update. The DPR is joining forces with the D.C. Department of Transportation and Montgomery County is submitting a RAISE grant that would fund a number of shared-use path projects including the Suitland Parkway Trail, the Central Avenue Connector Trail, the Prince George's Connector Trail, a non-motorized bridge across the Anacostia River connecting the Anacostia River Trail in DC to the National Arboretum and extending the Northwest Branch Trail from its dead-end northern terminus to connect with Oakview Drive in Silver Spring. Bob would like to see shared-use path projects receive relief from environmental regulations that pose obstacles to their construction, on the grounds that shared-use paths can provide alternatives to motor vehicle travel.

6. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 8:31 PM

