



Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Commission – Meeting Minutes

April 29, 2025, 5:30 – 7:00pm

- 5:35pm - Welcome & Roll Call (Chair Horne)
 - o Commissioners in attendance: Jerome Horne, CM Jermaine Jones, Quinton Batts, Sean Becker, Matthew Bleakney, Sean Burnett, Lauren 'Bemi' Byrd, Veronica Davis, Omar Faison, Lt. Charlie James, Patrick McMahon, Sarah McTyeire, Daniel Thompson, Graham Young
- 5:40pm – BPD Traffic Safety Update (Colonel Ryan Lee, BPD)
 - o Colonel Lee is the Chief of Patrol, reports to the Deputy Commissioner of Operations and the Commissioner, and the Mayor. Lt. Charlie James (MBAC commissioner) oversees the traffic component of the special operations of the police department.
 - o Colonel Lee oversees all nine of the uniform police districts and the special operations section which includes traffic, aviation, all those other assets. Authorized personnel in excess of 1400 personnel, if they were fully staffed would report to him.
 - o Colonel Lee is the retired assistant chief of police for the City of Portland Oregon. Portland was a Vision Zero city. While there he supervised the major crash team that went to all fatal and serious crashes, including those that involved vulnerable road users.
 - o BPD has made traffic enforcement a priority. Have seen an uptick in traffic enforcement, traffic stops citations, and warnings in the last couple of years. Have stood up a citywide traffic team, two sergeants, a total of ten officers reporting onto those sergeants committed to that team. They work in conjunction with our traffic investigation unit.
 - o Colonel Lee recapped the 4Es of traffic safety – education, enforcement, evaluation, and engineering.
 - o Colonel Lee noted that they refer to crashes as crashes, not accidents, as there is always a degree of negligence when a crash occurs.
 - o 2026 year to date –
 - 3 pedestrian fatalities
 - 5 pedestrian injury crashes
 - 4280 traffic stops
 - 3957 total moving violations
 - 565 repair orders
 - 5043 warnings
 - 38 parking citations



- 107 vehicles towed
- 20 DUI arrests
- o Colonel Lee spoke to the importance of looking into vulnerable road users, looking at the data, and coordinating with partners like DOT.
- o Colonel Lee noted that they are looking into enforcement regarding people driving in the bus lanes and coordinating with MTA.
- o Issues and questions can be directed to the City Wide Traffic Team email at CTT@bmore.onmicrosoft.com.
- o Questions and Comments
 - Commissioner Byrd noted that Pittsburgh has interesting bus and bike lane design. Curious about engineering solutions to prevent drivers from accessing the bus lanes.
 - Colonel Lee spoke about the importance of engineering and collaboration across departments.
 - Question from the public on looking into automated enforcement for bike and bus lanes.
 - Commissioner Young noted that the technology exists but the legislation that allows mailing citations does not and this is something they are looking into pursuing in the next year.
- 5:50pm – Project Updates
 - o Fayette Street Traffic Calming
 - Commissioner Burnett shared a project update regarding the survey results, three design concepts, and project timeline. More information available at <https://streetsofbaltimore.com/wfayettetst>
 - o Central Ave Road Diet Extension
 - Commissioner Bleakney shared a project update regarding engagement and timeline. More information available at <https://streetsofbaltimore.com/centralaveext>
 - Questions and Comments
 - Councilman Jones asked about the decision to proceed with Central Ave instead of Caroline St. In particular, the potential safety benefits of proceeding with Caroline instead of Central for the bicycle facility. Also mentioned concerns with driver and biker crash conflicts due to the driveways, and that many residents reached out regarding frustration of people parking in the bike lane.
 - o Commissioner Young responded as he was the project manager for the Central Ave project back in during his time at DOT. Spoke to the benefit of the connection to Monument. Additionally, the traffic study and projections



demonstrated that the five-lane section on Central wasn't justified and one lane in each direction with turn lanes would serve the traffic demand.

