

**HISTORIC TRIANGLE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JAMES CITY COUNTY 🚲 CITY OF WILLIAMSBURG 🚲 YORK
COUNTY DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 25, 2021 (electronic meeting)**

Members Present: Ted Hanson, Brenda Barrera, Bonnie Baffer, Reed Nester, Nancy Carter, Helene Drees, Rich Thompson, John Hinton

Members Absent: Don Cherry, Don Fowler,

Staff: Carolyn Murphy, Amy Parker, Tom Leininger

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the October 26, 2020 meeting were approved as corrected (attached).

Introduction of New Members John Hinton and Fran Lenahan

Mr. Nester introduced two new members to the HTBAC committee, John Hinton and Fran Lenahan.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2021

Mr. Thompson nominated Mr. Nester to remain as Chair; second, by Ms. Carter, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Thompson nominated Ms. Carter for Vice-Chair; second, by Ms. Barrera, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Shared Use Path Network

Mr. Nester presented a map showing the current existing shared use map network within the Historic Triangle. The map showed the future Birthplace of America Trail (BoAT). He stated that there are over 26 miles of shared-use paths, with 19.5 miles planned for future projects.

Mr. Thompson asked if there will be more options for William and Mary students along the Richmond Road corridor. Ms. Murphy stated that there is limited right-of-way, but looking at a possible loop in the near future.

Following discussion of future projects, Mr. Nester asked for some additional information to include more York County facilities on the map for the next meeting.

Update on the Birthplace of America Trail

Ms. Murphy, Ms. Parker and Mr. Leininger each provided an update to their sections of the BoAT. After meeting with the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization, each of them are optimistic of the trail and the potential for future projects. Mr. Leininger stated that there are some challenges such as the Route 199 and Monticello Avenue interchange.

VDOT Issues

Mr. Nester stated that there several locations that need resurfacing, specifically Monticello Avenue.

Mr. Nester indicated that there were many bike lanes that needed sweeping, and VDOT should be contacted regarding their maintenance schedule.

HTBAC Review Process for Major Projects

Ms. Parker provided an update to the Fenton Mill Road development and stated that the project was tentatively being heard at the March Board of Supervisor Meeting.

Mr. Nester asked about the timing of upcoming City of Williamsburg projects and if there will be public hearings. Ms. Murphy stated that she will send out the project information and meeting information to the Committee later closer to the project dates. Mr. Nester stated that he will consolidate all comments from committee members to send back to localities.

Status of Comprehensive Plan Updates

City of Williamsburg: Ms. Murphy stated that the final chapter is set to go to the April Planning Commission meeting and the plan adoption is set for June City Council Meeting.

York County: Ms. Parker stated that the transportation section is going to the February committee review.

James City County: Mr. Leininger stated that the transportation section is going to the February Planning Commission Working Group meeting.

Mr. Nester stated to continue to update the Committee on the comprehensive plan progress.

Bikeway Projects Status Report

James City County: Mr. Leininger stated that Croaker Road is progressing along and will include a multi-use path.

City of Williamsburg: Ms. Murphy stated that the Monticello Avenue multi-use path project is complete.

York County: Ms. Parker stated that there were no active projects to update.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business/Round Table

Mr. Thompson thanked the City of Williamsburg for their work on the Monticello Avenue multi-use path. Mr. Thompson asked James City County for an update on the League of American Bicyclist and how the Committee can help. Mr. Leininger stated that he will provide an update at the next meeting.

Mr. Hanson provided an update on the Williamsburg Bicycle Cooperative. He stated that the coop is focused on rider education and skill development. The coop has met with Midtown Row developers and is looking to future engagement with minority communities.

Chair's Report

Mr. Nester provided the Committee with information regarding the Virginia Safety Act that is currently being heard at the General Assembly. He stated that there are three parts to the bill: vehicles must shift lanes when passing bicyclist, bicyclist may ride side-by-side, and that bicyclist may yield at stop signs. Mr. Thompson stated that he encourages committee members to reach out to local representatives to let them know how important the bill is to bicyclist. Mr. Nester stated that the will email the representatives as well.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.