

WABASH AVENUE SEPARATED BIKE LANE STUDY

February 2023 Public Meeting Chat Transcripts

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Sherrell Savage - D5 - City Council	Good evening everyone. Sherrell Savage District 5 on behalf of Councilman Isaac Schleifer District5@baltimorecity.gov
RK&K - Mark Mullin	Project Website: https://www.baltimorebikeways.com/wabash-avenue/
RK&K - Mark Mullin	Project Email: DOT-Community@baltimorecity.gov
RK&K - Mark Mullin	Direct Input: https://www.baltimorebikeways.com/wabash-avenue/contact/
RK&K - Mark Mullin	Project Phone Number: 443-984-4095
Eric James-BCDOT	Please Click the link to fill out our Title VI Public Involvement Survey https://forms.office.com/g/b70VHgt5DY
rebecca mark	Good Evening, this is Rebecca Mark with Mayor Scott's Office of Neighborhoods. Liaison for Districts 5 and 6. You can always reach me at rebecca.mark@baltimorecity.gov and 443-615-2262
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RK&K - Mark Mullin	www.slido.com
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Rhonda	There is a transportation study. Residetns without internet has been left out of the conversation.

Logan Mitchell Sr	Do you know why Wabash Avenue has 3 lines on each side ?
Rhonda	Most residents absolutely oppose the bike lanes. Fix the streets and make the corners ADA compliant. Stop violating the American Disability Act.
Lawrence Bell	We should do a quality representative survey of city residents to ask them whether they want bike lanes or not. A real scientific poll would mean REAL democracy
Brian Megali	I doubt most residents oppose the lanes. And areas without these lanes and traffic calming have higher levels of traffic and pedestrian deaths. That includes people with disabilities
Logan Mitchell Sr	Here's what's online in ref to Wabash Avenue's lanes - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wabash_Avenue_(Baltimore,_Maryland)
RK&K - Mark Mullin	Thank you for your comments. We have recorded them and will use the feedback tonight during the next phases of the study.
Rhonda	The Stakeholders Mission conducted a transportation study in the Ashburton and East Arlington community. Most residents opposed the bike lanes. The data exist. DOT refuses to respect black and brown communities.
Lawrence Bell	If you really believe that most people approve of these bike lanes, you should not be afraid of having a scientific poll conducted on this subject.
Jed Weeks	Personally I feel there was a pretty good scientific poll in the past two elections where voters elected a mayor and councilmembers who passed this law unanimously, signed it, and are funding complete streets projects that save lives.
Brian Megali	I would welcome a poll, as long as setting up such a poll isn't really just an effort to delay and deflect attention from the need to improve our infrastructure. Further, who is a resident? I am a resident of Baltimore.

RK&K - Mark Mullin	Tonight's presentation will be posted to the project website. There is a phone number that will allow those without internet to provide their feedback. And we will touch on in-person meetings later in tonight's presentation.
Rhonda	It seems like this guy Patrick is saying we will design it. Therefore, DOT continues to disrespect black and brown communities.
Brian Megali	You want to know what disrespect is? A driver flying down my street at 60 miles an hour while my child tries to cross the street. Not a public meeting soliciting input on community improvements.
Rhonda	I have a special needs child and walking through our community is apart of her disability plan. We have experienced no problems crossing Wabash, Liberty Heights and Hilton St.
Brian Megali	That's good. But it could be better. Take a peek at this - Researchers reveal racial disparities in pedestrian injuries - https://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/news-items/researchers-reveal-racial-disparities-in-pedestrian-injuries/
Rhonda	Adding a better sidewalk is the only improvement needed.
Lawrence Bell	Your reference to "racial disparities in pedestrian injuries" is patronizing and offensive. Again let us do a scientific poll to discover where the majority of the people are.
Brian Megali	I didn't make it up. It's a study. Scientific, as you say.
Rhonda	Where is the transportation study performed before this meeting occurred? Dot doesn't have a transporatations study because there is no respect for black and brown communities.
RK&K - Mark Mullin	Remix link:
RK&K - Mark Mullin	https://platform.remix.com/project/545f6398/scenario/3981f6dc?latlng=39.34681,-76.69779,16.588,p0,b7.2
Sean A. Stinnett	The link is not working on my end.

