

Minutes for RBAC Meeting: Wednesday, March 4, 2026

7:00 – 9:00 pm, Webex & In-person in Black-Eyed Susan room at City Hall

In attendance: *Wendy Aaronson, Bryan Barnett-Woods, Nancy Breen, Connie Bertka, Sophie Chan-Wood, Ethan Cohen, Kyle Gallagher, Jake Jakubek, Lynda Honberg, David Myles, Holly Simmons, Shannon Brescher Shea, Max Silverstone, Jonathan Solomon, Rebecca Steiner, Dave Stinchcomb, Tracy Threefoot.*

At 7:05 pm, Jake announced that this meeting will be recorded and welcomed everyone. Requested approval of the minutes of the February meeting. Wendy motioned and Shannon seconded. All approved.

He also requested additional agenda items. Kyle attended a WABA event yesterday with Bike Uprising (<https://waba.org/event/dc-03-03-26/>)

Council Update (Councilmember David Myles)

- 1) Bryan gave a great Vision Zero presentation to Mayor & City Council. Highlighted the grants that were requested and acquired. However, the amount of grants has decreased. Is this due to staff? Budget request for full-time or part-time staff could be possible.
- 2) Annexing property near Shady Grove Metro station can help with tax revenue and increased residential housing. Increased police presence and snow removal cost would be needed but no established timeline yet.

Guest speaker: Holly Simmons, Deputy Zoning Manager, Department of Planning and Community Services, City of Rockville

- 1) Staff Draft Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map being updated and was kicked off in Fall 2023; implementing recommendations of the City's Comprehensive Plan update in 2021
- 2) Public hearings in March and April and ordinance adoption planned for June 1, 2026.
- 3) Staff draft available online:
<https://engagerockville.com/25887/widgets/88678/documents/75860>
Interactive draft zoning map:
<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/54fff5ea2ae74b62b0ea55fe76e26e8f>
- 4) Rezoning increases allowable heights, particularly near transit; Relaxing minimum parking and loading facilities; bicycling and pedestrian facilities on site are new for zoning ordinance (page 212 in staff draft) – regulations include long-term and short-term bike parking with outlets for ebikes.
- 5) Feedback and comments as committee can be sent to staff (zoning@rockvillemd.gov) and Mayor and Council; Individuals can use feedback forms on:
<https://engagerockville.com/zoningrewrite>
Public hearings: April 13 and 20; Mayor and Council presentation on March 23

City Update (Bryan Barnett-Woods)

- 1) As part of the League of American Bicyclists (LAB) application, the number of **bikeshare trips** that started or ended in Rockville in 2025 was 6,092.

- 2) A **letter of support** for Maryland Highways Safety Office Grant application to purchase lights, “Smart Cycling Quick Guide” and “ABC Quick Check” bookmarks for students and distributed at events like Bike to School Day, Family Bike Festival and Bike to Work Day and others. If approved, items can be purchased for 2027 fiscal year. Sophie motioned to approve this letter; Shannon seconded. (See attached)
- 3) Letters of support for **federal funding** for construction of a complete streets project on North Stonestreet between Lincoln Street and Park Road and along Park Road between North and South Stonestreet Avenues. It includes sidewalks, buffers, bike lanes and shared use paths. Jonathan motioned to approve and Nancy seconded. (See attached)
- 4) **LAB application** due in June and will need input and feedback; do this in-person in May meeting

Family Bike Festival (Shannon Brescher Shea)

- 1) Event set for **Sunday, September 27** at Town Square
- 2) Invite three previous bike shops: Pedago, College Park Bikes and Mount Airy Bikes
- 3) Others to invite: City Mayor and Council, Rockville Bike Hub, Montgomery Parks and Montgomery County Recreation; Action Committee for Transit (ACT) and Safe Routes to Schools
- 4) Have better assignments and specific duties for student volunteers; Story time from library; Bike Parade and Bike Decorating; More guidance for who or how to test ride bikes
- 5) Other updates: Peter Gray at WABA says the **Montgomery County Public Schools** hired a Safe Route to School coordinator (rather than thru the County); Maryvale Elementary will have a Safe Route presentation from the County
- 6) WABA has an RFP for a **Cargo Bike Library** in Montgomery County; DC already has a cargo bike library with 6 different kinds of bikes

2026 Bike Rides (Sophie Chan-Wood)

- 1) The **Bike Month Kick-off Ride** on Saturday, May 2 with Sunday as a rain date. Jonathan, Jake and Wendy can help. City Council and staff are invited to join.
- 2) The **Ride of Silence** will be on Wednesday, May 20 starting at 6:40 pm at Rockville library. Lt Crawford at the police department agreed to help and the ride is on his calendar. Sophie will work on getting the City permit this week. Tracy, Jonathan, Jake and Lynda agreed to help.
- 3) **Tuesday night rides** start in June so please sign-up if you can help:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18SzKvdeNcipnn8fmXpPGaZ1umfnzp9xWcsD-wtS-7gY/edit?usp=sharing>
- 4) If you have any other rides ideas or dates, please let Sophie know to coordinate and put on Google doc schedule.
- 5) Heat conditions – ride leader can decide based on the code red weather guidelines from the County

RPAC Liaison Update (Dave Stinchcomb)

- 1) Zoning rewrite update presentation also at the last RPAC meeting
- 2) Five crashes involving pedestrians and bicyclists in January which is about typical. One bicyclist got hit on the sidewalk of Rockville Pike coming out of a parking lot; the second

cyclist was on Wootton Parkway crossing Seven Locks Road was hit by vehicle turning left.

