

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY GROUP

May 21, 2025
1:02 to 2:30 P.M.

MINUTES

1. WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

Mr. Eric Leshinsky (City of Annapolis) welcomed attendees and then Ms. Charlene Mingus (BMC) held a roll call.

2. APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES

The minutes from the March BPAG meeting were previously distributed to the group. Ms. Tanya Asman (Anne Arundel County) motioned to approve the minutes and Ms. Meg Young (MDOT TSO) seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were approved.

3. PRESENTATION: BALTIMORE CITY TOWARD ZERO INITIATIVES

Ms. Shayna Rose, representing the Baltimore City Department of Transportation (BCDOT), presented an overview of the *Toward Zero* initiative, which aims to eliminate all traffic fatalities and serious injuries on city roadways. This effort will ultimately develop into the broader Vision Zero Program.

Ms. Rose shared an overview of current traffic safety conditions in Baltimore City. Although overall crashes have declined over the past five years, fatalities and serious injuries have remained steady or have increased. A heat map displayed crash concentrations in specific areas of the city.

Established in 2018, Toward Zero focuses on delivering Complete Streets infrastructure in neighborhoods with the greatest need. In 2024, the program applied for construction funding through the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) to support the installation of bicycle lanes along Washington Street and the creation of a Safe Routes to School Coordinator position.

Two key areas, made up of eight neighborhoods, were identified for targeted safety interventions. These locations were selected through a combination of data analysis and community listening sessions. The BCDOT will host a series of community meetings and pop-up events throughout the summer to distribute a survey on transportation priorities and gather

feedback on proposed safety solutions. Final design concepts are expected to be selected in early fall, with construction planned for summer 2026.

In 2022, Baltimore City used a grant from the Safe Streets for All program to begin developing a Vision Zero Action Plan. The Vision Zero program will include a target date to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries, the hiring of dedicated staff, a prioritized high injury network, standardized safety and performance metrics, and a comprehensive communications strategy.

Ms. Rose concluded by announcing that Baltimore City received a \$10 million Safe Streets for All grant to pilot components of the Vision Zero Action Plan. The City intends to adopt Vision Zero as official policy, with final approval by the Planning Commission anticipated in spring 2026.

[PowerPoint: Baltimore City DOT Toward Zero Deaths and Vision Zero]

4. PRESENTATION: PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ACTION PLAN CORRIDORS

Mr. Shane Sarver from the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) provided an update on the [Pedestrian Safety Action Plan \(PSAP\)](#), a statewide initiative designed to improve safety and accessibility for all roadway users.

The PSAP was developed using a data-driven approach to identify corridors across Maryland that require improvements to better protect people who walk, bike, use mobility devices, or ride electric scooters. These groups are collectively referred to as Vulnerable Road Users (VRUs). MDOT SHA prioritized corridors based on crash data, equity considerations, key destinations, and Short Trip Opportunity Areas (STOAs), among other criteria.

The main goal of PSAP corridor projects is to implement near-term improvements within a three- to five-year timeframe. These projects are designed to address urgent safety concerns for VRUs using limited funding resources. They are focused on areas with documented safety issues. According to MDOT SHA, the public has responded positively to the proposed changes.

Two rounds of PSAP corridor projects have been initiated. The first five corridors are fully funded through construction. Round two corridors are currently in the early concept development phase and are being shaped by community feedback gathered through public meetings. Round two projects are funded through design.

In addition to the corridor projects, MDOT SHA is also implementing District Safety Projects. These are selected using the PSAP prioritization analysis and are carried out by individual MDOT SHA district offices. These projects aim to deliver safety and mobility improvements for VRUs that can be implemented within one to two years. A list of these projects was included in Mr. Sarver's presentation.

[PowerPoint: PSAP Implementation Update]

5. UPDATE ON BIKE TO WORK WEEK 2025

Ms. Marium Sultan from BMC provided an update on Bike to Work Week (B2WW) 2025, which took place from May 12 to May 18. The event had approximately 1,600 registrants. This year's celebration featured more than 21 regional events and 18 local bike shops that served as t-shirt pickup locations.

Ms. Sultan shared photos highlighting participation across the region and expressed appreciation for all partners, volunteers, and attendees who contributed to the event's success. She also noted that the B2WW team will soon distribute a post-event engagement survey to all registrants.

Ms. Young announced that MDOT will host a rescheduled group ride on May 27, starting from MDOT headquarters. The ride will include a visit to the bicycle safety garden at Lindale Middle School. Mr. Leshinsky added that the safety garden was developed through a project led by Bicycle Advocates for Annapolis and Anne Arundel County (Bike AAA).

[PowerPoint: Bike to Work Update]

6. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

City of Annapolis – Mr. Leshinsky reported that construction on the West East Express trail will begin this fall, and the Hilltop Lane Connector project will start this summer. The City is launching work on a Safe Streets for All Action Plan and will release a request for consultant proposals in the coming month. He also noted the start of the City Dock project, which involves removing parking lots from the waterfront to create a new park and enhance multimodal infrastructure.

Mr. William Rowel expressed appreciation for several recent events in Annapolis, including Bike to Work Week on May 16, the Earth Day celebration on May 15, and the Kick Gas Annapolis Electric Vehicle Showcase on May 4. He also noted that a bike safety workshop will be held later this week.

