

Howard County Office of Transportation

Complete Streets Implementation Team, Meeting 8

Meeting Notes: 9/15/16, George Howard Building, Ilchester Conference Room

Participants:

Chad Edmondson, Department of Planning and Zoning

Jane Dembner, Columbia Association

Chris Eatough, Office of Transportation

David Cookson, Office of Transportation

Paul Walsky, Department of Recreation and Parks

David Ramsay, Howard County Public Schools

Topics and discussion points:

1. Review and adjustment of timeline

Timeline will be adjusted to account for 2 month hiatus during Ellicott City flood recovery. Stakeholder meeting schedule will also be adjusted. New timeline graphic will be posted to Complete Streets website.

2. Arlington field trip recap

Slideshow of Arlington visit. Some lessons learned include:

- Arlington has been successful in reducing traffic during population growth.
- Arlington has embraced pilot or demonstration projects to evaluate and track effectiveness of projects before committing to more permanent infrastructure changes.
- Communication of projects is important, quality project pages online with data and updates.
- Protected bike lanes are proving to be very successful for safety, level of comfort and encouraging more people to bicycle for short trips.
- Quality pedestrian accommodations are taken very seriously, both with developer projects and county projects.

3. Phone interview of peers, results of assignments

Success with Memphis and Montgomery County. Some other communities are not responsive. We will keep reaching out and will compile for next meeting.

4. Complete Streets Policy sections, results of assignments
Some sections are drafted, some assignments still need to be completed. Chris will send out reminders and team will compile for next meeting.
5. Task for consultants and process for hiring
David Cookson will reach out to potential consultants and will report back at next meeting.
6. Centennial Lane Complete Streets Project
Discussed public meeting, opposition based on parking and potential reduction in school bus service to homes within a mile of school.
7. Open Streets Event, Oct 1, 10am to 2pm, Clary's Forest Circle (west end of Little Patuxent Parkway)
Will include demonstrations of Complete Streets infrastructure, with street open to vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists. Over 1,000 attended last year and more are expected this year. All Complete Streets Policy team members are encouraged to attend.
<http://www.thehorizonfoundation.org/openstreets/>

Parking lot items:

- Field visits. Who, where, when, how? Kris will contact Montgomery County to request a guided tour of implemented Complete Streets features (possibly Bethesda)
- Details of typical cross sections to include bike lanes.
- Sidewalk maintenance, explore new approaches for sidewalk maintenance policy.
- Will there be criteria for alternative compliance to Complete Streets design?
- What are the expected cost implications of Complete Streets design?
- How to designate areas within Howard County where Complete Streets Policy applies.
- What tasks might need expertise and assistance from consultant? To be discussed at 7/21 meeting.

Next Meeting: 9/29/16. 8:30am to 10:30am. Ilchester Room, George Howard Building.