



Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee  
Of The Transportation Safety & Advisory Commission  
City of Harrisonburg, Virginia

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**TO:** Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee Members

**FROM:** Thanh Dang, Public Works Planner

**DATE:** November 12, 2013

**RE:** Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee Agenda for Monday November 18, 2013

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The Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee will meet on Monday November 18, 2013 at 6:00pm in the Community Development classroom, 409 South Main Street, Harrisonburg. Meetings are always open to the public and citizens are encouraged to attend.

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*Welcome*

*Public comments, limited to 5 minutes each, for topics not on the agenda.*

*Business*

1. **Guest Speaker: South End Greenway Vision/ Project** – *Bob Bersson*
2. **Country Club Road** - *Thomas Jenkins*
  - a. See also report to City Council October 8, 2013, [http://harrisonburg-va.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=4&clip\\_id=143&meta\\_id=](http://harrisonburg-va.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=4&clip_id=143&meta_id=)
3. **Subcommittee Applications Recommendation (see Attachment A)** – *Thomas Jenkins*
4. **Annual Repaving Program** – *Thanh Dang*
5. **Cale Trail Recommendation** – *Thomas Jenkins*
6. **Police Enforcement Update** – *Thanh Dang & Scott Drugo*
  - a. **School Crossing Guards**
  - b. **Abandoned Bikes**

- c. **Other Enforcement and Education topics, e.g. biking on sidewalks in downtown, running red lights, biking in wrong direction, biking without lights/ reflectors, motorists not yielding to pedestrians, traffic division class, system to track violations ...**
- 7. **Consider Complete Streets Policy – Thomas Jenkins**
  - a. **Suggested resources, Attachment B**
- 8. **Update on projects under design/construction (Attachment C) – Thanh Dang**
  - a. **Circle Drive-Hillandale Park Connector Update – Thomas Jenkins**
- 9. **Approval of 2014 Meeting dates (Attachment D) – Thanh Dang**

*Announcements*

- 10. **JMU Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Open House, November 20 from 12noon-1:30pm in University Services Building (USB), Room 218, [www.facebook.com/JMU.bikepedplan](http://www.facebook.com/JMU.bikepedplan)**
- 11. **HRMPO Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan and Rockingham County Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Public Meeting – December 3, 5-7PM, Thomas Harrison Middle School, [www.hrvampo.org/bikepedplan](http://www.hrvampo.org/bikepedplan).**
- 12. **2013 Downtown Parking Study (with Bicycle Usage in Downtown Harrisonburg appendix) by JMU MPA Students, [http://harrisonburg-va.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=4&clip\\_id=145&meta\\_id=](http://harrisonburg-va.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=4&clip_id=145&meta_id=)**
- 13. **2013 Parks & Recreation Master Plan, <http://www.harrisonburgva.gov/parks-plan>**
- 14. **New League Cycling Instructors (LCIs) in Shenandoah Valley - <http://svbcoalition.org/4-new-lcis/>**

*Next Meeting: Monday January 27, 2014 at 6pm in the Community Development Classroom, 409 South Main Street (Note: Third Monday of November due to Thanksgiving week.)*

*Adjourn*

## **ATTACHMENT A: Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee Applications**

The Subcommittee is asked to review applications and make recommendations to the Transportation Safety & Advisory Commission (TSAC) to fill two upcoming vacancies on the Subcommittee. The applicants are:

1. Elise Barella
2. Tom Benevento
3. Sandy Bopp
4. Tony Bopp
5. Chance Ebersold
6. Eric Saner
7. Nathan Shaw
8. Ritchie Vaughn

TSAC is anticipated to make appointments at their December meeting so that new Subcommittee members may begin in 2014.

Thomas Jenkins' and Charlie Chenault's terms are up this year, 2013. Next year's subcommittee members are Len Van Wyk, Carl Droms, and John McGehee, plus the two selected.