Anne Arundel County – Ms. Tanya Asman announced that the WB&A Trail bridge over the Patuxent River is now open, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony to be scheduled. She also reported that the Broadneck Trail and one phase of the South Shore Trail are under construction, with completion expected in December. Two additional phases of the South Shore Trail are in design. The County recently held a virtual reality safety demonstration at a high school as part of its Vision Zero program. Additionally, the County has applied for several grants, including funding from the Transportation Alternatives Program to support a Safe Routes to School Coordinator position.

Baltimore County – Mr. Mitchell Phillips reported a successful Bike to Work Day event in Towson and thanked Ms. Lillian Bunton from BMC for her support. The feasibility study for Old Court Road, part of the County's first Complete Streets project, is complete and the project will now move into design. The County continues to advance design for both the Northeast and

West East Trails. Construction is nearing completion on the County's first protected bike lane, located on Green Summit Road and Old Pimlico Road, stretching from Greenspring Avenue to Falls Road.

Harford County – Ms. Khadija Roeder reported that she had no updates at this time.

Howard County – Mr. Chris Eatough announced a public meeting scheduled for the following evening to discuss a feasibility study for bicycle and pedestrian improvements on Montgomery Road. He shared that public meetings have already been held for Tamar Drive, Edenbrook Drive, and Guilford Road, and the County is finalizing plans to add bike lanes during upcoming resurfacing projects. Howard County recently launched a countywide bicycle wayfinding system and installed the first pilot route. A ribbon cutting and group ride are being planned to celebrate the milestone. The County has also begun a Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Area (BPPA) program in partnership with MDOT, with Elkridge selected as the first focus area. Mr. Sarver is serving as MDOT's representative for the program.

Queen Anne's County – Mr. Steve Cohoon reported progress on the South Island Trail extension, which will add two miles of trail reaching US 50. A new section of the trail is expected to be paved and open by the end of the year. A feasibility study is also underway to extend the Cross Island Trail by approximately 4.5 miles to Queenstown. In addition, a feasibility study for the Cross County Connector Trail will be completed this summer, and the County plans to pursue funding for construction.

Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) – Ms. Catherine Salarano reported that the MDE Alternative Transportation Group participated in Bike to Work Week.

Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) – Mr. Brooks Phelps reported that they had no updates at this time.

MDOT Maryland Highway Safety Office (MDOT MHSO) – Ms. Cynthia Spriggs shared that she attended the Bike to Work Week events hosted by Annapolis, Howard County, and MDOT SHA. She also announced that MHSO will attend an end-of-Bike-Month celebration at Color Burst Park in Howard County on May 31.

MDOT Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) – Mr. Albert Engel noted that MTA is continuing to monitor local trail and bicycle-pedestrian projects that could impact transit service.

MDOT State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) – Mr. Sarver reported that they had no updates at this time.

MDOT Transportation Secretary's Office (MDOT TSO) – Ms. Young informed participants that TSO has transitioned to a new email system and encouraged anyone not receiving recent newsletters to contact her. She also shared the link to join the Office of Active Transportation and Micromobility (OATM) [mailing list](#). Ms. Young announced that the next session in the *MDOT in Motion* monthly webinar series will take place on June 5 and will highlight 2024 Complete Streets Leadership Academy quick-build projects. She also shared that the Maryland Bikeways grant application deadline has been extended to May 27. Finally, she noted that

MDOT is finalizing its Statewide Transportation Trails Plan, which is expected to be completed in August.

Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC) – Ms. Mingus reported that BMC is developing the [2026–2029 Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#), which includes 40 regionally significant, federally funded projects. These projects feature bike lanes, trails, and sidewalks, with a combined proposed investment of \$286.5 million. She highlighted several projects, including 27 bridge rehabilitation efforts that will incorporate sidewalks or bikeable shoulders, the Baltimore City Vision Zero Action Plan, segments of the Patapsco Regional Greenway, and a shared-use path to Masonville Cove. The public comment period for the TIP is open until June 15. A [StoryMap](#) is available for additional details.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 16, 2025. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Tanya Asman – Anne Arundel County Department of Planning
Steve Cohoon – Queen Anne’s County Department of Public Works
Chris Eatough – Howard County Office of Transportation
Eric Leshinsky – City of Annapolis Department of Planning
Khadija Roeder – Harford County Department of Planning
Catherine Salarano – MD Department of the Environment (MDE)
Shane Sarver – MD Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA)
Cynthia Spriggs – MD Department of Transportation MD Highway Safety Office (MDOT MHSO)
Meg Young – MD Department of Transportation the Secretary’s Office (MDOT TSO)

Staff and Guests

Timothy Briggs – Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)
Albert Guiney Engel – MD Department of Transportation MD Transit Administration (MDOT MTA)
Charlene Mingus – BMC
Mitchell Phillips – Baltimore County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T)
Brooks Phelps – MDE
Shayna Rose – Baltimore City Department of Transportation (BCDOT)
William Rowel – City of Annapolis
Patrick Smith – Howard County Office of Transportation
Marium Sultan – BMC
Francine Waters – MDOT TSO
Ellen Worthing – Public Attendee