

**2023.1.9 BPAC Minutes**  
**Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee**  
**Virtual meeting**

**Attendees:**

**BPAC Members:** Eldon Boes, David Bouk, Randy Cole, Zachary DesJardins, Jim Durham, Judith Fogel, Bob Hartt, Casey Kane, Josephine Liu, Ken Notis, Nicole Radshaw, Mary-Jane Roth, Elizabeth Wright

**Past Members/Guests:** Asa Orrin-Brown, Ryan Collins, Matt Larsen, Patrick Wise

**City staff:** Lt. Delton Goodrum

Meeting called to order – Ken Notis at 6:30 pm

**Speaker: Lt. Goodrum**

November and December cashes

- Nov 8 at 2 pm at the corner Cameron St and Fairfax St, a person driving southbound on Fairfax St struck a person walking in the crosswalk. The person driving claimed they did not see them, causing minor injuries and was cited for failure to yield.
- Nov 12 at 10 am at the 200 block of S Pickett St. A person driving was coming out of a parking lot, turning eastbound. A person riding an electric bike rode the wrong way on S Pickett St (westbound). The person driving struck the person biking. There were no charges for the person driving or the person biking although the latter was transported by EMS with a minor injury.
- Nov 18 at 12:30 pm east of Holland Ln and Jaimeson Ave intersection. A person driving turned right from a parking garage onto Holland Ln. The person walking stepped off of the sidewalk as the person driving was making a right turn. The person driving struck the person walking, causing minor injuries, but no citation was issued as the person driving claimed they did not see the person walking.
- Nov 18 at 6:30 pm at the corner of Jordan St and Seminary Rd. A person driving westbound on the 4400 block of Seminary. A person walking stepped off of the sidewalk into the street and the person driving struck the person walking. The person walking was intoxicated and treated at hospital.
- Dec 1 at 6:30 pm at 2600 Mount Vernon Ave. A person driving northbound turned left into a parking lot and struck a person biking southbound, causing minor injuries. They were charged with failure to pay full time and attention.
- Dec 3 at 10 AM at Van Dorn St and Stevenson St. A person was walking from north to south in the crosswalk when a person driving turned left onto Stevenson Rd, hitting the person walking and causing minor injuries. The person driving fled the scene.
- Dec 3 at 5 pm at the corner of Richmond Hwy and First St. A person driving northbound on Patrick St made U-turn onto southbound Henry St, striking a person walking in the crosswalk from west to east, causing minor injuries. The per-

son driving was cited for failure to pay full time and attention.

- Dec 9 at 8 AM at corner of Richmond Hwy and E Glebe Rd. A person driving was stopped in the center lane and could not see to their right. A person walking entered the crosswalk prior to the traffic light turning green and was struck by the person driving. The person driving was cited for having no operators' license.
- Dec 15 at 8:45 pm at W Glebe Rd and Elburt St. A person walking was in the crosswalk and a person driving turned left turn onto Elburt St, striking the person walking and causing minor injuries. The person driving was cited for failure to pay full time and attention.
- Dec 18 at 5 pm at N Pitt St and Pendleton St. A person driving eastbound on Pendleton turned onto N Pitt St but did not see a person running, striking them and causing minor injuries which required hospital transportation. They were cited for failure to pay full time and attention.

**Speaker: Jim Durham, Chair Emeritus, Virginia Bicycle Federation (VBF), Chair of Advocacy Committee**

- Legislation VBF takes the lead in championing
  - Safety Stop: sponsored by Del Carr
    - Allows bicycles to treat stop signs as yield signs and several restrictions have been added by interested parties
      - cannot go at more than 2 lanes total
      - AAA concerned that young children would not understand this law and requested that children under 14 be required to stop
      - VDOT asked if they could reserve the right to post full stop for engineering reasons
    - Nearly passed a few years ago but the bill instead required that the state police conduct a study
    - The bill has been introduced into the House of Delegates only, and VBD is trying to get a cosponsor from the Republican side
  - Bicycles proceed on walk signal
    - Introduced in both the House and Senate, simple and straightforward
- Legislation VBF supports
  - Abolish contributor negligence: long-term bill, hard to accomplish because of insurance companies oppose it
  - Infrastructure funding: Del Roem will submit bill to allocate leftover funding for safety projects
  - Update state bike plan: Sen Surovell to submit a budget amendment to