Executive Blvd Meeting Summary (Max Silverstone)

- 1) Matt Johnson, MoCo bicycle/pedestrian coordinator, proposed bike lanes on Executive Blvd south of Pike and Rose and connection to three other bikeway arteries.
- 2) Even though this outside of the City, Wendy and Kyle attended as well; Public feedback requested; Mostly supporters and about 30% oppositions were present

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sophie Chan-Wood



March 4, 2026

The Honorable Jamie Raskin
2242 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: City of Rockville – Stonestreet Corridor Complete Street Construction – Community Project Funding Application

Dear Hon. Representative Raskin:

The Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee (RBAC) strongly supports the City of Rockville's proposed Community Project Funding request to construct the Stonestreet Corridor Complete Street improvements. RBAC is a city-support committee of residents and stakeholders who provide suggestions to the city related to bicycle improvements, recommend budget items, and encourage residents in the community to try bicycling through our ongoing community rides.

Rockville is requesting \$2,928,000 in federal funds from the Highway Infrastructure Program, to extend safe and direct multimodal facilities along two key streets in East Rockville. Improving the bicycle, pedestrian, and motor vehicle facilities on N. Stonestreet Avenue and Park Road will improve walking, rolling, and bicycling in Rockville and provide better access to the Rockville WMATA, MARC, and Amtrak Station.

This request will fund the construction of a shared-use path along Park Road and the construction of new bicycle lanes and sidewalks along North Stonestreet Avenue. This provides a designated and separated bicycle facility and extends the City's bike network at a key location next to the Rockville transit station. Both of these roads regularly well-traveled by all modes and providing a safe bicycle facility will make this route safer and more comfortable for bicyclists and will likely encourage more people to bicycle in the neighborhood.

Your support for the City's application for the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) Highway Infrastructure Program is vital to building a safer and more equitable transportation network.

Sincerely,

Jake Jakubek, Chair
Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee



February 26, 2026

Ms. Christina Utz and Mr. Timothy Richards
Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration
7201 Corporate Center Drive
Hanover, MD 21076

RE: Maryland Highway Safety Office Grant Program, City of Rockville Application Support

Dear Ms. Utz, and Mr. Richards,

The Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee (RBAC) is pleased to support the City of Rockville's Maryland Highways Safety Office (MDHSO) Grant application to purchase safety materials to help make bicyclists and pedestrians more visible to motorists and to purchase safety informational pamphlets and brochures for all roadways users.

RBAC is a city-supported committee comprised of residents and stakeholders who provide guidance to the Mayor and Council on bicycling issues, submit comments to city staff regarding bicycle infrastructure projects and programming, and host neighborhood bike rides for everyone in the community to encourage more bicycling, teach safe riding, and highlight key bicycle routes in the city.

The City of Rockville is a Vision Zero City, and this application will augment their efforts to increase transportation safety. In particular, the proposed lights will help bicyclists be more visible to motorists and other roadway users when traveling on the city's continually expanding bicycle network. Additionally, sharing the League of American Bicyclists', "Smart Cycling Quick Guide," and "ABC Quick Check Bookmarks" are valuable resources to share with students in Rockville to help educate them about the best safety practices for riding in urban areas as well as helping to remind them to check their bicycles before riding. Lastly, the city's proposed plan to share the MDOT "Be The Driver," safety brochures will help educate and reinforce how motorists can more proactively drive safer and share the roadway with all roadway users.

The City regularly attends community bicycling events such as Bike-to-Work and -School Days as well as the Family Bicycling Festival where they will be able to make sure the safety and educational materials are shared with Rockville residents and visitors. This project is consistent with the City's Vision Zero Action Plan and the Bikeway Master Plan, which direct the city to improve transportation and bicycling safety by not only building multimodal facilities, but also educating the community about safety practices

If this project is awarded a FY 27 MDHSO Grant, RBAC will help support the city to share safety materials and information at our monthly meetings and community bike rides. We strongly support this project and the city's efforts to achieve Vision Zero.

Should you have any questions about this project, please feel welcome to contact Bryan Barnett-Woods, Principal Transportation Planner, at 240-314-8527 or bbwoods@rockvillemd.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jake Jakubek".

Jake Jakubek, Chair
Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee



March 4, 2026

The Honorable Angela Alsobrooks
SD-B40E Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chris Van Hollen
110 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: City of Rockville – Stonestreet Corridor Complete Street Construction – Congressionally Directed Spending Application

Dear Senators Alsobrooks and Van Hollen:

The Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee (RBAC) strongly supports the City of Rockville's proposed Congressionally Directed Spending request to construct the Stonestreet Corridor Complete Street improvements. RBAC is a city-support committee of residents and stakeholders who provide suggestions to the city related to bicycle improvements, recommend budget items, and encourage residents in the community to try bicycling through our ongoing community rides.

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