## **ATTACHMENT B: Suggested Resources for Complete Streets**

### **What are Complete Streets?**

<http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/complete-streets/complete-streets-fundamentals/complete-streets-faq>

### **Example Complete Streets Policies in Virginia**

- City of Roanoke, <https://www.roanokeva.gov/85256A8D0062AF37/CurrentBaseLink/N27ANQJY490FGUREN>
- City of Alexandria, <http://alexandriava.gov/localmotion/info/default.aspx?id=49868>
- City of Virginia Beach, <http://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/sga/transportation-planning/Pages/complete-streets.aspx>

### **American Planning Association, Complete Streets Resources and Policy Inventory,**

<http://www.planning.org/research/streets/>

### **City of Harrisonburg related documents**

- Design and Construction Standards Manual, <http://www.harrisonburgva.gov/dcsm> (See Chapter 2 and 3)
- Subdivision Code, <http://www.harrisonburgva.gov/code> (See Sec. 10-2-41 Streets, 10-2-45 Land dedication, 10-2-61 Streets, 10-2-66 Compliance with Street Standards, etc. of the City, 10-2-67 Responsibility for cost)

**Complete Streets Workshop Information,** <http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/complete-streets/get-help/workshops>

## ATTACHMENT C: Update on City Projects under design and construction

For the November 18, Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee meeting. General information is also available at: <http://www.harrisonburgva.gov/transportation-projects>.

### PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION, OR SOON TO START CONSTRUCTION

- **Erickson Avenue-Stone Spring Road Phase III** – Road improvement project includes new sidewalks and bike lanes. [www.ericksonstonespring.org](http://www.ericksonstonespring.org).
  - UPDATE: Project completed!
- **Safe Routes to School: Waterman Elementary School** – Sidewalks on west side of Chicago Avenue between 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Rockingham Drive, bike lanes on Chicago Avenue between Gay Street and Rockingham Drive, sidewalk on south side of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between Collicello Street to Stuart Street, sidewalk on east side of Stuart Street, sidewalks on both sides of Virginia Avenue from about 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Estimate cost: ~\$610,000. Funded by VDOT SRTS Program and anticipated Community Development Block Grant Funds. <http://www.harrisonburgva.gov/waterman-safe-routes>
  - UPDATE: Construction of new sidewalks on Virginia Avenue is 100% complete, Third Street 100% complete, Stuart Street 95% complete, and work almost completed on Chicago Avenue. Sidewalk project on schedule for completion by November 30, 2013. Bike lanes on Chicago Avenue will be done next year (2014) with road repaving.

### PROJECTS UNDER DESIGN/ PLANNING

- **Bluestone Trail Phase IA and IB** – Construct a 10-ft wide shared use path between Port Republic Road at Bluestone Drive to Wellness Drive off Berry Road. Estimated cost: Being developed. Anticipated construction advertisement May 2014. Funded by: DCR Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant, VDOT Revenue Sharing Funds, City funds, and JMU funds. Total length 5,000 lf. Engineering design \$250,000; Right of Way \$35,000; Construction \$1,165,000. Total Phase I cost: \$1,450,000. More information available at: <http://www.harrisonburgva.gov/Bluestone-Trail>
  - UPDATE: Design engineering underway by McCormick Taylor for portion between Butler Street to Stone Spring Road. Design engineering underway by City for portion between Hillside Avenue to Purcell Park. City is coordinating with property owners.
- **Cale Trail – Westover Park, West Market Street, & Thomas Harrison Middle School** – Shared use path to connect Thomas Harrison Middle School and Westover Park through the former Cale property that was donated to the City by Dr. William Cale and Mrs. Susan Cale.
  - UPDATE: City Surveyor has marked boundary of new land donation, which is anticipated to be donated in 2014 from the Cales to the City. City staff and subcommittee members have been re-evaluating alignment for better alignment with future land donation. This project is currently has no funds. *This item will be discussed further at this meeting.*
- **Thomas Harrison Middle School to Hillandale Park connectors** – Construct a path from Wyndham Wood Drive to Thomas Harrison Middle School and West Market Street, and a path between Circle Drive to Hillandale Park. This project is in the planning phase and is not yet funded.
  - **Thomas Harrison Middle School to Wyndham Drive**

