

BPAC Meeting Minutes

Salisbury Rails with Trails Planning and Design Services

Date: June 13th, 2017
Location: 125 North Division St. Room 306, Salisbury MD
Attendees: Anne Roane (City of Salisbury), Jeremy Kirkendall (BPAC), Matt Drew (BPAC), Sandy Pope (BPAC), Amanda Ellen (AmeriCorps), Liz Gilliam (TDG), John McCarthy (TDG)
Purpose: Salisbury Rails with Trails Presentation of Alternative and Preferred Alignments

- Introductions.
- Anne shared an alternative design concept with the group for Eastern Shore Drive. The alternative design shows a road diet on Eastern Shore Drive to include one travel lane in each direction and a planted center median with a 12-foot-wide trail. The plans show a raised intersection to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety at the trail crossings.
- Liz presented the Salisbury Rails with Trails project background and Toole Design Groups scope of work.
- John presented the Primary and Alternative alignment plans and talked in detail about design treatments for each of the seven segments. John also talked about the pros and cons of each alignment and the City's decision to pursue 35% design plans for the primary alignment along the railroad corridor. Feedback from the group included:
 - Verify property ownership along Division Street. Some segments may be owned by MDSHA.
 - The railroad bridge over the South Prong of the Wicomico River has enough room to accommodate the trail on the west side.
 - In addition to routing the trail over the South Prong of the Wicomico River and E. Main Street, provide a street level connection to E. Main Street.
 - Provide a trail connection to Union Station and the abandoned rail line west of the station.
 - The intersection of Naylor Street and US13 Bus. has a traffic signal and crosswalk. It is the recommended crossing location of US13 Bus. for the alternative alignment. Naylor Street was also identified as the natural terminus of Segment 6.
 - People are cutting across the railroad tracks at the water tower property between Talbot Street and Edgemore Avenue.
 - Anne will provide the name of the railroad company leasing the Norfolk Southern lines.
- John discussed TDGs fieldwork and existing conditions including modifications to the primary alignment (Marvel Road & Scenic Drive).
- John presented the 35% Design Plans for segment 7B (Marvel Road & Scenic Drive) and discussed the TAP grant application process.
- Moving forward the schedule is:

- TDG finalizes the 35% plans and master plan and submits to City in July 2018
 - City reviews documents and provides feedback/comments to TDG early August
 - TDG makes minor revisions and finalizes plans and documents
 - TDG will present final documents to BPAC meeting scheduled in September 2018
- TDG received positive feedback from the group on the proposed and alternative alignments.