



BPAC General Meeting Minutes

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10:30am to 12:00pm

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1. Welcome and Introduction – Debbie Kingsland
 - a. NJDOT update – funding opportunities for shovel-ready projects are available
 - i. Language coming out soon
2. Revision of Draft Bylaws – Susan Blickstein
 - a. Minor changes based on previous discussions
 - b. Conflict of interest language for subcommittee members and executive council changed
 - i. Should discuss at next subcommittee meeting
 - c. Restriction of lobbying discussion (addition of section 7)
 - i. Cannot name specific law number or name
 - d. Living document, meant to evolve as BPAC evolves (section 8)
 - e. Issue of meeting per year
 - i. Bylaws state at least 4, more could be added with demand
 - f. Result: Bylaws adopted unanimously by council
3. Pedestrian Safety Action Plan Feedback – Debbie Kingsland
 - a. Is finished and available on DOT website
 - b. Will come up with performance measures
 - c. Includes toolbox to help guide committees
 - d. Others will disseminate its presence via social media, etc.
4. Subcommittee reports – Various subcommittee leaders
 - a. Design and Infrastructure
 - i. Update from NJDOT projects – safe routes to transit
 - ii. Discussion about bicycle parking
 - iii. Bikes on shoulders legality
 - iv. Data standardization; collecting data to compare apples to apples
 - b. Legislative subcommittee
 - i. Resolution proposal: The need for legislation that advances pedestrian and bicycle access and safety needs
 1. Concern about freedom to endorse resolution without talking to organization boards and directors.
 2. Result: Tabled to next meeting so council can discuss with their agencies



- ii. Title 39: Consensus that there needs to be a review that leads to actions – ebikes, definition of ebikes, bicycle bells, clarification of 39:1-1, clarifying use of shoulders
 - iii. School policies on bicycling and walking – DOT inventory, researching the impact of school policies
 - c. Education and Outreach
 - i. Resolution proposal: The need for the inclusion of bicycle traffic laws in the NJ Drivers Manual
 - 1. Discussed need for resolution
 - 2. Will share chapter that has previously been drafted
 - 3. Side discussion on need for resolutions
 - a. Acts as documentation of BPAC progress and accomplishments
 - 4. Result: Tabled to next meeting for same reason as other resolution
 - ii. Driver education program in New Jersey
 - d. Safety
 - i. High crash locations
 - ii. NJDOT safety webpage
 - iii. Bicycle and pedestrian counts; lack of them, those which exist not cataloged in the same place, not standardized.
 - 1. Talk to DOT and Infrastructure subcommittee
- 5. Future subcommittee meetings to be determined by each group
- 6. Public comment period
 - a. No public comment
- 7. CyclePhilly Presentation – Greg Krykewycz, DVRPC
 - a. Shows rider type, trip reason, transit connection
 - b. Standard counts show how weather and events affect trips, but not the full story
 - c. App works in conjunction with stationary counts and census
 - d. Can be used with demand models for routing preferences
 - i. Allows to compare shortest route with actual route taken
- 8. Next meeting tentatively scheduled for June 11, 2015