



## *Anne Arundel County Bicycle Advisory Commission*

### **2017 End of Year Annual Report**

To: Steve Schuh, Anne Arundel County Executive

From: Jon Korin, Chair

Date: January 12, 2018

The Anne Arundel County Bicycle Advisory Commission continues to make steady progress on its primary goal: to build out a “safe, interconnected network of bike routes including trails, on-road and protected bike lanes.” This is both a multi-agency and multi-jurisdictional endeavor and our meetings continue to bring the right people to the table—those who can make substantial change and progress in this area. We completed our second full year in November 2017, which saw the formation of the Office of Transportation under Ramond Robinson and the hiring of Tanya Asman, the County’s first Bicycle/Pedestrian Transportation Planner. These are significant steps toward strengthening the County’s multi-modal transportation network, including safe biking and walking. I am also pleased to report that eleven of our twelve citizen members renewed for another two-year term.

At the end of 2017, we shifted our meetings from monthly to bimonthly, a sign of the Commission’s effectiveness as well as the commitment of County staff to maintain momentum between meetings. Our meetings have been well attended, including our ten ex-officio members who represent the Office of Transportation, Executive Office, County Police, Planning and Zoning, Department of Public Works, Inspections & Permits, Recreation & Parks, Anne Arundel Community College, County Council as well as representatives from the City of Annapolis and Maryland State Highway Administration. We have met in locations throughout the County from Brooklyn Park to Galesville and Pasadena to Odenton. We have had guest bike planners and advocates from Baltimore, Howard County, Prince George’s County and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. In 2018, our meetings will include Anne Arundel County Public Schools with Dr. Arlotto, Ft. Meade/NSA and South County.

Although 2017 was a turning point for the County in several ways, we need to accelerate our progress to catch up to other jurisdictions in the region and across Maryland. Our most notable accomplishments are:

- Hiring of the first County Bike/Ped Transportation Planner
- Bike Lane markings on County roads increased from one (Bay Ridge Rd) to five (Boulter’s Way, B&A Blvd, Hillsmere Dr., and Mt. Tabor Rd)
- Increased County funding for trails, especially the Broadneck and South Shore Trails, although construction is not yet underway.
- Securing \$4.7M in grants for the Patuxent River Hiker/Biker Bridge which is now in design under a separate Maryland Bikeways grant
- A new policy for Bike Lanes on Shouldered Roads and the start of critical Road Design Manual updates

- Anne Arundel Medical Center named as the County's first Bronze Bike-friendly Business accomplished in partnership with BikeAAA
- Launch of Multi-modal Transportation Legislation started with our letter in March 2017, but has not yet advanced to a bill before the County Council

We continued on our annual recommendations and tracking including:

1. **FY18 Budget Letters to the County and City of Annapolis** – We provided specific recommendations for inclusion in the FY18 capital and operating budgets for the County and City of Annapolis.
2. **MDOT Priorities Letter** – We provided written input to the County's annual Maryland Department of Transportation priorities letter to increase focus on bicycle transportation. Virtually all our recommendations were incorporated.
3. **Inventory & Bike Infrastructure Project Tracking** – We have assembled the first project tracking system for *existing, in-process, programmed* and *planned* bicycle infrastructure. We estimate approximately 62 miles of existing trails and on-road bike lanes in the County with approximately 4.3 City, County, and SHA miles of that added in 2017. We are now tracking an approximate twenty additional miles in stages of planning, design, or construction. There are also dozens of other candidate projects in the County and City bike/ped master plans. We also plan to add signage and bike parking (racks/lockers) to the project tracking system. We have also worked with our Bike/Ped Planner and the BMC to populate a new Bike GIS planning map.
4. **Grants** – The \$4.7M secured for the Patuxent Bridge is a big accomplishment but we did not receive any other grants for smaller projects nor did we get approval for Odenton or West St. as Maryland Bike/Ped Priority Areas.

### **2018 Objectives:**

In 2018, we are focused on the following objectives:

- **Infrastructure** – Build out network: trails, on-road. We must accelerate the process of moving projects from concept to design and construction. We continue to miss opportunities to have inexpensive but high value bike connectors added during development projects. We also encounter delays in funded projects. We will pursue grants, CIP and developer-funded projects.
- **Complete Streets** – County staff has begun work on critical Road Design Manuals and other processes to include modern bike and pedestrian facilities. Anne Arundel County is behind in this and we should hire consultants who can expedite this process and bring best practices.
- **Multi-modal Transportation Legislation**– We need the commitment of the County Executive branch to bring a strong bill to the County Council by spring of 2018 to change our ordinances to assure our scarce existing bike routes are not diminished and new routes and connectors are added during development. The Office of Transportation should have enforcement authority. We are working to strengthen the current draft.
- **Anne Arundel BikeWay** – Plan and brand the “Anne Arundel Bikeway” consisting of a northern loop which would ultimately be all trail and a signed southern loop using rural roads, preferably with bike lanes added. There would be at least one connection between the two loops
- **Transportation Plan /GDP** – We will work to assure that the Transportation Functional Master Plan and the upcoming update to the General Development Plan fully include non-motorized transportation and more closely integrate transportation and land use planning. We

must assure that developers fully address bike and pedestrian transportation. Jon Korin is representing the Bike Commission to the new Transportation Commission.

A safe interconnected network of bike routes is vital to Anne Arundel County's quality of life, environment, transportation equity and economic competitiveness. A multi-modal infrastructure will attract the next generation workforce, residents, entrepreneurs, employers, and visitors. We have explored seeking League of American Bicyclists Bronze Bike-friendly Community status for the County and Annapolis but need more progress in infrastructure and ordinances before considering application in the summer of 2018. We are appreciative of your continued support for the AACBAC and we are committed to fulfilling this vision for Anne Arundel County.

### **2017 Meetings**

1. January 10, 2017, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, Chesapeake Arts Center, Brooklyn Park
2. February 14, 2017, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, EOC, Glen Burnie
3. March 20, 2017, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, BWI Airport
4. April 11, 2017, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, AAC Rec & Parks HQ, Annapolis
5. May 9, 2017, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, Visitors Center, Annapolis
6. June 13, 2017, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, AACDPW HQ, Annapolis
7. July 11, 2017, AAC Dept. of Health, Annapolis
8. August 30, 2017, 6:00 – 8:00 pm City Transportation Board, Annapolis City Hall
9. September 12, 2017, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, AAC OPZ, Annapolis
10. October 10, 2017, 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm, Arundel Center, Annapolis\*
11. December 12, 2017, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, Anne Arundel Medical Center, Annapolis

\*County Executive Steve Schuh attended meeting to discuss directives, goals, and progress.

### **Open Meeting Compliance**

- Commission citizen member Evelyn Pisegna-Cook completed Maryland's Open Meeting Act virtual class on April 21, 2016 and Rick Gordon completed it on October 16, 2017.
- AACBAC regulations reviewed by Senior Assistant County Attorney and found to be in compliance with Act.
- Regulations approved by commission and signed by Jon Korin, June 15, 2016.
- Bylaws were approved on October 10, 2017 after review by the Office of Law.
- Commission citizen member Michael Golden submits meeting minutes and meeting dates to the Director of Boards & Commissions, for posting on the County Web site.

Attachment: AACBAC Member List 2016

cc: Diane Croghan, Bernadine Crosby, Various Dept. Heads, Bike Commission Members

| 1/12/2018              |  | Anne Arundel County Bicycle Advisory Commission |           |                  |
|------------------------|--|---|-----------|------------------|
|                        |  |   |           | Location         |
| Citizen Members        |  |   |           |                  |
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