



## **Active Transportation Advisory Group Meeting Minutes**

**Prince George's County Planning Department**

**Monday, June 6, 2022**

**7:00 to 8:30 PM**

### **Attendees:**

M'Balu Abdullah, Prince George's County Planning Department

Yuri Borovsky

Jason Clayton, President, Carole Highlands Neighborhood Association

Ray Ferguson, President, Beech Tree Pedalers

Michael Jackson, Prince George's County Planning Department

Anthony Tilghman

Latika Wesley

Mark, Diana, Melissa, Marie (last names unknown).

### **Introductions**

Michael opened the meeting with a round of introductions at 7:05 PM. Jason, Ray, Anthony, and Lakita are first time attendees. Lakita is a Capital Heights resident.

### **Carole Highlands Safe Mobility Study**

Michael gave a power point presentation on the Carole Highlands Safe Mobility Study, discussing how it came about, the community's boundaries and existing conditions, the study's timeline, and goals. Jason introduced himself as the president of the Carole Highlands Neighborhood Association. He asked for a copy of the recorded meeting since he could not stay for the entire meeting. Yuri was impressed by the in-depth nature of the study and the planned community walk audit and asked Michael was there funding opportunities to conduct a similar study in his neighborhood.

Anthony noted the presence of shared lane (sharrow) pavement markings in the District of Columbia and Montgomery County and asked if they would be installed in Prince George's County. Michael said installation was up to the operating agencies, particularly the county's Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) and the Maryland Department of Transportation's State Highway Administration (SHA). He noted that SHA had placed sharrow markings on MD 500/Queens Chapel Road in Hyattsville. Ray supports sharrow placement.

Michael discussed his role in recommending developers provide bicycle parking facilities, including long-term bicycle parking facilities, got a boost with the enactment of the new zoning code effective April 1<sup>st</sup>. The new zoning code supplies clearer direction about the minimum number of bicycle parking facilities required for various development situations as well as requiring long-term bicycle parking.

### **Pedestrian Bicyclist Behavioral Study**

Michael gave a brief presentation on the Pedestrian Bicyclist Behavioral Study (PBBS), discussing its goals, methodology, and timeline. He said the kickoff meeting occurred on May 24<sup>th</sup> and the completion date was August 2023. Diana asked if pedestrian and bicycle safety was taught to student drivers. Michael assured her the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration approved driver training curriculum includes bicycle and pedestrian safety considerations that he is a former driver training instructor.

### **Other Business**

Ray described his bicycle club, the Beech Tree Pedalers, as part of the Capital Region Cycling Network. The Network is an advocacy organization representing Prince George's County bicycling clubs. The BTP has 120 paid members, and as many as 400 riders participate in BTP club events.

### **Adjournment**

Michael adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM. The next ATAG meeting is scheduled virtually on Monday, September 12 from 7 to 8:30 PM.