



Infrastructure BPAC Subcommittee Meeting
March 14, 9:30am to 10:30am
Rutgers University
33 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ

Attendees:

State:

Mike Viscardi – NJTransit
James Sinclair – RutgersVTC
Joe Powell – NJDOT Bike/Ped
Elise Bremer-Nei – NJDOT Bike/Ped

MPO:

Cassidy Bowlan – DVRPC
Luis Delgado – Hudson TMA

County and Municipal:

John Witsch – Union County

Megan Massey – Hudson County
Matt Johnson – Burlington County
Ryan Rapp – Middlesex County
Jim Hunt – Morris Parks Alliance

Private:

Jerrid Dinnen – AKRF
Ruchi Shrivastava – WSP

Summary:

First Order: Introductions

Each member introduced self and talked about current or recent projects that their organization has been involved with.

Second Order: Google Doc

Betsy Mastaglio, chair of Design and Infrastructure Sub-committee, assembled a spreadsheet on GoogleDocs to highlight precedents and recent projects that other committee members have worked on or knew about. The idea behind the spreadsheet is that it could be a resource for future projects to see how prior projects obtained funding, established street designs, or implemented successful improvements.

Next meeting: TBA

Long Notes

Introductions:

Betsy Mastaglio

Identification of challenges

Created a Google folder with documents, looking for more feedback on identification of challenges

Curb-less streets, new publication by DVRPC



Bike share possibilities? (regional framework, make it more fluid, some way to go between routes and systems)

Who wants to be a part of this group, making this happen?

Getting people together to see what they are interested in

Mike- NJTransit:

Attempt to connect Henry Hudson trail to train station

(opportunities of development?)

Example of how to use off-road capabilities to connect trails and transit

Interest in bike share in south jersey

APTA draft report coming out soon, bike share being addressed, bike share on both ends of line without needing to have multiple memberships, connecting county park system with a county bike system? Working with Monmouth county, based upon success, would be interest in additional opportunities

Jerrid Dinnen:

Manhattan – shared use bike ped facility, protecting lower manhattan for natural events

Ryan: Middlesex county, updating bike map, showing all facilities, bike suitability classification system

Matt Johnson: Burlington County, co-chair of nj subcommittee for east coast greenway

Regional trail projects, circuit trails, new trails under construction, resource conservation department

Expressed interest in Mike's proposal, path along river line route, improvements to connect to stations, wants to look at opportunities

Megan: Hudson County, multi-use trail in Mercer Park in Bayonne, trail map of all trails in Hudson County

Jim: connections, Morris County Connected bike and walk, connecting to parks, transit stations, 9/11 bike trail through NJ, safety education for cycling

John Boyle: Ben Franklin Bridge update, accessible bridge between Philly and Camden by next summer, 14 months

Joe: Eggers Street/Rt. 18 pedestrian overpass, not ADA compliant, crossing shut down in east Brunswick, isolated, repairs under scrutiny

Mike: support from the state on bike share, trails...focusing on train stations and buses, looking specifically at Monmouth County but still in progress, more to come

John: dockless bike share, app connected, less of an issue to provide seamless connectivity

Mike: dockless system used, you can just leave it anywhere, but you need to have zones where you get charge less if you leave bike somewhere specific, more appropriate for suburban?

Role of BPAC: advocating for the highest degree of design possible, coordinating with other entities, state level, being able to point to local examples, design clues what worked what didn't work on certain projects, talking about these projects of a certain design or experienced a certain set of obstacles that will allow us to promote and parse out some issues

Spreadsheet:

Identify particular example projects, identify obstacles to those projects

Specific project types, what included in design, contacts, sponsor, year built, status, etc.



Alysse: Fill out corridors during meeting, then people can fill in details later, schedule a call before next BPAC

John: Route 38/Briggs Road, crosswalk: pedestrian refuge on a state highway

Success story, drawn people to that area, connects new development (dunkin donuts, hotel, shopping center, transit stop) long crossing, 7 lanes of traffic including turn lanes, part of a road re-surfacing project

Jim: Route 35 rebuild after Sandy (at the beach) between Island Beach and Cape May

Mike expressed some reservations, said there were issues with parking, etc?

Alysse: Using spreadsheet to identify what the funding stream was, goals were, where the idea came from? Was it a secondary goal of a larger project?

John: Route 130 at high school, road diet

Mike: 2nd Street trail, street network along tracks ped/bike connection between Jersey city and Hoboken light rail station, painted bikeway with lighting and cameras funding by developers, bike share does use trail, in other news looking at funding streams for Monmouth County (federal?), use trail as example, specific case of developers putting up funding but maybe less likely that they will have access to that kind of funding, amenities of trail are good, NJT was only marginally involved in project, perhaps a bit unconventional, not necessarily the standard to compare other projects to

Megan Massey: Hoboken trail along observer highway (County level)

End of trail: path bus taxi ferry light rail, hits all of the major points

big push for Bergen Arches as a potential connection

Crossing at North end of train station in New Brunswick, flashing beacons, timing, George Street

College Ave street redesign, bus lane and bike lane (road diet)

Jim: Reach out to Mike Lysicatos about complete streets and Passaic county and other professionals about projects, just received funding for two more road diets

John: Ben Franklin Bridge as good example

George Washington Bridge

Camden?

Princeton: Canal point road (road diet),

Mike: network of trails Princeton

Alysse: will follow up in email with spreadsheet, will clean up, feel free to edit, will follow up with people that have been assigned on spreadsheet, populate spreadsheet as necessary

At 10:25am meeting ended so the room could be set up for the general BPAC meeting.

Next conference call: TBA but before next meeting. Based upon names listed on the Google Doc, each respective project line will be populated with information to be discussed on conference call.