

Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (PBTSAC) Meeting Minutes

2.25.21

Attendees:

Kristy Daphnis
Heidi Coleman
George Branyan
Dave Helms
Wade Holland
Michael Paylor
Leah Walton
Leon Langley

Luisa Montero
David McBain
Marybeth Cleveland
Sanjida Rangwala
Sonia Moore-Williams
Steve Aldrich
Sara Morningstar
Kandese Holford
Dan Sanayi

Alison Gillespie
Tommy Heyboer
Tomas Bridle
Mark Go
Al Carr
Resident

WELCOME

Chair K Daphnis called the meeting to order at 7:04PM.

The PBTSAC has been meeting every month since September 2020 to gather more information on the County workgroup's development of the new Vision Zero Action Plan and have an opportunity for PBTSAC members to provide input. This meeting is third of the "off-month" meetings where attendance for PBTSAC members is optional.

Tonight's agenda includes wrapping up the committee's recommendations to the County Executive on the 2030 plan, crash data for 2020, and Dan Sanayi from the Montgomery County Department of Transportation will discuss ongoing lighting projects.

WRAP UP ON VISION ZERO 2030 PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

KDaphnis turned the floor over to W Holland, Vision Zero Coordinator, to run through tonight's activity to wrap up the PBTSAC members recommendations on the Vision Zero 2030 Action Plan and 2-Year Workplan.

W Holland shared the final draft of the PBTSAC's recommendations and was seeking clarification on the committee's recommendation for moving automated traffic enforcement (ATE) from the County's Police Department (MCPD) to the Department of Transportation (MCDOT). The item was brought up as a recommendation in the committee's survey, but has not been voted on.

S Morningstar with the County's Office of Intergovernmental Relations gave an update on State legislation that would permit the County Government to make this reorganization. S Morningstar reported that the House subcommittee reviewing the bill had approved moving the bill out of the subcommittee earlier this evening.

K Daphnis opened the floor for committee deliberation. After discussion, a **motion** was made by T Heyboer to approve the recommendation that ATE be moved from MCPD to MCDOT as prescribed in the State's bill. The motion was seconded by H Coleman. The motion was approved by unanimous **vote** by the committee members present.

A **motion** pertaining to police training on pedestrian and bicycle laws was made by T Bridle, but was withdrawn after committee discussion.

After working through the enforcement items, a **motion** was made by H Coleman to conceptually approve the current memo and allow the memo's introduction and minor edits by H Coleman and K Daphnis and via e-mail allow committee members to provide final feedback before transmitting to the County Executive. The motion was seconded by T Heyboer. The motion passed with a **vote** of 10 yes, 0 no, and one abstention.

COUNTY AND PEPCO LIGHTING PROJECTS

K Daphnis turned the floor over to D Sanayi with Montgomery County Department of Transportation's Division of Traffic Engineering and Operations to give a presentation on lighting projects in the county.

D Sanayi discussed the upcoming [case 9655 currently in front of the Maryland Public Service Commission for PEPCO's multi-year plan](#). In the proposed plan covering 2021 to 2024, PEPCO would begin upgrading its streetlights to Light Emitting Diode (LED) smart lights with a warmth of 3000 kelvin. The proposal is to update 20% of lights each year from 2022-2026. Montgomery County Government will be providing comments to the PSC about the plan. The PBTSAC and individuals can provide comments to the PSC or directly to PEPCO. [PEPCO Smart LED Streetlight Fact Sheet](#)

CRASH DATA UPDATE (Postponed)

Due to time limits, the crash data presentation will be moved to the March 2021 meeting. Slides will be provided to PBTSAC members in advance of the March meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

W Holland mentioned that the draft 2030 Vision Zero Plan may be ready in time for the March PBTSAC meeting and will inform the committee if that is the case prior to the March meeting to add it to the agenda.

CLOSEOUT

K Daphnis thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM.