

**MINUTES OF THE
MACON-BIBB PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REVIEW BOARD MEETING
August 19, 2025 – 10:00 AM**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Rachel Hollar Umana, Vice Chair, BWM
Rob Ryals, MBC Facilities Management
Captain Scott Davis, BCSO
Henry Ficklin, MBC Executive Dir. Of
Community Affairs
Ron Wildman, Citizen
David Gowan, Bibb County School District
Myrtle Habersham, AARP
Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer
Dr. Jimmie Smith, MBC Health Dept.
Michael Ryan, Citizen
Charise Stephens-Merriweather, MBC Small
Business

OTHERS PRESENT

Adrianna Beavers, Assistant County
Attorney
Greg Boike, MGRC
Weston Stroud, MBC Traffic Engineering
Kaylee Pritt, BWM
Weston Stroud, MBC Traffic Safety
Manager
Liz Fabian, CCJ
Mike Greenwald, MBC P&Z
Hart Gidelman, P&Z
Franklin Olive, Temple, Inc.
Alex Smith, MGRC
Tri Vo, MBC Traffic Engineering
Robert Harden, Citizen
Lt. Donald Johnson
Dave Dickey, MTA/CAC
Sheila Griggs, Deputy Clerk of Commission

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Major Brad Wolfe, BCSO
Greg Brown, Chairman, MBC Planning and
Zoning

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

A 06-17-2025 Meeting Minutes

*On motion of Myrtle Habersham, seconded by David Gowan, and passed
unanimously, the meeting minutes from June 17, 2025, were approved.*

3. Subcommittee Reports

A Policy and Legislation

Rachel Urmana discussed supporting the passenger rail legislation.

Complete Streets Report

The Board reviewed and discussed the recently amended Ordinance that changed Article II of Chapter 24 of the Macon-Bibb County Code of Ordinances to clarify the process of public requests for complete street infrastructure.

B Engineering

Traffic Safety Manager Report

Bike/Walk Project Update - Shirley Hills

Michael Ryan and Bob Harden expressed concerns about the bike/pedestrian project proposal for the Shirley Hills area from the river up through that area. Weston provided a map on the big screen outlining the area that would be affected.

Mr. Frank Oliver, Temple Inc. - Audible Pedestrian Signals

Mr. Olive gave a brief presentation on Audible Pedestrian Signals.

On motion of Charise Stephens-Merryweather, seconded by Nigel Floyd, and passed unanimously, the Board voted to move forward with the next steps to purchase the audible pedestrian signals, not to exceed \$150,000.00, following all requirements of Macon-Bibb County Procurement Department.

C Enforcement

Captain Scott Davis reported on accidents that are happening on the interstates involving pedestrians who are willingly entering the interstate highways. He asked that the Board consider providing a Public Service Event to educate pedestrians on Georgia Laws regarding walking on interstate highways.

D Public Communication

Charise Stephens-Merriweather reported on the October 1, 2025, Safety Summit. She provides a draft agenda for the Board to review and make suggestions. The event will be held at Bibb County Professional Learning Center at 2003 Riverside Dr. Macon, GA 31204 starting at 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

There will be a Ruby Bridges Community Walk on November 14, 2025. It's an annual event honoring civil rights pioneer Ruby Bridges by encouraging students to walk to school and engage in conversations about kindness, inclusion, anti-racism, and anti-bullying.

E Interagency Coordination

David Gowen provided an update on Springdale Elementary.

4. Old Business

There was no discussion.

5. New Business

The Board is invited to participate in a Neighborhood Block Party on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at Carolyn Crayton Park, sponsored by the Elaine H. Lucas Senior Center, starting at 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

On motion of Henry Ficklin and seconded by Nigel Floyd, and passed unanimously, the Board voted to hold a special called meeting on September 16, 2025, starting at 10:30 a.m. with the location changing from BOC Conference room to Carolyn Crayton Park to allow Board members to participate in the Neighborhood Block Party.

6. Non-Agenda Public Comments

The Board welcomed Mr. Hart Eidelman. Mr. Eidelman is a new employee at Macon-Bibb County Planning and Zoning Department.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila F. Griggs
Deputy Clerk of Commission