

Notes
Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

August 18, 2022

313 Luck Ave SW, Roanoke VA

Present

Ken McLeod, LAB

Brendan Hall

Nathan McClung, Vinton

Renee Powers, City of Roanoke

Phil Hobrla

Isaac Henry, Roanoke County

Kristine McCormick, VBR

Maynard Keller, New Member

Mary Ellen Belcher, Friends of Blue Ridge

Garret Brumfield, Overcome Yours

Hong Liu, City of Roanoke

Terry Huxhold, New Member

Dwayne D'Ardenne, City of Roanoke

Rob Issem, City of Roanoke

Frank Maguire, Greenway Commission

Jonathan Stanton, RVARC

Andrea Garland, RIDE Solutions

Shaneve Tripp, New Member

William Long, Valley Metro

Tom Carr

Barbara Duerk

Garry Duerk

Carol Moneymaker, VDOT

Duff Rearick, New Member

Wayne Leftwich, City of Roanoke

Betsy Nixon, New Member

Rob Robillard

Fayula Gordon, Town of Vinton

Kathleen Herndon

Ken McLeod called the meeting to order at 3:40 pm.

1. 2022-2023 Committee Membership

The Committee cohort voted to accept all new applicants for the 2022-2024 membership drive.

Welcome New Members

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| Isaac Henry | Roanoke County, Transportation Planner |
| Frank Maguire | Roanoke Valley Greenway Coordinator |
| Fayula Gordon | Town of Vinton, Urban Planner |
| Leigh Anne Weitzenfeld | City of Roanoke, Sustainability and Outreach Coordinator |
| Shaneve Tripp | Roanoke City resident |
| Maynard Keller | Roanoke City resident |
| Betsy Nixon | Roanoke City resident |
| Terry Huxhold | Roanoke City resident |
| Preston Rearick | Roanoke City resident |

Follow [this link](#) to see the updated Bike Ped Committee roster of all 25 members

The committee's officers for the Fiscal Year 2023 are:

- Ken McLeod (Chair)
- Brendan Hall (vice-Chair)

2. Vinton Projects Update - Nathan McClung

- [Route 24 Bike/Ped plan completed May of 2022.](#)
- Public engagement process involved two subcommittees.
- Develop a toolkit for bicycle and pedestrian accommodations
- Five priority improvements as part of the Route 24 study: Virginia Avenue Sidewalk, Pollard Street Sidewalk (from Virginia to Cleveland), Slow Street on Cleveland from Pollard to Bedford Rd, Pedestrian upgrades on Bedford/Vinyard rds, and Washington Ave complete street concept (4 -> 3 + buffered bike lanes). Washington Ave ADT (2019) 20,000 – 26,000.
- Plan is expected to be adopted by Town Council in January of 2023

Comments from members:

- Include a raised crosswalk on Washington Ave
- Using a cost-benefit analysis to implement bollards utilizing “level of traffic stress”

3. Valley Metro Projects Update - William Long

- New 3rd Street Transit Station Project: the first phase which includes admin buildings and one section of the bus bay with canopies will be completed this fall.
- The project will be fully completed by September 2023
- [VMGO app](#), allows riders to track buses in real-time, the number of riders, and push notifications. VMGO is currently live for the Smart Way Bus and the Star Line Trolley. Software development for the entire system will be available this fall.
- MetroFlex - On-demand transit service will begin operation in FY 23-24. It will offer service from 8:45 PM to 12:45 AM and Sunday from 9 AM to 6 PM.
- [National Transit Database - NTD](#) survey ongoing, required every 3 years. Used to estimate ridership and passenger miles.
- Melrose Avenue's new [Art Bus Shelters](#) were installed this month.
- Valley Metro staff is seeking volunteers to conduct NTD Surveys

4. Bike Racks for the Roanoke Valley (Friends of Blue Ridge)

- RIDE Solutions is coordinating with the region's localities to identify the locations to install the Friends of Blue Ridge donated bike racks
- Contact Andrea Garland to follow up on a request or information about this project

5. Localities and Staff updates

City of Roanoke

- Rob Issem is the City Complete Streets and Vision Zero Coordinator.
- Roanoke City Safe Streets for All grant application forthcoming
- Greenway Murals - community mural in collaboration with Love SE at the greenway underpass at 13th Street and 9th Street SE: <https://roanokearts.org/southeast/>
- Wasena bridge project delayed until 2023
- Invasive species removal on Mill Mtn greenway inside the park
- 19 Street SE, through Fallon Park is going to be paved.
- Mile markets and green advisory zones on Garden City Greenway
- Roanoke City – First permanent Traffic Garden will be installed in Westside Elementary School.

Roanoke County

- Submitted eight (8) Smart scale applications for 7 bike-ped projects.
- Improvements to 419 in Oak grove area, additional crosswalks on 419
- Sidewalk on Walrond drive and Williamson
- Filling in the sidewalk on W Main Street so they're on both sides
- Reduced scope on the current gap of east Roanoke River Greenway. ROW and cost issues (ADA slope requirements)
- Roanoke County, Botetourt County, and Vinton are considering submitting a Streets 4 All grant application to complete a safety action plan
- September 1st – Shuttle for McAfee Knob parking lot Ribbon Cutting

Greenway Commission

- Kick-off meeting for the Rotary Park to Salem greenway project
- Salem is starting the Elizabeth Campus greenway

Town of Vinton

- Construction for the share-used path along Walnut Avenue

Committee information, dates, links, and attachments are on the [committee web page](#) where you can find **dates** and **times** of upcoming meetings.

2022-2023 meetings

- Thursday, October 20, 2022, 3:00 – 5:00 pm
- Thursday, January 19, 2023, 3:00 – 5:00 pm
- Thursday, March 16, 2023, 3:00 – 5:00 pm
- Thursday, May 18, 2023, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 20, 2022, 3:00 – 5:00 pm.