- UPDATE:
  - **Wyndham Woods Circle to Hillandale Park**
    - UPDATE: City is working with owner of future subdivision.
- **Carlton Street and Reservoir Street Roundabout** – This project is being funded by a combination of VDOT Revenue Sharing Funds and local funds. A roundabout at this location will improve intersection safety for motorists and pedestrians. More information: <http://www.harrisonburgva.gov/carlton-street>
  - UPDATE: This project is currently under design and is being coordinated with adjacent property owners. Construction is anticipated to begin in Summer 2014.
- **Downtown Streetscape Plan Update** – Update of previous Downtown Streetscape Plan (2004) to provide a comprehensive downtown streetscape plan that will develop a vision for all streets in the study area to develop public and private expectation for project elements. Study areas include the Downtown Core, Downtown Transition Area, and Downtown Gateways. More information available at: <http://www.harrisonburgva.gov/downtown-streetscape-plan>
  - UPDATE: Will be reviewed by Planning Commission, TBD.
- **Downtown Streetscape Project Phase 2** – This project includes replacing sidewalk on the west side of Main Street between Bruce Street and South Court Square, replacing sidewalks on the east side of Main Street between Elizabeth Street and Wolfe Street installing decorative stamped crosswalks at intersections, replacing existing street lighting with decorative lights, replace and upgrade traffic signals, and install pedestrian signals.
  - UPDATE: This project is currently under design. This project is anticipated to begin construction in Summer 2014.
- **East Market Street Sidewalk Phase IV** – Construct a 5-ft wide sidewalk with 2-ft grass strip on south side of East Market Street between Carlton Street and 400' north of Hawkins Street. This project will also include pedestrian signals at the intersections of East Market Street with Carlton Street and Hawkins Street/Vine Street. Estimated cost: greater than \$ 400,000. Funded by VDOT Highway Safety Improvement Program.
  - UPDATE: This project will go to bid for construction in January and will start construction in March 2014.
- **Mt. Clinton Pike/ Chicago Avenue/ Park Road Roundabout** – Following the Chicago Avenue Corridor Study, completed in early 2013, the City initiated work on design of this roundabout to improve the intersections of Mt. Clinton Pike with Chicago Avenue and Park Road. This project is being funded by a combination of VDOT Revenue Sharing Funds and local funds. More information: <http://www.chicagoavenue.org/>.
  - UPDATE: Design is currently underway and project is being coordinated with Eastern Mennonite University and adjacent property owners. A public input meeting is TBD.
- **Northend Greenway** – 2.5-mile Shared use path that will run between Park View area (near EMU/EMHS) that will mostly follow Blacks Run into downtown (near Washington St & N Main St), then travel via Federal Street alley to the Farmers Market. This is a public-private partnership between the City, and New Community Project and Northend Greenway volunteers. Phase I from Main Street to Liberty Street. Phase II from Park View area to Liberty Street. Phase I

& II is total 8,300 lf. Funded by VDOT Revenue Sharing Funds, City funds, and funds raised by NEG. Estimated cost: Preliminary Planning, Engineering Design, and Right of Way for Phase I and Phase II totals \$525,000. Construction for Phase I \$675,000, Construction for Phase II \$1,225,000. Total project cost \$2,425,000.

- UPDATE: Project phasing and funding options being explored.
- **Oak Drive Paper Street** – Construct a natural surface trail between Circle Drive and Rocktown Trails.
  - UPDATE: Deeds have been signed and volunteer trail work day November 16, 2013. Further update will be provided at this meeting.
- **Reservoir Street Project** – Widen Reservoir Street to sections of 5-lane facility and 4-lane facility with median. Project will include sidewalks on both sides and bike lanes.  
<http://www.reservoirstreet.org/>
  - UPDATE: Engineering design and right-of-way negotiations with property owners is currently underway. Project anticipated going to construction in 2014.

## **ATTACHMENT D: Proposed 2014 Meeting Dates**

Meetings at 6pm

- Monday January 27, 2014
- Monday March 24, 2014
- Monday May 19, 2014 (3rd Monday instead of 4<sup>th</sup> Monday due to Memorial Day Holiday)
- Monday July 28, 2014
- Monday September 22, 2014
- Monday November 17, 2014 (3rd Monday instead of 4<sup>th</sup> Monday due to Thanksgiving week)