

**HISTORIC TRIANGLE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**JAMES CITY COUNTY        CITY OF WILLIAMSBURG        YORK COUNTY**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, October 21, 2019**

Members Present: Patrick Johnston, Rich Thompson, Helene Drees, Ted Moreland, Katherine Preston, Bonnie Baffer, Reed Nester, and Nancy Carter.

Members Absent: Ryan Olson, Don Fowler and, Don Cherry

Staff: Carolyn Murphy, Amy Parker & Tom Leininger

Guests: Ed Schneider, Police Major, and Officers MaryBeth Ringgenberg and Frank Scheib, Williamsburg Police Department

**Call to Order**

Chair Johnston called the meeting to order and asked for individuals to introduce themselves by stating their name and affiliation.

**Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by Mr. Moreland, seconded by Ms. Drees the minutes were approved as presented.

**Public Comment**

No one spoke.

**VDOT Issues**

A concerned was raised that a VDOT representative has not attended meetings in quite some time so these issues are not being addressed. Staff noted a representative is not present because VDOT does not have the funds to pay overtime for an employee to attend the meeting.

Mr. Moreland commented that the bike path along the south side of Centerville and the east side of Brick Bat Road have not been cleaned and are unsafe. The issue of the grate cover on Route 5 was raised because the safety concern has not been addressed since the last meeting because the grate is still covered with debris and pine needles.

Chair Johnson advised members to call the VDOT complaint line or visit their webpage to file a complaint. In the last few months, he has submitted complaints and has been able to track them by their reference number on their website. Mr. Moreland stated he was concern with citizens having to call, and VDOT needs to provide better maintenance. It was the consensus that the bike lanes need to be cleaned of sand along with the grass encroachment into the bike lanes. The bike lanes need to be cleaned at least twice a year; otherwise, they become a hazard to bikers.

Tom Leininger, JCC Planner, was asked to check on the sweeping of the bike lanes. James City County was to clean twice a year.

## **Bikeway Projects Status Report**

- **York County**

Ms. Parker reported the following:

1. There are three segments proposed for the Victory Boulevard widening, which will include an off-road multi-use path on the north side of the road. Segment one is funded and, an application to fund segment two has been filed.
2. York County has met with VDOT representatives, to discuss striping shoulder bike lanes on Penniman Road from the City line through the Merrimac Trail intersection into York County.
3. York County met with representatives from the National Park Service and the Naval Weapons Station concerning the use of the abandoned railroad line from the Weapons Station gate off Penniman Road to Pocahontas Trail. The Navy was hesitant about giving up the right-of-way because it may be used in the future. They may be more receptive to the portion south of I-64. Kym Hall, Colonial National Historical Park Superintendent was receptive to considering the construction of a multi-use trail along the Colonial National Parkway. Concern with its designation on the National Register of Historic Places and impacts to cultural resources would need to be addressed. She preferred a separated multi-use path rather than shoulders along the existing roadway.

A discussion followed with members of the Committee stating a 10-foot smooth separated path similar to the Capitol to Capitol trails would be ideal. It was noted such a path would promote economic development and health and wellness in the area.

- **James City County**

Mr. Leininger reported the following:

1. A multi-use path is being constructed across Route 199 on Depue Boulevard to connect to the road project on Longhill Road.
2. A multi-use path is proposed for the road widening of Croaker Road from Rose Lane (Library) to Route 60.
3. Sidewalks on both sides of Route 60 and a bike lane on one side are proposed for the Route 60 Grove improvements.
4. James City County is participating in a study with HRTPO to study the economic cost-benefit of property values of homes within 1/4, 1/2, and 1 mile of bike trails.

- **City of Williamsburg**

Ms. Murphy updated the group noting City Council approved the contractor and construction of the multi-use trail along Monticello Avenue, which is scheduled for completion next summer. The road construction has started for the widening of Monticello Avenue from Mount Vernon Avenue to Richmond Road, which will contain the City's first cycle track.

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

### Review and Update the Regional Bikeways Map

The Committee reviewed and recommended the following changes to the Regional Bikeways Map:

- Shoulders have been added to Mooretown Road west of Airport Road.
- Shoulders have been added on East Rochambeau Drive east of Bruton High School.
- Indicate proposed multi-use path on Monticello Avenue from Ironbound Road to Richmond Road.
- Indicate proposed bike lanes on Richmond Road along Midtown Row development.
- Indicate proposed multi-use path on Compton Drive.
- Capital Trail branches at Jamestown Road and is not drawn correctly on the map.
- Powhatan Creek Trail – Hickory Signpost Road into Chanco's Grant neighborhood should be shown.
- Indicate a proposed multi-use path across the dam on Lake Powell Road. Lake Powell Road should be shown as a shared roadway instead of bike lanes from Neck O'Land Road to Treasure Island Road.
- Note there is a fee for access to the Jamestown Island and Colonial Battlefield trails.
- Indicate proposed multi-use path does not cross Jolly Pond Dam. The bike lane should end on either side of the dam since the dam is not safe and is privately owned.
- Change park name from Mid-County to Veterans Park on the map.
- Indicate the path on Longhill Road as orange.
- Show the multi-use path that goes behind James Blair Middle School.
- Indicate Cook Road as a shared roadway.
- Indicate proposed bike lanes on Hubbard Lane from Penniman Road to the Colonial Parkway.
- Show existing multi-use path connection between Oxford Road to Queens Cross.
- Remove proposed bike lane designation from Allen's Mill Road.
- Designate power line easements where they coincide with bike lanes on the map.
- Label school names

Amy Parker stated they will update their ordinance to require bike lanes to meet VDOT standards.

## **Bikeway Map Update for Comprehensive Plan Update**

- **York County**

Ms. Parker advised that they are in the middle of their Comp Plan update, with plans to finish next year.

- **City of Williamsburg**

Ms. Murphy advised she hopes to have their update done by the end of the year.

- **James City County**

Mr. Leininger advised they started their Comp Plan update, and it will be about a two years before it is finished.

Committee members were advised to review and provide additional changes to the map by the end of November to staff.

### **Chair's Report**

Ms. Preston reported the BoAT Committee is reviewing the route and looking at adding spines to the main trail that will provide additional interest for riders.

Major Ed Schneider, Williamsburg Police Department, gave an overview of the City of Williamsburg's new bike program, which included two officers patrolling the City in 10-hour shifts. Two dedicated officers will patrol the City, and the department currently has 8-10 officers that are certified bike officers. He introduced the two bike patrol officers MaryBeth Ringgenberg and Frank Scheib to the group. They provided additional information on policing on bikes to the group and why they chose to participate in the new program.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

*Minutes adopted 1-27-20*