

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2011, Legislative Day No. 1

Bill No. 2-11

Councilmembers Quirk & Marks

By the County Council, January 3, 2011

A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee

FOR the purpose of establishing the Baltimore County Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee; specifying its composition and the appointment of its members; providing for officers, meetings, and rules of the Committee; setting forth the Committee's duties and responsibilities; providing for reports of the Committee; and generally relating to the Baltimore County Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee.

BY adding

Sections 3-3-2201 to 3-3-2206

Article 3 - Administration

Title 3- Boards, Commissions, Committees, Panels, and Foundations

Subtitle 22 - Baltimore County Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee

Baltimore County Code 2003

WHEREAS, with the adoption in 2006 of the Eastern Baltimore County Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Plan and the drafting of a similar plan for the western part of the County, Baltimore County has begun the process of establishing a comprehensive pedestrian and bicycle program; and

EXPLANATION:

CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

WHEREAS, the goal of this program is to rebalance the significance and role of streets and roads within the County's communities so that they serve the needs of all transportation users - motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, transit riders and other users - in a manner that is sensitive and appropriate to the environment; and

WHEREAS, the ultimate purpose of this effort is to ensure that each time a County road is built or modified or reconstructed, quality service is provided for all transportation modes and all types of users; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide support and oversight for the development of this comprehensive program, the County Council deems it appropriate to create an advisory committee composed of citizens and stakeholder representatives to work with County agencies in this effort; now, therefore,

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that Sections 3-3-2201 to 3-3-2206 be and they are hereby added to
3 Article 3 - Administration, Title 3- Boards, Commissions, Committees, Panels, and Foundations,
4 Subtitle 22 - Baltimore County Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee, of the Baltimore
5 County Code 2003 to read as follows:

6 SUBTITLE 22. BALTIMORE COUNTY PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

7 §3-3-2201. ESTABLISHED.

8 THERE IS A BALTIMORE COUNTY PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY
9 COMMITTEE.

10 §3-3-2202. MEMBERSHIP.

11 (A) COMPOSITION; APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS.

12 (1) THE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST
13 OF ~~10~~ 11 MEMBERS.

1 (2) OF THE ~~10~~ 11 MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

2 (I) EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL SHALL APPOINT ONE
3 MEMBER; AND

4 (II) ~~THREE~~ FOUR MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY
5 EXECUTIVE, INCLUDING AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A BICYCLE
6 ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION ACTIVE IN THE COUNTY.

7 (3) THE DIRECTORS OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC WORKS, HEALTH,
8 RECREATION AND PARKS, AND EDUCATION, AND THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND
9 THE POLICE DEPARTMENT SHALL EACH DESIGNATE TO THE COMMITTEE AN EX
10 OFFICIO, NON-VOTING MEMBER TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

11 (B) TENURE; VACANCIES.

12 (1) THE TERM OF A MEMBER IS 3 YEARS.

13 (2) IF A VACANCY OCCURS ON THE COMMITTEE, THE ORIGINAL APPOINTING
14 AUTHORITY SHALL MAKE THE APPOINTMENT TO FILL THE VACANCY.

15 (C) SUBCOMMITTEES.

16 THE COMMITTEE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNTY COUNCIL, MAY
17 APPOINT SUBCOMMITTEES TO ADDRESS AND ADVISE UPON PEDESTRIAN AND
18 BICYCLE ISSUES IN INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

19 § 3-3-2203. OFFICERS.

20 THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL DESIGNATE A VOTING MEMBER TO BE
21 CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE.

1 § 3-3-2204. MEETINGS; QUORUM; RULES.

2 (A) MEETINGS. THE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIRMAN AS
3 FREQUENTLY AS REQUIRED TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES, BUT NO LESS THAN 4 TIMES
4 PER YEAR.

5 (B) QUORUM.

6 (1) A MAJORITY OF THE VOTING MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL
7 CONSTITUTE A QUORUM FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS.

8 (2) AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE BY A MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AT ANY
9 MEETING IS SUFFICIENT FOR ANY ACTION.

10 (C) RULES. THE COMMITTEE MAY ADOPT A SET OF RULES TO GOVERN ITS MEETINGS
11 AND PROCEDURES.

