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BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

Thursday, January 4, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

<https://www.fampo.gvregion.org/> 406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg VA 22401

Committee Members Present:

Matthew Lehane, Stafford County, Chair
Chris Clarke, King George County, Vice Chair
Leigh Anderson, GWRideConnect
Lynn Faust, Fredericksburg Trails Alliance (FredTrails)
Linda LaSut, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Jim Lynch, Potomac Heritage Trail Association (PHTA) and Friends of the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail (DRHT)
Brian Ogle, Stafford Citizen Alternate
Craig Pennington, Caroline County

Committee Members Present (remotely, with virtual participation request):

Kevin Brown, At-Large Citizen Representative
Aaron Frank, City of Fredericksburg Citizen Representative
Greg Goldstein, Stafford Citizen Representative
Clay Murray, At-Large Citizen Representative

Committee Members Not Present:

Joe Bonds, Fredericksburg Cyclist Club (FCC)
Chris Collins, Acting Superintendent, National Park Service (NPS)
Debra Fults, disAbility Resource Center (DRC)
Jamie Jackson, City of Fredericksburg
Deborah Lately, disability Resource Center (DRC)
Cassy Lord, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Rob Maple, Fredericksburg Trails Alliance (FredTrails)
Ben Matters, PRTC
John Summer, Fredericksburg Cyclist Club (FCC)
Kim Mitchell, GWRideConnect
Matthew Decatur, Spotsylvania Alternate
Jacob Pastwik, Spotsylvania County

Staff Present:

Kari Eaves, Transportation Planner/ Bike & Pedestrian Coordinator
Colie Touzel, Public Involvement & Title VI Coordinator



1. **Call BPAC Meeting to Order**

Chair Lehane called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Mx. Touzel called the roll.

3. **Approval of January 4th, 2024, BPAC Meeting Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**

Motion was made to approve the January 4th, 2024, BPAC agenda.

Motion: Mr. Chris Clark; Second; Mr. Jim Lynch

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

4. **Approval of November 2nd, 2023, BPAC Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**

Motion was made to approve the November 2nd, 2023, BPAC meeting minutes.

Motion: Mr. Chris Clarke; Second: Mr. Jim Lynch

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

5. **Public Comment**

No public comments.

6. **Discussion/Action Items**

a) SMART SCALE Round 6 Update- Kari Eaves

After reviewing the December 5th Commonwealth Transportation Board meeting's staff recommendations, Ms. Eaves summarized what to expect with Round 6 of SMART SCALE. She emphasized that with the new restrictions on HPP eligibility, MPOs and PDCs can only submit large, "regionally-significant" projects. Stand-alone bicycle and pedestrian and other small projects will have to be submitted by the localities. She also stressed that local match funding will be made essential by statewide competition and explained the decreased importance of a project's location due to the decision to remove the Land Use Metric.

Members discussed several aspects of the staff recommendations for SMART SCALE Round 6, including the eligibility past projects would have for funding in Round 6, the lack of financial incentive for bike/ped projects, and the disadvantages to large projects with bike/ped components in statewide competition.

b) GWRC Greenway Network Update Projects: Introduction- Kari Eaves

Ms. Eaves began the project introduction by acknowledging and reviewing the Regional Greenway Feasibility study, conducted by GWRC in 2021. She then outlined the plan to update the Greenway to reflect current regional priorities. Each locality will have a chance during subsequent BPAC meetings to present their part of the update over the next year, wrapping up in early winter. Greenway amendments will be added to the forthcoming LRTP update.



c) Bike/Ped Count Program Update- Colie Touzel

Mx. Touzel gave a report on the EcoVisio Counter, including the permanent counter located on Chatham Bridge and the temporary counter that is moved around the region. Chatham Bridge total count for the period between October 25th and December 19th was 11,632, the daily average was 208, and the peak count was 1,944, on Saturday, December 2. They also reported the activity recorded by the temporary counter: at Spotsylvania County Parkway and Hospital Boulevard from October 5th to the 24th there were 789 total counts, a 39 daily average, and a peak count of 63 on Friday, October 6th 2023. At Lafayette and Route 3 by the VCR Trail from October 25th to November 15th, the total count was 2,321, with a 105 daily average, and a peak count of 204 on Saturday, October 28th, 2023. On River Road Trail leading to John Lee Pratt Park from November 17th to December 18th, the total count was 2,396, with a 75 daily average, and a peak count of 156 on Saturday, December 9, 2023. The current location of the temporary counter is on the Spotsylvania Parkway Trail near Whiteheart Drive.

Mr. Frank commented on the value of collecting Lafayette and Route 3 data considering the Fredericksburg Park development.

7. Correspondence

No Correspondence.

8. Staff Reports

Ms. Eaves shared that was her 7th anniversary at FAMPO and that FAMPO was currently interviewing for an intern.

9. Member reports

Ms. Anderson reminded the committee that GWRideConnect officially enters its 50th year as a program.

Ms. Faust commented on the successful turnout for a Christmas event on the region's trail network.

Mr. Lynch shared the group's coordination with the National Park Service and the NPS's plans to hire a trail expert to conduct an assessment of the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail and the PHNST and is optimistic of the new hire's ability to guide maintenance activities and better integrate these trails into the system.

Mr. Clarke shared news about the Hopyard shared use path and work on making it ADA compliant. He also reported that King George County had five new supervisors.

Mr. Frank reported that the City Council's two new counselors have shown support for bike/ped infrastructure.

Chair Lehane closed out member reports by mentioning the bike/ped studies currently underway in Stafford County and his plans to share more at the March BPAC meeting.



10. Adjourn Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting

Chair Lehane called for adjournment at 7:51 p.m.

Call for adjournment passed with unanimous consent.

Next meeting March 7th , 2024, at 6:00 pm