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HISTORIC TRIANGLE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

James City County ⚡ City of Williamsburg ⚡ York County

Regular Meeting
Monday, July 20, 2009
York Hall, Yorktown

MEETING NOTES

Members Present: William Beatovich, Nancy Carter, Don Cherry, Kitty Preston, Tim Sutphin, Rich Thompson

Members Absent: Scott Bartram, Dorothy Geyer, John Laben, Allen Turnbull, David Wilson, James Wirkner

Staff Present: Amy Parker (York County), Rodney Rhodes (City of Williamsburg)
James City County - absent

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 20, 2009 meeting were approved as corrected.

VDOT MATTERS

The committee reviewed the following information emailed from Bradley Weidenhammer in response to issues brought up at the April meeting:

Chickahominy Bridge

The bridge project does have a plate over the tooth expansion joints, however only on the shared use path portion of the bridge, not on the roadway portion of the bridge. The shared use path over the bridge is expected to open later this summer. Until that time, cyclists should use caution when riding over the expansion joints in the roadway.

Signage on E. Rochambeau and Mooretown Roads

There appears to be adequate standard bicycle signage on both of these routes at the approaches to Airport Road. If more specific signing is requested, please advise.

PABAC Meetings

Confirmed with District Transportation Planning that PABAC is still active, however the last few meetings have not been held due to workload issues associated with revised budgets and ARRA projects. Eric Stringfield anticipates the next PABAC meeting being in the Fall.

Old Business:

Route 60 Bike Lane – McDonald’s by Kingsmill

As discussed previously, this is a known gap in the bike lane. However, without a programmed project, VDOT cannot complete this bike lane. Possibilities for completing the bike lane are site redevelopment, the County securing funding, or it may be able to be included the next time Route 60 is repaved (no anticipated schedule for this at this time).

Centerville/Monticello Shoulders

The rutting of the shoulders have not been repaired to date, however it is on our work list which is prioritized with other maintenance activities.

Regarding the Chickahominy Bridge, Mr. Thompson felt that there should be covers over the expansion joints on the roadway shoulder, as were installed on the bridge at West Point.

Mr. Cherry indicated that a crossing should be installed under the bridge connecting to the park entrance. Land ownership and potential condemnation procedures could be an issue. Ms. Parker will contact James City staff representative Luke Vinciguerra regarding the possibility of relocating the roadway ditch to accommodate a new crossing.

Ms. Carter noted that the Capitol to Capitol ride over the bridge went well. There were some complaints from motor vehicle drivers about cyclists not riding in single file. Riders will need to be educated about proper cycling techniques prior to the ride next year.

Regarding the signage for the Waller Mill Trail, Mr. Rhodes will schedule a site visit with VDOT staff to discuss the issue.

Route 60 Relocation

Mr. Cherry requested verification that both the existing and relocated routes would have bike lanes. Ms. Parker will follow up with Mr. Vinciguerra.

Ironbound Road in New Town area

Ms. Preston questions if there will be a bike lane along the rebuilt portion of Ironbound Road. Mr. Cherry indicated that, according to information in the papers, bids had gone out and construction (including bike lanes) was to start in the Spring.

The group also questioned if there would be pedestrian signals at the Monticello/Ironbound Roads intersection.

Forge Road

Ms. Carter noted that the bike lanes on Forge Road were overgrown, and needed maintenance.

Longhill/Centerville/Jolly Pond Roads Intersections

Members noted that these intersections were to be upgraded to include turn lanes and through lanes for bicycles.

BIKEWAY PROJECTS STATUS REPORT

York County

Ms. Parker noted that the County was waiting on results of VDOT traffic counts on Cook Road to determine if vehicle speed limits could be reduced in the area of the proposed bike lanes.

Members questioned if bike lanes along Victory Boulevard between Routes 17 and 134 were scheduled. Ms. Parker noted that there were no plans at this time for new bike lanes.

City of Williamsburg

Mr. Rhodes had no issues to report.

James City County

No report

CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Beatovich had no issues to report

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Parker noted that Ms. Geyer had indicated that the new multi-use path at Jamestown would be completed soon.

Mr. Cherry noted that, according to a newspaper article, the National Parks Service was to spend \$1.6 million in stimulus monies for the reconstruction of the parking lot serving the Glass House facility. He felt that the monies would have been better spent on bike facilities within the Park. Mr. Beatovich will send correspondence to Representative Wittman expressing the committee's opinion that the monies should be used for bicycle facilities rather than a parking lot.

Mr. Thompson indicated that the committee should look at local bike sales data and bike club membership information for the region and compare the data to other regions. The data could help to determine the extent of bicycle usage growth in the area.

Ms. Preston made a motion to request that Mr. Thompson research bicycle usage in the region and report back to the committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Parker noted that Mr. Turnbull is working on a Bicycle Friendly Community application. Mr. Rhodes indicated that Williamsburg was also considering applying for the program.

Mr. Rhodes reported that Williamsburg was looking into the possibility of contributing some of the funds needed for the Route 199/Jamestown Road pedestrian crossing striping.

NEW BUSINESS

Members indicated that potholes near the Strawberry Plains/Ironbound Road intersection had become a safety issue. Mr. Rhodes will follow up on the report.

Members discussed problems with the failure of bicycles tripping pedestrian crossing signals at several intersections. Jamestown High School/Route 5, Monticello Rd./John Tyler Hwy. and Monticello Road/Treyburn Drive intersections were noted as problematic.

Mr. Cherry expressed safety concerns with expected increases in traffic on Cranston Mill Pond Road when the new school is completed. Mr. Beatovich will send correspondence to the school administration with copies to VDOT and the County noting the committee's concerns.

Members questioned if bike lanes would be installed to serve the William and Mary Recreation Center and the new Business School. Mr. Thompson will follow up on the query.

It was noted that HTBAC information was posted on the Williamsburg Area Bicyclists and on the York County Planning Division web sites.

The status of Old Country Road near Carter's Grove was discussed. Mr. Thompson indicated that the right-of-way would be transferred to the new owner of the Busch properties.

The ongoing James City County Comprehensive Plan update was discussed. Ms. Preston will follow up to verify if updates will be made to the regional bicycles facilities map.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 PM