

**MINUTES OF THE
MACON-BIBB PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REVIEW BOARD MEETING
March 18, 2025 – 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
Henry Ficklin, MBC Executive Dir. Of Community Affairs
Ron Wildman, Citizen
David Gowan, Bibb County School District
Myrtle Habersham, AARP
Charise Stephens-Merriweather, MBC Small Business
Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer
Michael Ryan, Citizen

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Major Brad Wolfe, BCSO

OTHERS PRESENT

Adrianna Beavers, Assistant County Attorney
Greg Boike, MGRC
Weston Stroud, MBC Traffic Safety Manager
Sheila Griggs, Deputy Clerk of Commission

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes

A 02-18-2025 Meeting Minutes

On motion of Nigel Floyd, seconded by Rob Ryles, and passed unanimously, the minutes from February 18, 2025, were approved.

3. Subcommittee Reports

A Policy and Legislation

Rachel Umana reminded the Board of the SPLOST election taking place tonight and encouraged everyone to vote. She reported that she went to Washington D.C. to meet with Senator Jon Ossoff and Congressman Sanford Bishop to discuss Bike Walk Macon. They also discussed federal fund freezing and the Gray Highway Project. She noted that it is important to keep congress informed because they speak for us. Rachel is in the process of creating a project list that the federal funds can be used for

when the freeze is lifted.

Complete Streets Report

B Engineering

Nigel Floyd reported that he was not successful in obtaining anyone to create a float for the PSRB to participate in the Cherry Blossom Parade this year. He is hopeful that the Board can participate in the 2025 Veterans Parade.

Traffic Safety Manager Report

Weston Stroud reported that there is not an update on SS4A other than his contact person, Greg Morris, is no longer the FHWA Georgia Division POC. Another representative will be assigned, but who it will be is unknown. Mr. Morris asked that he share that information with others in the organization. Mr. Morris has been placed on administrative leave in conjunction with the Deferred Registration Program per his email to Weston dated March 18, 2025.

C Enforcement

It was reported that Lt. Scott Davis has been promoted to Captain and someone will most likely replace him. Lt. Scott Davis reported a pedestrian struck by a vehicle on I-75 north, near Riverside Drive on February 16, 2025.

D Public Communication

Charise Stephens-Merriweather reported that the funding for the mascot has been returned to her. She will continue to work on another mascot.

She reported that 2025 National Safety Month is in June. It starts June 1, 2025, and continues through Monday, June 30, 2025. She is putting together a week of safety activities starting June 15 through June 21 this year. They discussed holding an event at the Board of Education Conference Center on Riverside again. There was discussion regarding participation and how they could get more people to the events. They talked about including the MBC Health Department and the Elain Lucas Senior Citizens Center as avenues to get more people to the events.

Greg Brown suggested that the meeting scheduled for June 17, 2025, could be a special called meeting to conduct a safety workshop event. The Board agreed on three events during the meeting: (1) podcasting interviews, (2) 2-minute informative videos and (3) audit walks.

Charise discussed handing out the arm bands, and she brought a few to the meeting. Michael Ryan questioned the effectiveness of the arm bands as he only saw them smashed in the streets. Other Board members disagreed. Myrtle Habersham reported that she hands them out at AARP

events and Weston gives them out at the Health Fair at Southwest school.

Michael Ryan stated that school zone cameras are more effective than arm bands, but they are discussing approving litigation to remove them.

Rachel Umana suggested that during the meetings with SDK, that Weston and Nigel attend weekly that they request a report to show the success of the school zone cameras before the installation and after. This information should be shared with the community to show the progress.

E Interagency Coordination

Nigel Floyd reported that the items for the Northwoods Academy Project had been ordered. He will provide David Gowen with the invoice when the items arrive and the Board of Education will pay the bill.

David Gowen reported that BOE has ordered 10 bike racks for 10 schools. Each bike rack holds 20 bikes, one on each side. He also said that he is preparing a presentation to present to the BOE regarding the Ingram/Pye Project during the April board meeting.

4. Old Business

A Urban SDK Software System Renewal

Urban SDK addressed the Board via zoom. The Board was presented with two quotes from SDK. One quote was the current agreement of \$44,405.00 and the other quote was for the renewal, which increased to \$48,805.00. The Board had to decide whether to keep the current quote or upgrade to the new agreement.

On motion of Myrtle Habersham, seconded by Nigel Floyed, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to renew the SDK agreement for \$48,805.00.

5. New Business

Michael Ryan reported that he has concerns that low-income areas in Macon do not have enough lighting and sidewalks. These areas are definitely underserved where other areas are overserved. He also expressed his concerns regarding the East Macon Loop. He was informed that this project does not fall under the umbrella of PSRB and that he should contact New Town Macon with his concerns.

6. Non-Agenda Public Comments

No public comments.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila F. Griggs
Deputy Clerk of Commission