



**Minutes: General BPAC Meeting
June 15, 2017, 10:30 -- 12:00 pm**

Summary:

- Welcome and Introductions
- BPAC Revised Bylaws (Vote)
- New Jersey Department of Transportation Updates
- Subcommittee Reports
 - A. Design and Infrastructure Subcommittee
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- New Jersey Complete Streets Design Guide
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Welcome and Introductions

BPAC Revised Bylaws (Vote)

- Charles calls for motion to adopt TMA as part of committee
- Vote is seconded. Bylaws are thereby adopted as revised

New Jersey Department of Transportation Updates

- Elise Bremer-Nei begins reporting updates at NJDOT
- Elise introduces new employee, Lia Eduro. Lia will be working with NJDOT's Bike/Ped Program
- Elise reports that they she is working on an array of items: local planning studies, complete streets, design guide is also in progress
- Transportation Alternatives Program Awards will be announced
- Route 130 planning workshop with high school student audience is being arranged, in anticipation of the DOT roadway project starting Summer 2018 along the 130 corridor
- NJDOT Pedestrian Road Safety Audit scheduled for Fall of 2017 will be using safety funds
- Results from Bike/Pedestrian Master Plan feedback sessions (internal sessions comprised of DOT staff) will be shared with BPAC Committee in July.

Subcommittee Reports

- A. Design and Infrastructure Subcommittee
 - i. Cassidy Boulan: interim approvals are still being processed
 - ii. Education and outreach efforts were discussed
- B. Education and Outreach Subcommittee
 - i. Cyndi Steiner: discussed plain language transference to help with outreach efforts. A resolution will be ready to vote on by next general body BPAC session.
- C. Safety Subcommittee
 - i. Alan Huff: best practices and data sources were discussed, zig zag crosswalks and other redesigns of pedestrian crossings were discussed to improve pedestrian safety (Alan is in touch with a contact at Virginia DOT who have done a similar efficacy study). Ways to increase BPAC membership activity was also discussed (adding a 'friends of committee' status as well as a call in option during Safety subcommittee meetings)
 - ii. Midterm meeting is scheduled for the end of July
 - iii. Question posed from the floor audience: Berlington County has done a 'zig zag' pain pattern for crosswalks. Audience member suggests to Alan that this might be a good county to reach out to for more information
- D. Legislative Subcommittee
 - i. Charles announces that Janna could not attend today and so the Legislative Subcommittee report will be skipped at this time

New Jersey Complete Streets Design Guide

- A. Update of summer meeting overview provided by Reed Sibley of VTC: minor adjustments were made to the Bike Selection Table and Funding Guide was removed.
- B. Question posed from the floor: how does one obtain a hard copy?" Answer: due to cost-intensive nature of printing the guide, a file is available for download online.
- C. Question posed from the floor: "Will there be any workshops or trainings related to the content featured in the manual and how will this type of workshop be advertised? Is there an outreach plan? Answer (entire room opens up to discussion at this point): email blasts will be sent out and TMAs will be contacted to help disseminate. List serve, VTC's Bike/Ped blog, and other multimedia platforms can also be utilized to advertise this type of workshop. ScriBD can be utilized to embed a searchable link on DOT and other websites – the advantage being that a time-intensive download would be avoided, instead it provides 1-click easy access. Burning of CDs can be a cost-effective way to distribute copies, in lieu of costly printing efforts. CCing mayors and building architects as well as sending out postcards could be good targeted outreach options

2017 New Jersey Complete Streets Summit

- A. Update provided by Miriam S.
- B. Miriam is working with Lisa Cintron and Charles Brown to plan VTC summit. The overall theme is to incorporate complete streets to municipalities
- C. Dividing the event in to two tracts is being considered: policy and implementation strategies tracts

- D. Miriam opens up the floor on ideas for speakers and panels, and topics of interest to feature. Synopsis of ideas:
- i. Trish from the floor audience recommends doing a series on complete streets success stories – focusing on cheap and low-cost implementation or phased implementation successes. Bayhead has successfully completed a restriping project along a one-way street and put in a counter flow bike lane going northbound along the beach area
 - ii. How to ‘get elected officials on board’ was a suggested topic, with an overall theme of how to move a project from planning stage to implementation stage. Hoboken is a good example
 - iii. Evaluation of safety and mobility was another suggested topic of interest, with Woodbury’s complete street and vision zero campaigns suggested as topics of focus. Ex-Woodbury Police Chief is recommended as a point of contact and a possible guest speaker for this proposed series. Route 130 in Burlington could be used as an example of a successful local/county/state partnership
 - iv. Green streets initiatives, Passaic county was mentioned as an effective examples of SEVS implementation. American Health Association was recommended as a good point of contact
- E. Charles asks Miriam how new attendees will be appealed to attend at this year’s summit. Miriam responds that ticketing efforts will be opened up to a new set of outside agencies, in order to ensure attendance of new attendees.
- i. Alan highlights the fact that there is a ‘right way and a wrong way’ to building a coalition which works towards a common goal. Alan suggests that from an attending organization’s perspective, topics of interest at the VTC summit could include: how to identify partners, and how to embolden and motivate partners to do good work.
 - ii. Floor comment: it is advantageous to bring in decision makers (Mayors, council members, these are people we want to get to attend a complete streets-themed VTC summit because quality of life and public safety are constituent concerns and funding opportunities important to policy makers.
 - iii. Honorable mentions: Cedar Grove’s divided protected bike lane, Fairmont’s effort to fund improvement of streets saw a reduction in crime and improvement of desirable, walkable streets
- F. Miriam distributes a handout of the Complete Streets Award Bulletin
- G. Charles calls for nominations from the floor audience and Mariam lists the nominees on white board
- i. Excellence Award nominations (organizations only): Bayhead, Milburn, Plainfield City School District, WSP (for contridutions to the Complete Streets Guide), Newark Ironbound Project, Woodbine, Burlington County (Route 130 Improvements), Montclair – Safe Streets campaign, The Circuit, Coopers Ferry, Morristown
 - ii. Champion Finalists (people/organizations): Jim Rutala, Asbury Park CS Coalition, City of Burlington, Delaware Port Authority, Matt Johnson (Burlington City Parks),

AARP, County TMA, Bill Curtis (BayheadMayor), Mayor of Woodbine, Kim Craft, American Heart Association, DVRPC, David Antonion (of Essex County Planning)

Announcements and Public Comments

- A. Floor comment from John Boyl: John announced his efforts with maintaining a bicycle safety blog aimed at tracking bike/ped fatalities. John sources his crash data from the New Jersey State Police Fatal Accident Investigation Unit website. John also made mention of the Delaware Heritage Trail NJDOT resolution, highlighting the need for a graded crossing in order to ensure safe movement of bicycle and pedestrian traffic along the river line.
- B. Cyndi Steiner: Cyndi announced the passage status of a bicycle pedestrian bill (Bill 2894), that it has almost reached the Senate Floor and will then move to the Governor's desk for approval.
- C. Leigh Ann Von Hagen: Leigh asked the status of Regional TAP. Alan Huff responded that solicitation to MPOs is available now. Cost estimates, implementation plan, and other accompanying report items are all due to the MPO by July 11th. Selections will occur later in July.

Meeting adjourned at 11:54 am.

Next General Body Meeting: September, 2017