

**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REVIEW BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
August 16, 2022
GOVERNMENT CENTER
10:00 A.M.**

Board Members Present:

Greg Brown, Chair, MBC Planning and Zoning
Ron Wildman, Citizen
Rob Ryals, MBC Facilities Management
Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer
Myrtle Habersham, AARP
Rachel Hollar Umana, Vice Chair, Bike Walk Macon
David Gowan, Bibb County School District

Board Members Absent:

Major Brad Wolfe, BCSO
Lieutenant Scott Davis, BCSO
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Charise Stephens, MBC Small Business Affairs
Henry Ficklin, MBC Executive Director of Community Affairs

Others Present:

Janet Birmingham Parker, Admin. Assistant
Adrianna Beavers, MBC Asst. County Attorney
Kevin Poss, MBC Facilities Management
Greg Boike, Middle GA Regional Commission
Laura Corley, Mercer University CCJ
Kaylee Pruitt, Bike Walk Macon
Bob Dallas, Consultant via Zoom

Non-Members Absent:

Brandilyn Jackson, MBC Health Department
Jimmee Smith, MBC Health Department

Call To Order

Chairman Greg Brown called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

On Motion of Myrtle Habersham and seconded of Nigel Floyd, and passed unanimously, the minutes of June 21, and July 19, 2022.

Policy and Legislation

Rachel Hollar Umana, Vice Chair, stated Complete Streets Policy Board will have their next meeting on October 17, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. She spoke of the Macon Comprehensive Plan survey online has been closed as of August 15, 2022. Greg Brown, Chair, stated they are in the process of making final edits to the comprehensive draft from all the feedback received.

Engineering

Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer, presented the board with information from Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the upcoming Grant. The Grant will pay for equipment and be used for in kind services. He stated further, the equipment will need to be installed within 180 days and the work can be contracted out. GDOT agreed they would help in

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any way they can to get the grant approved by September 15, 2022. Greg Boike, Middle Georgia Regional Commission, said the projects will be based on the tangible scope of work needed, the dollar amount, and what GDOT's participation can do to get the grant moving. Mr. Floyd stated Dr. Moffett, County Manager, would help in finding \$100,000 in matching funds for Pedestrian Safety Review Board (PSRB) to receive \$3,000,000 grant funds.

Enforcement

No report

Public Communication

Mr. Brown reported on the back-to-school bash at the Melton Center hosted by Unity in the Community where he was able to hand out about 140 armbands, rac cards, and literature. He mentioned the need to create a Homeless Outreach Program before September 30, 2022 based on the requirement of the grant funding from the Governor Office of Highway Safety. He spoke with Charise Stephens, MBC Small Business Affairs, about working with Daybreak and the Resource Center to help provide services for the Homeless Outreach Program. He stated another requirement of the grant is MBC and PSRB participation in the National Homeless Awareness Month in November.

Adrianna Beavers, MBC Assistant County Attorney, stated PSRB can not employ people for the walking audits. Public Works can hire temporary laborers to cover walking audits that need to be done in the following areas Gray Highway, Pio Nono, Eisenhower, and Emory. Mr. Gowan stated this will help with the infrastructure of Safe Routes to School and be beneficial in applying for that grant. Some of the area projects could be covered by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Interagency Coordination

David Gowan, Bibb County School District, stated he needed to work with Mrs. Stephens to set a date for the Pedestrian Safety Summit. He spoke of the Safe Routes to School Program which include many elements to be successful. One of those elements is teaching young children how to cross streets safely. There is a grant program awarded to the county government to improve pedestrian safety around school zones.

Vision Zero

Bob Dallas, Consultant via zoom, stated he met with Sam Harris from GDOT about the Vision Zero Plan covering the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The next step will be to send the MOU to legal. Any response from GDOT will be sent to the PSRB. He will send the invitation for the Governor of Highway Safety (GOHS) conference at the Georgia Tech Conference Center.

Adjournment

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

Future meetings will be held in 2022:

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- September 20
- October 18
- November 15
- December 20

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Birmingham Parker
Administrative Assistant

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