

**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REVIEW BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

July 17, 2018

10:00 A.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Ellington, Chairman
Bessie Brown, Vice – Chair, Pilot
International
Ron Wildman, Citizen
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Rob Ryals, Facilities Management
Sam Henderson, Mayor's
Representative
Violet Poe, Citizen
Myrtle Habersham, AARP

OTHERS PRESENT:

Beverlyn Ming RN, MBC Health Department
Kevin Poss, MBC Facilities Management

Camille Watson, MBC Health Department
David Pilgrem, AARP
Donald Firs, AARP
Kaye Cleveland, Recording Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Captain Brad Wolfe, BCSO
Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer
Brad Belo, MBC Planning & Zoning
Chris Tsavatewa, MBC Health
Department
Michael Ryan, Citizen
David Gowan, Bibb County School
District
Major Eric Walker, BCSO

Chairman Tom Ellington called the meeting to order.

On motion by Mr. Robert Ryals, seconded by Ms. Bessie Brown and passed unanimously, the June 19, 2018 minutes were approved.

Policy and Legislation

No report

Engineering

No report

Enforcement

No Report

Public Communication – Ms. Violet Poe

The movable billboard is located on Napier Avenue (near the intersection of Napier Avenue and Log Cabin Drive) for the month of July. Monthly Public Service Announcements are still on the air and rotating on three of the IHeart Media radio stations, and the window wraps are still displaying the pedestrian safety education campaign message on two of the MTA Paratransit buses.

The fifth PEDESTRIAN “On the Move” community outreach grant activity was held on Thursday, June 21st, from 11:00AM-2:00PM in the parking lot of VALERO Gas Station, 1290 Gray Highway (SR11) at the intersection of Gray Highway and Shurling Drive (SR49). Four volunteers were on-hand to assist with this activity, and a total of 116 individuals were given a pedestrian safety education card and phantom flash armband during this activity. The information on the education card and how to properly use the phantom flash armband was explained to each individual during the distribution. A special thanks to Alexis George and LaPortia Frazier (interns for the Macon-Bibb County Health Department) for their assistance during this grant activity.

It is a possibility the next community outreach grant activity will be held at the Walmart Store located at 1401 Gray Highway (SR11). Once this location or an alternate location is confirmed, members of the Macon-Bibb County Pedestrian Safety Review Board will be notified via email.

The first PEDESTRIAN “On the Move” instructional, educational, and training session (“Working Together to Achieve Vision Zero”) was held on Thursday, July 12, 2018, 7:30AM-10:00AM at the Douglass Theatre, 355 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd in downtown Macon. The session targeted the Automobile Industry and Public Safety. A continental breakfast was provided (7:30AM-8:15AM) in the Douglass Annex, with the session following (8:30AM-10:00AM) in the theatre. Ninety-two citizens were in attendance for the session.

A special thanks to all of the session program participants, the AARP and Board of Education volunteers, Mr. Chris Floore, Dr. Keith Moffett, Mr. Ryals and Mr. Kevin Poss for their technical assistance, fashion show models Debbie Vetter (MTA), Rachel Gambill (Public Affairs), Greg Brown (Planning & Zoning), and Camille Watson (Macon-Bibb County Health Department), Lynne Weeks of Match-up (for her sponsorship of the clothing worn by the display mannequins), Beverlyn Ming, Tonya Mathis, and the Macon-Bibb County Board of Health for serving as the sponsor of the Continental Breakfast.

A very special thanks to Evan Watson, Reporter (WGXA) for volunteering his time to produce the video, “The Human Cost of Pedestrian Accidents”, and to Mr. Danny Porter (pedestrian injury survivor) and Mr. Rufus Harris (pedestrian fatality family member) for sharing their psychological effects from an injury and fatality in the video.

The second session which targets the Senior Living Communities and Neighborhood Associations will be held on Thursday, July 26, 2018 at the same location. The time for the session will be extended by 30 minutes (8:30AM-10:30AM) to accommodate those in attendance during the Question and Answer portion of the session. The third session on August 9th will target the faith-based community. The dates for the remaining five sessions are as follows: Thursday, July 26th, August 9th, August 30th, September 13th, and September 27th.

