



# Pedestrian Safety Review Board Board Meeting

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October 17, 2023 | 10:00 AM  
700 Poplar Street Macon, GA 31201

## AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
  - A 09-19-2023 Meeting Minutes
3. Subcommittee Reports
  - A Policy and Legislation
  - Complete Streets Report
  - B Engineering
  - C Enforcement
  - D Public Communication
  - E Interagency Coordination
4. Old Business
5. New Business
  - A November and December meeting dates
6. Adjournment

**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REVIEW BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 19, 2023  
Commission Conference Room  
10:00 A.M.**

**Board Members Present:**

Greg Brown, Chair, MBC Planning and Zoning  
Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer  
Henry Ficklin, MBC Executive Dir. of Community Affairs  
Rob Ryals, MBC Facilities Management  
Michael Ryan, Citizen  
Lieutenant Scott Davis, BCSO  
Charise Stephens-Merriweather, MBC Small Business

**Board Members Absent:**

Major Brad Wolfe, BCSO  
Rachel Hollar Umana, Vice Chair, BWM  
David Gowan, Bibb County School District  
Commissioner Elaine Lucas  
Myrtle Habersham, AARP  
Ron Wildman, Citizen

**Others Present:**

Adrianna Beavers, MBC Asst. County Attorney  
Janice Ross, Clerk of Macon-Bibb Commission  
Melissa Touchton, Assistant Clerk of Commission

**Non-Members Present:**

Laura Corley, Macon Newsroom  
Kaylee Pruitt, BWM  
Greg Boike, Middle Georgia Regional Commission  
Margret Peth, Planning and Zoning

**Call To Order**

Chairman Greg Brown called the meeting to order at 10:22 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

*On motion by Henry Ficklin, seconded by Nigel Floyd, and passed unanimously, the minutes from July 18, 2023 were approved.*

**School Speed Zone Update**

Nigel Floyd reported that Bike Racks were being installed around the Community. The racks were donated by Bike Walk Macon who also donated four bus seats.

**Subcommittee Reports**

• **Policy and Legislation & Complete Streets – Rachel Umana**

Adrianna Beaver, Assistant County Attorney, reported the responsibilities in the Attorney's Office were being shifted and that Frank Howard would assume responsibility for the Pedestrian Safety Review Board.

She also reported that the position of Transportation Safety Manager was on the Commission agenda for the evening meeting. Once approved the job will be posted.

- **Engineering – Nigel Floyd**

Nigel Floyd reported English Avenue was scheduled for restriping and bike lanes would be added.

*On motion by Michael Ryan and seconded by Henry Ficklin, and passed unanimously, the Pedestrian Safety Review Board recommends that Nigel Floyd present to both the State and County that in order to strengthen safety on English Avenue that the street be designated a school zone.*

- **Enforcement – Lt. Scott Davis**

There will be a class of Bike laws available to the public. Mr. Ficklin asked if in future meetings the Sheriff's Office could report on the number of incidents during the last month.

- **Public Communications – Charise Stephens-Merriweather**

Charise Stephens-Merriweather reported that October is National Pedestrian Safety month, and this would be a great opportunity to showcase what PSRB is doing. A proclamation will be presented at the October 3<sup>rd</sup> Commission meeting and invited everyone to attend. It is important that the general public be aware of Pedestrian Safety. There will be a Pedestrian on the Move event in October where arm bands will be distributed. In order to bring awareness to the National Pedestrian Safety month, digital signs were suggested.

*On motion of Mr. Ficklin, seconded by Mr. Floyd and carried unanimously, the Board will investigate the purchase of digital signs with a budget of \$65,000 and once purchased these signs will be placed in identified areas to raise awareness of pedestrian deaths was approved.*

Ms. Merriweather reported on September 30, 2023 there will be a Youth Drivers Event. She would like to have Macon-Bibb County youth participate in the designing of a new t-shirt. The winning designer will receive a prize of \$250 with the PSRB choosing the design.

*On motion of Mr. Ficklin, seconded by Mr. Floyd, teenagers from the age of 15 to 18 will participate in a t-shirt designing competition with the winner receiving a check for \$250 was approved.*

Ms. Merriweather reported that the Recreation Department will hold a Halloween event on October 27<sup>th</sup> at Carolyn Crayton Park and hoped that member of the PSRB will volunteer to assist.

*On motion of Mr. Ryals, seconded by Mr. Floyd and carried unanimously, the PSRB will contribute \$250 for additional candy for the event was approved.*

- **Interagency Coordination**

Greg Boike, Middle Georgia Regional Commission, reported on Safe Route to School event at L.H. Williams. A walk audit will be conducted along with a Community clean up on September 23, 2023. October 4<sup>th</sup> will be walk to school day.

Mr. Boike also reported that October is School Safety Bus Month.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

### **New Business**

- **Georgia Bike Walk Summit**

Chairman Brown reported that the Georgia Bike Walk Live Summit will be held November 16-18 in Athens, Georgia. Ms. Kaylee Pruitt reported that they would be sending Rachel Umana to the summit. Ms. Merriweather reported that she also would be attending. Mr. Floyd will be attending on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> for the day.

*On motion of Mr. Ficklin, seconded by Mr. Floyd and carried unanimously, the expenses for Rachel Umana, Nigel Floyd and Charise Merriweather to attend the meetings were approved.*

### **Adjournment**

*On motion by Henry Ficklin, seconded by Nigel Floyd, and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Janice S. Ross, CMC  
Clerk of Macon-Bibb County Commission