

**MINUTES OF THE
MACON-BIBB PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REVIEW BOARD MEETING
February 20, 2024 – 10:00 AM**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Greg Brown, Chairman, MBC Planning and Zoning
Rachel Hollar Umana, Vice Chair, BWM
Rob Ryals, MBC Facilities Management
Lieutenant Scott Davis, BCSO
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Henry Ficklin, MBC Executive Dir. Of Community Affairs
David Gowan, Bibb County School District
Charise Stephens-Merriweather, MBC Small Business
Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer

OTHERS PRESENT

Frank Howard, Assistant County Attorney
Greg Boike, MGRC
Kaylee Pritt, BWM
Weston Stroud, MBC Traffic Safety Manager
Sheila Griggs, Deputy Clerk of Commission
Sara Earley, Citizen
Caitlin Mee, CAC
Chris Floore, MBC Communications
Margaret Peth, UDA
Tom Bouchard, Altumint
Zack Johnson, Altumint

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Myrtle Habersham, AARP
Ron Wildman, Citizen
Michael Ryan, Citizen
Major Brad Wolfe, BCSO

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Chairmen Greg Brown called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

A 01-16-2024 Meeting Minutes

On motion of Rachel Umana, seconded by Nigel Floyd, and passed unanimously, the minutes from January 16, 2024, were approved.

3. Subcommittee Reports

A Policy and Legislation

Commissioner Lucas shared the legislation with the Board that recently passed by the Commission to reduce the speed limit on Ingleside Avenue.

A portion of the Ordinance states; **WHEREAS**, Commissioner Clark, Lucas and Jones have requested that the speed limit on Ingleside Avenue, where greater than twenty-five (25) miles per hour, be reduced to twenty-five (25) miles per hour, and **WHEREAS**, between the two aforesaid intersections, Ingleside Avenue passes through a residential area with low distance visibility due to the curvature of the road's path and frequent accidents due to speed.

Complete Streets Report

Rachel Umana reported that Weston Stroud was voted to Chairmen of the Complete Streets Compliance Committee during the 9:00 a.m. meeting on February 20, 2024. She reported that he shared with the Committee several GDOT Projects and is working on a new Traffic Calming Policy.

Weston Stroud provided a Traffic Calming Flow Chart and a Traffic Calming Needs Assessment Application to the Board for review and discussion.

Rachel Umana also informed the board that she is no longer a voting member of the Complete Streets Compliance Committee. The new representative for the Citizen's Advisory Committee for MATS Technical Coordination Committee is Caitlin Mee. Caitlin Mee has replaced Rachel Umana on the Complete Streets Compliance Committee as of February 20, 2024.

B Engineering

Nigel Floyd reported on new data software provided by UrbanSDK. Ross Loehr, Senior Account Executive for UrbanSDK provided a zoom presentation to the Board. The cost to purchase the software is \$40,000.00 per year. The Board would like to have MBC Legal Department review the contract and report back at the next meeting before taking a vote.

C Enforcement

Lieutenant Scott Davis reported that there are no new fatalities in 2024.

D Public Communication

Charise Stephens-Merriweather reported that June is National Safety Month, and she will be working with David Gowan on a June Summit. She will need a small budget in place to host the Summit. She is hoping to host the Summit in the Professional Learning Center at the school, which is free of charge. David Gowan is working to help her secure the room. Charise is looking for volunteers to help with the Summit and the budget. She would like to have the budget in place next month to submit to the Board.

Commissioner Lucas reminded the Board of the partnership with Macon-Bibb County Health Department. She suggested that the Board include the Health Department in the Summit as they have multiple resources available

to the community that many do not know of.

There was also a suggestion to invite the Macon-Bibb County Fire Department to the PSRB Meetings.

Greg Brown reported on the next Pedestrian Safety Outreach which is scheduled for February 21, 2024 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Fastee Foods, 1389 Pio NoNo Ave. Volunteers are always needed and Nigel will have the new variable message display boards there for use. Charise suggested that a tentative budget is put in place to purchase additional variable message display boards.

E Interagency Coordination

David Gowan reported on the new bike racks at multiple schools and the school system police department staff changes.

4. Old Business

No Discussion

5. New Business

A Data Software Package Presentation

Ross Loehr, Senior Account Executive from UrbanSDK presented a zoom presentation of the software. MBC Legal is being asked to review the contract and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

B Mr. Tom Vouchard - Safe Streets for All

Dr. Keith Moffett introduced Thomas Bouchard, Vice Chariman of Altumint, who presented the Board with a presentation on an ultimate automated traffic enforcement solution. This automated traffic enforcement solution system cost \$49,000.00 for 1-unit for six-months and is grant funded. Therefore, there is no cost to Macon-Bibb County. Mr. Bouchard asked that Macon-Bibb County be the first to implement the system.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Sheila F. Griggs
Deputy Clerk of Commission