PEDDY and PEDORA the Pedestrians will walk to school with the students of Ingram-Pye Elementary School, 855 Anthony Road on Wednesday, August 1, 2018. After the walk, the mascots will eat breakfast in the school cafeteria and greet the students in the hallways.

Pedestrian Safety Concern:

There are no pedestrian signs posted to bring awareness to drivers in the following area which is heavily-traveled by pedestrians: Second Street to the Gray Highway connector. After passing through the intersection of Second Street and Emery Highway which leads to the Gray Highway connector, there are no pedestrian signs posted, and the crosswalk (in the curve) connecting Second Street to Gray Highway, needs to be re-painted.

Interagency Coordination

No Report

Discussion of FHWA Vision Zero Grant

Chairman Ellington opened discussion regarding the Vision Zero Grant. The Board was briefed regarding the requirements for said grant. Chairman Ellington asked the Board if they wanted to endorse the Vision Zero Grant. The Board was informed Chairman Ellington would entertain a motion to endorse the grant. On motion made by Ms. Bessie Brown, seconded by Ms. Myrtle Habersham, and passed unanimously, the Pedestrian Safety Review Board will endorse the Federal Highway Administration Vision Zero Grant.

Recent Pedestrian Fatalities

Moved to August Agenda

Pedestrian Sign needed on North Avenue by McDonald's

Chairman Ellington advised the Board the need for pedestrian signs was called to the attention on Mr. Nigel Floyd, Traffic Engineer – Macon-Bibb County.

Manhole on Spring Street by old MTA Lot

The group was advised regarding the dangers of a raised manhole on Spring Street. The manhole creates a tripping hazard for people walking on the sidewalk and is dangerous to pedestrians in motorized wheelchairs.

Speed Bump or Crossing Guard at Rosa Jackson Center on Maynard Street

Chairman Ellington advised the Board of the needs for a crosswalk and speed reduction at Rosa Jackson Center. The Board was informed a crosswalk will not solve speed problems on Maynard Street. Mr. Floyd talked about installing bump outs in said area and narrowing of Maynard Street and creating measures to provide for parallel parking as well.

Traffic Calming Measures or Crosswalk at Post Office on College Street

The Board was notified Mr. Floyd was working with the Post Office regarding the crosswalk on College Street at the Post Office. Close calls involving pedestrians at said crosswalk were discussed. Necessary changes to the crosswalk to ensure pedestrian safety would not be difficult. The Post Office advised they were willing to fund changes that needed to be made to the crosswalk.

Pedestrian Crossings at Old Clinton Rd, Gray Highway and Second Street & “Keep Moving” Signs

The group was informed a crosswalk was missing at Shurling Drive. The pedestrian crossings are faded and need to be repainted. Chairman Ellington notified the Board there were signs that inform drivers of pedestrians crossing the streets. The Board was advised the signs may need to be relocated within the area.

Hawk System Update

Mr. Poss briefed the Board regarding an update on the hawk system to be installed at Hardeman Avenue. The design will be presented to the state for permitting and funding will be sought to pay for the installation of said system.

Pedestrian Safety Summit

Chairman Ellington proposed the Pedestrian Safety Summit be moved to October 2018. The Board consented to have the Summit moved to October.

Ms. Poe opened discussion regarding the next Pedestrian on the Move Event. The group was asked Pedestrian Safety Review Board would provide funding for the breakfast at the next POTM Event. On motion by Mr. Ryals, seconded by Mr. Sam Henderson, and passed unanimously, the Pedestrian Safety Review Board will provide funding for the Pedestrian on the Move Event scheduled for July 26th, 2018.

The upcoming board meetings are scheduled for: August 21st, September 18th, and November 20th.

Chairman Ellington adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaye Cleveland
Recording Secretary