- fund an update of the state bicycle plan which needs one
- Cities to set own unmarked speed limits: Del Betsy Carr: current legislation says there is a standard speed limit and if it is not marked, cities can set their own default
- Legislation VBF opposes
  - Restore tickets for jaywalking
    - Background is that it is part of process to eliminate traffic tickets which proportionally targeting black people
    - Will be contentious and will be some things that the majority of the assembly will change
    - VBF opposes re-criminalizing crossing at mid block
- Legislative committees' jobs is to kill as many bills as they can and only move bills forward which they want
  - Possible to get heard by a second committee and it is often another chance for the legislation to die

### **Duke St in Motion**

- Casey, Nicole and Ken have also been involved in project
- City has \$75 million grant in hand but do not have any plans to supplement that funding
  - do not want to delay the project to wait for more money
- 2012 recommendation
  - curb-running bus lanes at east and west end (Segments 1 and 3)
  - Subsequent phase recommended reservable lanes in middle section (Segment 2), near-term mixed flow
  - Had much more pronounced AM and PM peaks in the past but that no longer the case
- Advisory Group is to agree or disagree or propose something else
- Project manager did two forms of outreach
  - Tally polls were highly representative
    - More people rent and majority of them preferred bus service
  - Online feedback form was not representative
  - Both the city and staff focus on the tally poll, committed to doing better outreach in next poll
- At December Advisory Committee meeting
  - Staff told Advisory Committee to do short-term recommendation only

- Short term is you don't move service roads
- Will have the bidirectional single direction only
- Recommend staff move ahead with center running and curb running for Segment 1 and 3 3
- Segment 2A would get hybrid and mixed traffic, Segment 2B would get bidirectional or one-way and mixed traffic (no major construction)
- Advisory group agreed it should include ten bus stations, all buses to stop at all stops
- Feb 16 meeting will discuss curb features
  - Since city has broken project into near-term and long-term, curb features would be near and long-term
  - Frontage Roads
    - City owned property and when you think of edge features, you could reallocate space to separated buffered two-way cycle track
- April 13 meeting will have completed analysis of Advisory Group recommendation
  - public engagement period will occur then
- May 25 provide a recommended short-term preferred alternative
- Asa commented the following
  - Live in section where the parking concern with a few of their neighbors, people are most loud do not live in the neighborhood
  - Residents along the service roads in the 2-3 bedroom homes all have a driveway, little more difficult on Ingram, 3 bedroom duplex with 2 car driveways and more street parking

#### **Project/Event updates**

- Recent and Upcoming Walks and Rides - Josephine Liu
  - holiday lights rides and walks attracted 50 people each
  - Will pick up March with women's history
- Holiday Party - Judith
  - Hosted 40 people including several Council Members and the Mayor
- Bike Rodeos - Eldon Boes

#### **Subcommittee Reports**

- Infrastructure committee - Ken Notis, Chair
- Education subcommittee – Eldon Boes, Chair
- Communications – Judith Fogel

**BPAC Business topics**

- President's Topics
  - East West Bikeways
    - Encourage staff to develop 1-2 bikeways
  - Future Meeting format
    - Thoughts on in-person meetings at Charles Houston
  - Election
    - Will publicize need for officers
- Volunteer opportunities
- Treasurer's report and financial update - Erin Meter
  - \$16,661.61 in account but will need to pay some bills
- Secretary's report and minutes - Zack DesJardins
  - Minutes approved

**Public Comment**

- May 19, 2023 Bike to work day
- Alexandria Family E-Bike Demo for the Spring is tentative set for Sat, May 20. GO Alex plans to expand with food trucks, Amtrak and DASH participation.
- Send annual report highlights to Josephine, photos etc