- Commissioner Burnett spoke to the likely future development pattern and land use of Central Ave.
- Harford Road
 - Commissioner Bleakney shared a project update regarding engagement and timeline. More information available at <https://streetsofbaltimore.com/rolandave>
- Resurfacing Projects
 - Commissioner Bleakney shared a project update regarding project selection for the FY26 resurfacing list.
- Greenway Trail Network
 - New Main Page
 - Mae Hanzlik (DOT) recapped the new Greenway Trails Network main page that outlines all the project segments and includes an interactive map. View the page at <https://streetsofbaltimore.com/greenwaytrails>
 - Middle Branch to Inner Harbor
 - Ethan McCleod (DOT) shared a project update regarding the upcoming design and engagement phases. More information available at <https://streetsofbaltimore.com/greenwaymiddlebranch>
 - Boston St Connector
 - Ethan McCleod (DOT) shared a project update regarding 30% design and upcoming engagement phase. Streets of Baltimore page is coming soon.
 - Chinquapin Run
 - Quinton Batts (Rails to Trails) and Mikah Zaslow (DOT) shared a project update regarding typical sections, intersection improvements, and engagement. More information available at <https://streetsofbaltimore.com/chinquapin>
- Patapsco Regional Greenway Cherry Hill
 - Marium Sultan (BMC) shared a project update regarding current design and upcoming engagement opportunities. More information available at <https://yourregionyourvoice.org/PRG>
- 6:30pm – Program Updates
 - Vision Zero Program Update
 - Commissioner Burnett shared that the action plan will be published in the coming months. Public meeting is scheduled for 6/26 in War



Memorial building. More information available at

<https://streetsofbaltimore.com/visionzero>

- o Bike Rack & Scooter Corral Request Program
 - Commissioner Burnett recapped the program, request requirements, and how to submit requests for bike racks and scooter corrals. Learn more and submit requests at <https://www.baltimorecity.gov/transportation/our-work/bike-baltimore/bike-and-scooter-parking>
- o Micromobility Program
 - Tyler Smith (DOT) shared update on the program specifically highlighting new fleet vehicles, before and after stats from the Big Jump concrete barrier installation. Learn more at <https://www.baltimorecity.gov/transportation/our-work/bike-baltimore/dockless-vehicles>
 - Mae Hanzlik (DOT) shared a success story from the Health Department (BCHD) on how they have been coordinating with DOT on promoting the access program.
 - Questions and Comments
 - Councilman Jones noted that there was a “no operation zone” in place at Latrobe homes and that we should not have these in place, especially in our more low-income neighborhoods.
 - o Tyler Smith (DOT) shared that the “no operation zone” at Latrobe homes was listed and that there are no other similar “no operation zones” in the city.
 - Tyler Smith (DOT) and Omar Faison (Bikemore) can assist with access program their email is tyler.smith@baltimorecity.gov and Omar@bikemore.net respectively.
- 6:45pm – Citations for Parking in Bike Lanes Update
 - o Commissioner Burnett recapped the recent stats for citations of parking in the bike lanes. These stats are updated monthly and available at the bottom of the page. Learn more at the bottom of the page at <https://www.baltimorecity.gov/transportation/our-work/bike-baltimore/mbac>
- 6:50pm - Community Updates & Events
 - o Bike Party on 5/29 at 7pm at St Mary's Park, 600 N Paca
 - o Bike Breakfast on 5/1 at 8am Fadensonnen/Sophomore Coffee), 3 W 23rd St, Baltimore, MD 21218
 - o Bike to Work Week Kickoff Event on Monday 5/11 7AM-10AM, War Memorial Plaza in front of City Hall (City of Baltimore)
 - o Bike to Work Week Happy Hour on 5/15 at 5pm



- o Stoop Stories: Commuter Chaos on 5/27 at 7pm (Bikemore)
- o Mobile Bike Shop Tuesdays and Thursdays 4-7pm (Bikemore)
- 7:00pm - Adjourn