

**HISTORIC TRIANGLE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**JAMES CITY COUNTY** 🚲 **CITY OF WILLIAMSBURG** 🚲 **YORK COUNTY**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, January 27, 2020**

Members Present: Patrick Johnston, Rich Thompson, Helene Drees, Ted Moreland, Katherine Preston, Bonnie Baffer, Reed Nester, and Nancy Carter.

Members Absent: Don Fowler, Nancy Carter, Don Cherry

Staff: Carolyn Murphy, Amy Parker, Tom Leininger

**Call to Order**

Chair Johnston called the meeting to order and asked for individuals to introduce themselves by stating their name and affiliation.

**Election of Officers**

Mr. Nester was elected as Chair and Mr. Thompson was elected as Vice Chair for 2020.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the October 21, 2019 meeting were approved as submitted. be allowed to review

**Public Comment**

No one spoke.

**VDOT Issues**

Mr. Moreland noted that portions of Centerville and Brickbat Roads were in need of cleaning. Mr. Thompson inquired if the Department of Corrections could assist with workers for roadway cleanup. Ms. Murphy indicated that the City had utilized their services for landscaping help, and will inquire if help with roadway cleanup is available.

Mr. Moreland noted that the bike lane markings on Brickbat Road incorrectly followed the turn lane. Mr. Leininger will contact VDOT about the possibility of having the markings corrected.

Ms. Preston inquired about contractor oversight for new bike lanes on Longhill Road between Route 199 and Olde Towne Road. Mr. Nester noted that bike lanes were included on engineered construction plans. Mr. Leininger will follow up on the issue and report at the next Committee meeting.

Mr. Johnston asked if HTBAC could be allowed to review road construction plans while they are still draft with respect to input about bike lanes. Two examples of projects are the Croaker Road reconstruction and the multi-use path along Monticello Avenue. Mr.

Nester noted VDOT holds open houses to solicit public input on upcoming projects, which would be the appropriate time for HTBAC to provide comments.

Mr. Thompson inquired if electric scooters were permitted in the City. Ms. Murphy responded the City Council was considering regulations to permit them on sidewalks with speeds of less than 25 mph, and in bike lanes if speeds were above 25 mph. She also noted they will not be permitted within the Colonial Williamsburg historic area. A 3-year geofencing pilot project for limiting use and access of e-scooters is also under consideration.

### **Regional Bikeway Map Review**

Ms. Parker reviewed the draft map that included amendments based on recommendations made at the October Committee meeting. The following additional changes were suggested:

- Include a proposed multi-use path connection between Burts Road and Grafton Drive.
- Remove shared use designation for Seaford Road between Moss Avenue and Back Creek Road.
- Change proposed bike lane designation to shared roadway for Goodwin Neck Road between Seaford Road and Back Creek Drive.
- Remove shared use designation for Wolf Trap Road between Hornsbyville Road and Goodwin Neck Road.
- Remove shared roadway designation for Goodwin Neck Road east of Back Creek Park.
- Remove shared roadway designation for Hornsbyville Road.
- Designate Lakeshead Drive as shared roadway between West Queens Drive and East Queens Drive.
- Designate John Proctor West and William Bedford as shared roadways.
- Correct location of existing multi-use path between Freedom Park and Jolly Pond Road.
- Label BoAT Trail as proposed in map legend.

Ms. Parker will amend the map for review at the next Committee meeting.

Ms. Parker noted that the HTBAC Bikeway Project list needs to be updated. She will send out the current list for review and amendment at the next meeting.

Ms. Murphy noted that improvements under consideration for Capitol Landing Road include bike facilities and a road diet redesign. Public meetings will be scheduled to solicit comments on the project, and she will notify HTBAC when meeting dates have been set.

### **Bikeway Projects Status Report**

- **York County**

Ms. Parker reported the following:

1. The County received a formal response from Naval Weapons Station Yorktown following discussions about reconstructing their unused railway

line for bike facilities. The Navy indicated they would not be willing to deconstruct the facility at this time.

2. VDOT has striped Penniman Road and added shoulder bike pavement markers between the City line and Oak Drive. Intersection crossing markings could not be installed in the Merrimac Trail/Penniman Road intersection.

- **James City County**

Mr. Leininger reported the following:

1. The regional bikeway map will be reviewed during upcoming public meetings for the County's Comprehensive Plan update. The Committee should provide comments about bike facilities.
2. The County's application for Bike Friendly Community status is temporarily on hold. The possibility of engaging an intern to help with the application is being considered.

Mr. Thompson noted that the College of William and Mary had partnered with University of Virginia in an initiative to achieve carbon neutrality. The Committee should support the initiative with promotion of bicycle use.

- **City of Williamsburg**

Ms. Murphy reported the following:

1. The multi-use path along Monticello Avenue should be completed by the summer.
2. The Transportation chapter of the Comprehensive Plan update should be reviewed in February or March.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

None

### **Chair's Report**

Mr. Nester requested that status of the comprehensive plan updates for the three jurisdictions be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

### **Round Table**

Ms. Parker noted that she had been contacted regarding promotion of a planned bike/kayak tour highlighting the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route national historic trail, which runs between Providence, RI and Yorktown. Local contacts were requested by the tour company (Revolutionary Battles LLC). Committee members suggested they contact Bike Walk Virginia and the Virginia Bicycling Federation. Ms. Parker will pass the information on to the tour manager.

Ms. Preston and Mr. Moreland noted that their Committee membership terms were expiring, and they would be stepping down from the Committee. The group thanked them for their outstanding service, and will look forward to working with them in the future on bikeway issues.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Amy M. Parker

Minutes adopted 7-20-20