

**MINUTES OF THE  
MACON-BIBB PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REVIEW BOARD MEETING  
October 21, 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  
Henry Ficklin, MBC Executive Dir. Of Community Affairs  
Charise Stephens-Merriweather, MBC Small Business  
Ron Wildman, Citizen  
Myrtle Habersham, AARP  
Lt. Donald Johnson, BCSO  
Dr. Jimmie Smith, MBC Health Dept.  
Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer  
Michael Ryan, Citizen

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

David Gowan, Bibb County School District  
Lieutenant Scott Davis, BCSO  
Major Brad Wolfe, BCSO

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Adrianna Beavers, Assistant County Attorney  
Kaylee Pruitt, BWM  
Weston Stroud, MBC Traffic Safety Manager  
Liz Fabian, News  
Hart Eidelman, Planning and Zoning  
Mayor Lester Miller  
Sheila Griggs, Deputy Clerk of Commission

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

A 09-16-2025 Minutes

*On motion of Nigel Floyd, seconded by Rob Ryals, and passed unanimously, the meeting minutes from September 16, 2025, were approved.*

3. Subcommittee Reports

A Policy and Legislation

Rachel reported on federal cycling projects and informed the Board that she does not have any update on grants applied for.

Complete Streets Report

## B Engineering

Nigel reported on the reduced PSRB Budget. He informed the Board that the PSRB budget has been reduced from 500k to 100k. Therefore, the audible lights projects will need to be scaled down, from 10 locations as discussed to 2 locations, focusing on MLK Jr. & Cherry St. and Third St. & Cherry St. Nigel will review the budget once again line by line to try to determine exactly what the funds were used for and share his findings.

Weston reported on the need for speed breakers on Cotton Avenue. The funding will come from PSRB budget. The cost is \$11,197.00 to purchase materials and complete the project. The focused areas will be on 1st. & Cotton headed north and the area in front of the Otis Redding Center and Hotel 45.

*On motion of Dr. Ficklin, seconded by Rob Ryals, and passed unanimously, the Board approved moving forward with the speed breakers at the cost of \$11,197.00 and using the remaining available funds to continue with the audible lights project.*

The Board discussed the changes that the Administration made when reviewing the Budget. The Budget is now reviewed quarterly. The Board discussed laying out future expenditures and prepare a list for administration to review during these quarterly meetings. To determine needed projects, the Board discussed reaching out to the community to see if they have needs in specific neighborhoods, as well as reviewing See-Click-Fix for potential projects.

Weston reported on the SSFA Grant and reminded the Board that a match is required from Macon-Bibb County. He discussed the 3 stages of the SSFA Grant with the first stage costing 700K. Weston will reach out to the office of Senator Ossoff for updates.

## Traffic Safety Manager Report

### C Enforcement

The Board discussed the issue of people hustling to make money by walking in the middle of the streets and intersections trying to sell items or solicit funds. The Board feels like this is a dangerous activity due to its risk of accidents and scams. Lt. Johnson has been asked to look into the issue.

### D Public Communication

Charise reported on the 2025 Safety Summit. The event was very

successful and future summits will include more Neighborhood Watch Program participants.

The Board discussed walking audits, designating an organizer who will set up the audits, participate in the audits and report back to PSRB the findings. Past organizers received gift cards as an incentive, and a thank you for the work done to set up the audits and complete them.

*On motion of Myrtle Habersham, seconded by Rachel Umana and passed unanimously, the Board approved spending up to \$500.00 on gift cards, \$25.00 each, for walking audit leaders who will organize the audit and report back to the Board its findings.*

The Board discussed 2025 Trunk-a-Treat event. PSRB will be present at the event providing candy and arm bands.

*On motion of Rachel Umana, seconded by Dr. Ficklin and passed unanimously, the Board approved purchasing candy at a cost not to exceed \$750.00, which is a \$250.00 increase from last year due to price increases.*

The Board is encouraged to wear PSRB attire when participating in any events and if anyone does not have PSRB attire, please contact Charise and she will place an order for you.

The Board discussed different options to promote safety other than arm bands. Greg Brown will share what he found about reflectors via email.

The Board discussed PSRB podcast. Members are encouraged to view and share it on their social media accounts.

The Board discussed pedestrian outreach locations. Some locations mentioned were; Sprit Food Store on Mercer & Anthony Rd., Chevron Gas Station on Riverside and Spring St., Terminal Station, Macon Mall and Howard High School. Another location for outreach is at Day Break during the Homeless Stand-down Event. Greg will send out email notifications asking for volunteers once he identifies locations, dates and times.

#### E Interagency Coordination

Charise reported on school-based outreach events. She stated that over 2k bikes have been provided in the region and PSRB is encouraged to participate in the bike routes with students.

Dr. Jimmie Smith asked if there was information available to see just how many of the bikes are used to get to school. The bikes are provided and that is a good thing, but is it effective? The Board discussed reaching out to Mercer University's Public Health Students to assist in surveying and creating a report on how many students actually use bikes to get to school.

The survey might show the effectiveness of the bike giveaways.

4. Old Business

No old business discussed.

5. New Business

A Cotton Avenue Traffic Calming

Discussed and voted on under Item 3B.

6. Non-Agenda Public Comments

Liz Fabian addressed the Board with her concerns regarding troubling areas involving people with limited mobility moving around streets in Macon.

7. Adjournment

the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sheila F. Griggs  
Deputy Clerk of Commission