

**Morgantown Pedestrian Safety Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Public Safety Building- Morgantown, WV**  
**Monday, August 10, 2009**

- I. Call to Order
  - a. Chair Christiaan Abildso called the August meeting of the Pedestrian Safety Board to order at approximately 4:00 pm.
- II. Attendance Check

Hugh Kierig, Matt Cross, Bob Anderson, Martha Summers, Ilana Chertok, Dave Harshbarger, Justin Fanok
- III. Board Membership Verification (requested by Traffic Commission)

Justin Fanok of the Youth Commission will be replacing Angela Wiley as Board Secretary
- IV. Review of July meeting minutes/unfinished business
  - a. Ideas for spending \$5500 City/grant funding were discussed, including buying materials with the Year of Active Transport logo to distribute at upcoming events, such as:
    - i. Reflective bands for bicyclists or pedestrians to wear on legs or arms
    - ii. Headlamps with blinking rear-facing light
    - iii. Retroreflective vests
    - iv. Water bottles that attach to bag or belt loop
    - v. Bad weather gear (umbrellas, ponchos, or similar)
    - vi. Bags for active commuters
    - vii. Signs (similar to political posters) to post along rail-trail alerting users to 2010 closure and urging them to email walkmgw@yahoo or MRTC who will then urge them to send an email to City Council about their love/use of trail --- goal is to make City Council aware of users and to keep trail closure to minimum and create/improve detour routes on roads & sidewalks
  - b. Banner (2) purchase – Don was unable to attend, but Hugh will contact him so that the banner is ready for WVU Transportation Week (9/12; details below)
  - c. July 21 City Council vote on MUB trail closure plan – Christiaan provided update based on limited communication by MUB; plans are to do section from Deckers Creek to Star City from Jan-July, 2010 and from Deckers Creek south to MUB facility near gazebo from Jan-July, 2011. Details of any pedestrian improvements on Beechurst Ave/Mon Blvd corridor are apparently to be determined by City officials. Christiaan was led to believe that there is limited support for improvements the Board is recommending because of limited timeline, budget, and political will because of other potential road improvements in that area (widening, etc, per MPO plan)

- d. Farmers Market event planning – Hugh (see below, under WVU Transportation Week)
  - e. Survey/assessment update – Christiaan updated group with potential assessment plan (attached); ideas for survey recruiting (and Board members with a connection) included:
    - i. NIOSH (Bob)
    - ii. WVU Deans (n/a)
    - iii. Neighborhood associations/coordinating council (n/a)
    - iv. UHA/Ruby intranet sites (n/a)
    - v. New PRT screens/monitors (Hugh?)
    - vi. City/County employees downtown (n/a)
    - vii. Generation Morgantown – young professionals organization (Christiaan)
    - viii. Christiaan was encouraged to contact Greg Good for information about similar survey that he conducted
- V. Year of Active Transport, August --**KEY EVENT: 2nd Annual Youth Uphill Struggle – Aug 8, no discussion as no representatives were present**
- a. Audio Historic Walking Tours of Downtown Morgantown --- Christiaan emailed an Opinion piece to the Dominion Post (which appeared the day after this meeting, August 11)
  - b. WVU Hospital’s Sprint Splash and Spin Triathlon – August 29 --- some discussion about volunteering for the event. Ilana may do so for the kids’ event on Friday, August 28; no others in attendance volunteered. Information will be distributed via email for others.
- VI. Year of Active Transport, September planning, **KEY EVENT: WVU Transportation Week --- details provided by Hugh Kierig --- PRT will be up and running again next week (8/17):**
- a. Saturday morning, 9/12, kickoff at Farmers’ Market – table will be set up with Year of Active Transport banner and handout prepared by Hugh re: walking and biking
  - b. Sunday, 9/13, WVU Student Organizations day at Hazel Ruby McQuain amphitheatre; PRT will be running (usually not in operation on Sunday)
  - c. Monday, 9/14, Pedestrian Day --- free pedometers, applications to trade parking permit for 18 one-day passes. \*\*\*May be good day to distribute some giveaways with Year of Active Transport or Pedestrian Safety Board logo (if one can be developed)
  - d. Tuesday, 9/15, Bicycle Day --- in partnership with Bike Board, announcement will be made that WVU will pay for students, staff, and faculty to complete the bicycle safety course (\$40)
  - e. Wednesday, 9/16, Vanpool/Carpool Day --- will highlight the online carpool matching system (<http://zimride.com/wvu/> ---note no www) that was launched August 1; users of

this system get 18 one-day parking passes, preferred parking, and discounted parking permits and other benefits (more information about the Transportation and Parking Office’s many WE GO programs available at <http://transportation.wvu.edu/wego>)

- f. Thursday, 9/17: Mountain Line Day – giveaways for users with highest Mt Line bus usage that week – for WVU ID card holders
- g. Friday, 9/18: PRT day – Hugh hopes to present the updated PRT Master Plan that day
- h. International Car Free Day – September 22 --- no discussion
- i. Transportation Pooling ---see above re: zimride program
- j. Mountain Line Kiosk Launch ---no discussion

VII. Navigating local politics and neighborhood organizations to implement our Plan and make pedestrian improvements a priority ---tabled for September meeting

VIII. Set Time & Date of the Next Pedestrian Safety Board Meeting  
 \*\*\*Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 4-5:30 pm at the Public Safety Building

IX. Other Items

- a. Hugh provided update on new HSC Intermodal Facility – to be opened mid October; will have showers/changing area, retail space, parking garage, WVU Transportation offices, indoor lounges for commuter students and bus patrons, bus depot, free WiFi, and indoor bike lockers.

X. Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:20 PM

XI. Action items as follows

Action	Point Person	Due Date
Investigate purchase of two 8x3 banners for use during WVU Transportation Week	Hugh to contact Don	Next week or 2
Purchase Year of Active Transport giveaway items	Christiaan and Bill	End of August
Email Greg Good re: past “active transportation” survey	Christiaan	ASAP
Email Sprint Splash & Spin volunteer contact information	Christiaan	ASAP
Email link to current draft version of survey	Christiaan	ASAP