

**MINUTES OF THE  
MACON-BIBB PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REVIEW BOARD MEETING  
May 21, 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  
Ron Wildman, Citizen  
David Gowan, Bibb County School District  
Charise Stephens-Merriweather, MBC Small Business  
Myrtle Habersham, AARP  
Commissioner Elaine Lucas  
Michael Ryan, Citizen

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Henry Ficklin, MBC Executive Dir. Of Community Affairs  
Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer  
Major Brad Wolfe, BCSO

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Frank Howard, Assistant County Attorney  
Kaylee Pritt, BWM  
Weston Stroud, MBC Traffic Safety Manager  
Sheila Griggs, Deputy Clerk of Commission

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes

A 04-16-2024 Meeting Minutes

*On motion of Rachel Umana, seconded by Myrtle Habersham, and passed unanimously, the minutes from April 16, 2024 meeting were approved.*

3. Subcommittee Reports

A Policy and Legislation

Complete Streets Report

Rachel Umana reported that Complete Streets Compliance Committee failed to reach a quorum at the 9:00 a.m. meeting therefore members present had discussion only. Members present discussed future Community Progress Reporting which should be done every 2 years and the role of the Committee. Rachel informed the Board of events happening like Walk and Talk which will be at 6:00 p.m. tonight starting at Cotton Street Plaza. They are partnering with PSRB on this event.

## B Engineering

### Traffic Safety Manager Report

Weston Stroud reported on the following information.

#### Safe Streets For All Grant

1. Applied on 5/16
2. Public comment period 5/1-5/17 For “East Macon Loop” survey
  1. 86 responses
  2. Report to be delivered once system live
3. Traffic Calming Policy
  1. First Draft Presented at Last PSRB
    1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft to be delivered once system live
    2. Updated community Notification process (yard signage to inform neighbors)
    3. Updated application to check box responses based on suggestion from Mrs. Lucas and based on the lack of responses for the East Macon Loop survey when prompted to write/type in answers.
    4. Update Flow Chart after Conversations with Bike Walk Savannah
4. Complete Streets Committee serves to communicate progress to the public.
  1. I think we should create **Community Progress Reports** that help all go into the Annual Report due every 2 years.
  2. I think we serve as a resource for Neighborhood groups when it comes to Main Street Planning. Neighborhood/Community Planning for County Owned Streets
    1. As the Traffic Safety Manager, I am asked to go to community/ neighborhood meetings. They want to actively work with a committee to help them with planning before they propose large community scale traffic calming plan to PSRB. (Example, Planning and Zoning offer a pre-development meeting before the developer takes their idea to the zoning commission to be voted on for approval)
      1. We don’t have a budget, but PSRB does. We can help communities look at alternative

interventions that can be value engineered to scale before they come before the PSRB who can approve or deny funding the project request.

2. This would be most helpful in underrepresented communities who have a broad range of concerns regarding complete streets but may not have direct access to information necessary to advocate properly for their concerns.
3. In Local Complete Streets Ordinance... Sec.24-32. Annual Reporting
  1. Every other year starting in 2022
  2. Now due by end of June.
    1. Milage of Sidewalk created – Engineering Department
    2. Number of ADA compliant curb cuts created. – Public Works
    3. Mileage on-street bicycle facilities created. – Engineering Department
    4. Mileage of multi-use facilities created. . – Engineering Department
    5. Number of transit stops added. – Macon Bibb County Transit Authority
    6. Transit ridership. – Macon Bibb County Transit Authority
    7. Percentage of projects complete with Complete Streets focus and compliance. – Traffic Engineering Department
    8. Safety and collision statistics across modes – Macon Bibb County Sherriff's Deputy
    9. Number of projects implemented in low-income census tracts. – Traffic Engineering Department

#### C Enforcement

Lieutenant Scott Davis updated the Board on the year to date fatalities. He stated that the fatalities are less than last year and education and exposure goes a long way.

#### D Public Communication

#### June Safety Summit Update

Charise Stephens-Merriweather reported on the June Safety Summit. She provided a draft agenda and asked for suggestions from the Board. The Board felt that the guest speaker should be a person who has been

affected by a fatality. She plans to have the agenda finalized this week.

E Interagency Coordination

David Gowan reported on the new bike rack purchases and stated that three schools have received new bikes. He reported on the successful bike clubs at the schools and that it helps students improve health, keeps cars out of the line-up at school and less student drivers, these are all key points in improving public safety.

4. Old Business

The Board is still looking into a PSRB Mascot and would like to have one available for the June Summit.

5. New Business

Michael Ryan suggested that MBC use the newly purchased Hilton Hotel for an emergency basic shelter for the homeless. The Board discussed the issue of mental illness among the homeless and shared information on existing agencies in the community ready to assist.

6. Non-Agneda Public Comments

No comments at this time.

7. Adjournment

*On motion of David Gowan, seconded by Rachel Umana and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sheila F. Griggs  
Deputy Clerk of Commission