



Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Commission

July 30, 2025 – Meeting Minutes

Commissioners in Attendance

- Alan Robinson, Mayor's Office – Replaced by Graham Young
 - Jermaine Jones, City Council
 - Michelle Peralta, Health Department
 - Sean Burnett, Department of Transportation
 - Matthew Bleakney, Department of Transportation
 - Veronica Davis, AtkinsRéalis (Engineering & Design Industry)
 - Quinton Batts, Rails to Trails (Bicycling Community)
 - Sean Becker, Department of Recreation and Parks
 - Patrick McMahon, Department of Planning
 - Jed Weeks, Bikemore (Bicycling Community)
 - Sarah McTyeire, Community Representative
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Commission Updates

- Graham Young will replace Alan Robinson as the Mayor's Office representative as Alan has taken a new role in DPW.
- New Commissioners
 - Lt. Charlie James, Police Department
 - Lauren Bemis Bryd, No Boundaries Coalition
 - Graham Young, Mayor's Office – *Replacing Alan Robinson.*

NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide

- New NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide (Commissioner Veronica Davis)
 - Talked about NACTO and its importance in setting guidelines for urban design with a focus on safety, sustainability, equity, and access. NACTO specializes in cities just as AASHTO designs for highways.
 - The new guidelines focus on creating more diverse means of transportation.
 - Emphasized the importance of leadership and organizational capacity supporting the projects.
 - Reiterated role bike facilities play in traffic calming.
 - Bikeways should be built for comfort and not speed. Move away from the "sport cyclist" to encompasses variety of rider types. The growth of older people biking, and cargo bike use.
 - Standards updated to encompass larger types of bikes (cargo and trike)
 - Growth from 6' lane to 6.5' min, target for 8-9'
 - Speeds for 8.5 mph classic to 14 mph for e-bike
 - Guideline updates feature new ADA access designs
 - Update Design for bikeable intersections



- Questions
 - Commissioner Peralta - Is that concern with injuries like scooters? I know people are more likely to own their bike and (hopefully) wear a helmet. Has anyone looked into this?
 - Commissioner Davis – No insight, but goal is to design infrastructure to promote safety.
 - Jed Weeks – Asked if we are going to update specifics/standards in the manual to match updated NACTO guidelines
 - Mae Hanzlik (DOT) – Will need to have leadership weigh in on manual update. Chief of Planning and Chief of Traffic are out of office this week.
 - Hannah Greene – Comment on outreach and education about cyclist-car interactions. Noted people in other countries much more respectful.
 - Commissioner Davis - Noted that driving behavior, especially post COVID, has become more aggressive. Transportation Research Board committee is looking into it. Solution might be multifaceted.
 - Shayna Rose (DOT) - Noted upcoming campaign for safe streets to promote messaging strategies around these kinds of issues.
 - Commissioner Young– Noted that might require infrastructure changes especially to make driving slower/calm (i.e. road diet, signaling, etc.)
 - Commissioner Davis - Noted that a good approach to installation would be iterative design to help get things moving while waiting for more money to do bigger more robust designs. I.e. doing bike lanes while we are doing water work since the streets are already being worked on.
 - Suzanne Baily – Request for a report at each meeting on number of citations for parking in bike lanes. Noted that it has been asked for in the past and that some of the worst offenders (in her experience) are BPD, DGS, city vehicles.
 - Melanie S – Comment that a major issue in Baltimore especially with wider bike lanes is that drivers are already parking in our two-way cycle tracks and if a lane is 8' wide cars will start driving down it
 - Melanie S – Comment that we could be building these projects iteratively as a part of annual road resurfacing if complete streets review was actually being followed...
 - Chaquetta Wallace (DOT) - How was community engagement done by you DOT [in Houston] for the new bike lanes built by DPW?
 - Commissioner Davis – Actually, easier to do engagement since could place signs in front of project. Advertise with the water project and go door to door. Not as many public meetings with these kinds of projects.

Project Updates

- Greenspring Ave (Commissioner Bleakney)
 - No comments



- Harford Road (Commissioner Bleakney)
 - Jed Weeks – Asked if the project would be extended to 25th street to connect to side path.
 - Commissioner Bleakney - Answer noted in complete streets meeting.
 - Jed Weeks - Could it be expanded with parking when goes south below St. Lo?
 - Commissioner Bleakney - Said it would be noted and brought up internally.

- Jones Falls Gateway (Mikah Zaslow (DOT) and Matt Hugel (Midtown))

Working on 30% design. Working on 100% looking in 2026. Hope that this can serve as a model for DOT to partner with communities and institutions in developing projects together.

 - Concept designs shown
 - 13' wide target shared use path
 - Improved lighting and site activation
 - Partnering with MICA for future work, connection to North Ave
 - No comments by commission or public

- Washington St Bikeway & Traffic Calming (Mae Hanzlik (DOT))
 - Noted project hit 60% milestone
 - No comments from commissioners
 - Suzanne Bailey – What is happening with the Wolfe St part of the project?
 - Mae – Project was split into 2 (Wolfe and Washington) to help expedite implementation.
 - Suzanne Baily – When will Wolfe be restarted?
 - Mae – Will seek to get that answer by the next meeting.

- Big Jump Update (Mae Hanzlik (DOT))

Materials were updated in some sections from temporary to more permanent (i.e. water filled to concrete barriers). Presented upcoming Big Jump phases.

 - No comments or questions from commission or public

Toward Zero Quick Build Projects

- Shayna Rose (DOT) presented updates on Vision Zero plan. She showed network where work will be focused (both in East and West side). Presented plans for Monroe and Pratt St. Addition of micromobility infrastructure. Converting 1 lanes to micromobility.
- Noted that making 2 way was not feasible due to widths not being quite where they need.
- Noted Jefferson St might be good for micromobility
- Comment by Commissioner Young - Can't help myself, but Jefferson seems like it could be a bike boulevard without dedicated lanes if you break up through traffic with traffic diverters or one-way (for cars) segments.
- No questions from commission or public



Micromobility Update

- Tyler Smith (DOT) presented data dockless ridership growth. Noted 2025 likely to be highest year in program and that June and May were 2nd and 3rd highest ridership months.
- Presented income qualified program that offers discounted rides. Significant as it applied to both systems and codified in rules and regulations.
- Jed Weeks – Bikemore does direct enrollment to these programs and let commissioners know they can help enroll people
- Suzanne Bailey – Asked if could be in multiple languages
- Tyler confirmed it is available in both English and Spanish

Community Updates and Events

- Bike breakfast Aug 1st
- Bike party Aug 29th
- Baltimore Greenway Coalition Meeting 9/9
- Mobile bike shop
 - Lake Montebello – 4 to 6:30
 - Lake Druid near tennis courts – 4 to 6:30

Public Feedback

- Jed Weeks - Regarding the Big Jump, is there a plan for replacement of the water barriers at 29th and Sisson and hardening the Sisson segment?
 - Mae Hanzlik (DOT) – No plan we can share at this point. Appreciate you raising it and have made a note.
 - David Bjorndalen – South Beach Field Ave resurfacing. Have requested traffic calming in the past. Now being resurfaced there is no plan. Why is that?
 - Flagged question for Planning Chief and Traffic Chief to respond.
 - Patrick McMahon – What is the timeline for resurfacing being identified and is that appropriate for the respective agencies?
 - Flagged question for Planning Chief and Traffic Chief to respond.
 - Melanie S - a more general question is what do we need to do so that resurfacing targets in 2026 actually get their complete streets reviews as required by the manual
 - Jed Weeks – Noted he has not heard back about plans for least 7 – 9 roadways requiring bike infrastructure.
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