12 § 3-3-2205. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

13 THE COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING DUTIES AND
14 RESPONSIBILITIES:

15 (1) ADOPT A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY TO ESTABLISH GUIDING PRINCIPLES
16 AND PRACTICES TO BE CONSIDERED IN TRANSPORTATION, PARKS, SCHOOLS, AND
17 OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS AND LAND USE PLANNING, WITH PRIMARY EMPHASIS
18 ON AREAS INSIDE THE URBAN RURAL DEMARCATION LINE, SO AS TO INCREASE
19 SAFETY BY ENHANCING UNDERSTANDING OF BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN LAWS,
20 AND TO ENCOURAGE WALKING, BICYCLING AND TRANSIT USE WHILE PROMOTING
21 SAFE OPERATIONS FOR ALL USERS.

22 (2) DEVELOP SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION PROTOCOLS FOR WALKING,
23 BICYCLING, AND TRANSIT TO USE IN THE EVALUATION OF PROJECTS AND SITE

1 PLAN APPROVALS BY COUNTY AGENCIES. SUCH PROTOCOLS SHOULD
2 SPECIFICALLY ENSURE THAT SIGN-OFF FOR PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE
3 IMPROVEMENTS ARE INCORPORATED INTO THE REVIEW CHECKLIST FOR STREET
4 IMPROVEMENT, WIDENING AND RESURFACING PROJECTS.

5 (3) RECOMMEND A METHOD TO MODIFY THE PROCESS FOR CREATING
6 COMMUNITY PLANS TO INCLUDE A “SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION” ELEMENT
7 AS A STANDARD SECTION, COVERING WALKING, BICYCLING, AND TRANSIT.

8 (4) PREPARE AND MAINTAIN A “SIX-YEAR PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE PLAN
9 PROGRAM” TO COINCIDE WITH THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN SIX-
10 YEAR/ANNUAL UPDATE CYCLE IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE OPPORTUNITIES TO
11 ~~INCORPORATE IMPROVEMENTS INTO CIP PROJECTS WHERE FEASIBLE.~~
12 INCORPORATE LOW-COST IMPROVEMENTS INTO CIP PROJECTS WHERE FEASIBLE
13 AND AFFORDABLE.

14 (5) RECOMMEND AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY CODE AND THE ZONING
15 REGULATIONS TO REQUIRE NECESSARY ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PEDESTRIANS,
16 BICYCLISTS, AND ALL USERS OF COUNTY STREETS AND ROADS.

17 (6) DEVELOP A POLICY REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF BICYCLE PARKING AT
18 MAJOR GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, INCLUDING SCHOOLS, PARKS, RECREATION
19 CENTERS, LIBRARIES, SENIOR CENTERS, COMMUNITY CENTERS AND HEALTH
20 FACILITIES, FOR BOTH VISITORS AND EMPLOYEES.

21 (7) RECOMMEND AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS TO
22 INCORPORATE NEW STANDARDS FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION/RECONSTRUCTION
23 THAT WILL RESPECT AND ACCOMMODATE THE NEEDS OF ALL USERS, NOT ONLY
24 MOTORISTS, WITHOUT IMPOSING UNREALISTIC FINANCIAL BURDENS ON COUNTY

1 TAXPAYERS.

2 (8) INVESTIGATE THE AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS TO FINANCE
3 THE COMMITTEE'S ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND TO FINANCE LOW-COST
4 IMPROVEMENTS FOR STREET WIDENING AND RESURFACING PROJECTS THAT
5 BENEFIT PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLISTS.

6 § 3-3-2206. REPORTS.

7 (A) ANNUAL REPORT. THE COMMITTEE SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO
8 THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE.

9 (B) CONTENTS OF REPORT. THE ANNUAL REPORT SHALL CONTAIN:

10 (1) A SUMMARY OF THE COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES FOR THE PRECEDING
11 YEAR; AND

12 (2) RECOMMENDATIONS RESULTING FROM THE COMMITTEE'S
13 CONSIDERATION OF THE MATTERS SET FORTH IN SECTION 3-3-2205.

14 (C) THE COMMITTEE MAY SUBMIT ADDITIONAL REPORTS PERIODICALLY AS IT
15 CONSIDERS NECESSARY.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act shall take effect 45 days
17 after its enactment.