Chaquetta Wallace BCDOT	https://platform.remix.com/project/545f6398/scenario/3981f6dc?lat lng=39.34167,-76.68568,17.253,p0,b43.99
Rhonda	All skin folks ain't kin folks, Patrick. This meeting should not be happening without a transportation in our black and brown community.
Derrick M	I agree with the earlier feedback about modifications to concept 3. Larger sidewalks, single flow protected bike lanes.
kurt schiller	scooters are not even being included in the discussion , scooter users will be protected in the bike lanes
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Patrick, AICP	https://www.planourbaltimore.com/
Matt Oberdier	Great project. Thanks for making an effort to make this corridor safer for everyone.
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RK&K - Mark Mullin	The Remix map can be found here: https://platform.remix.com/project/545f6398/scenario/3981f6dc?lat lng=39.34683,-76.69793,18.824,p0,b7.2
Rhonda	How about making sure school children cross the street safely on Coldspring and Wabash?
Jessica Morgan	JessicaMorgan.tcb@gmail.com
Logan Mitchell Sr	Please contact me by email about future meetings for this project (prowlerraven32@hotmail.com)
Steven T. Johnson	This conversation, should be a convo on its own, not inclusive of other things. This should be a sit down meeting with the people whom this project affects.
Patrick, AICP	https://goo.gl/maps/w2aiR74niyUcaK7b9

Rhonda	How will DOT get in touch with people without internet access about the in person meeting? The Ashburton community does not connect with people without internet access.
Mereida Goodman	Most voters did not know elected officials view , nor did they campaign on the inclusion of bike lanes
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Rhonda	DOT has the budget- spend the money and send post cards to residents.
RK&K - Mark Mullin	443-984-4095
Rhonda	Sean Stinnett of West Arlington would be a much better person to connect with vulnerable residents.
Sean A. Stinnett	If you have a small budget for flyers to distributed, contact the area schools to have the students pass the flyers door-to-door. A number of kids need Service Learning Hours and they would love to earn a few dollars in addition to earning their hours.
Sean A. Stinnett	I will contact you Patrick.
Rhonda	Rhonda Wimbish- The Stakeholders Mission stakeholdersmission@gmail.com

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ashalee young District6	Good evening

ashalee young District6	What' s the name of this room?
ashalee young District6	Thank you
RK&K - Melissa Miklus	https://platform.remix.com/project/545f6398/scenario/3981f6dc?latlng=39.34762,-76.69504,15.129,p0,b7.2
Logan Mitchell Sr	The red dot in the upper left hand corner of my screen shows that this is being recorded.
Graham Coreil- Allen	You can ban a single form of transporation because you dont like it.
Graham Coreil- Allen	This is a transportaiton study. We are participating in the transportation study at this very moment.
Graham Coreil- Allen	Most bike riders I've talked to in northwest Baltimroe prefer having a protected bike on each side of the road.
Graham Coreil- Allen	I would also like to ask that the lanes be buffered with actaully heavy weight barriers, the flex posts wont stop a car from killing a bike rider.
Matt Oberdier	Thank you for adapting this corridor to be safe and useful for all people rather than just cars.
Matt Oberdier	Protected lanes for all ages and all ability users would be wonderful. I personally prefer the two-way cycletrack option.
Rhonda	We don't want the mess that DOT created on Harford Rd.
Sean A. Stinnett	The New Rogers Avenue Day Nursery
Matt Oberdier	Well said, Graham.
Sean A. Stinnett	I don't think anyone on this call wants to see anyone killed that travels all types of transportation. However, let's attempt to engage all parties with this issue instead of presenting to the commuinity after the fact that makes us have no choice to accept.
Matt Oberdier	I second Graham's curb hardening, and I'm an engineer.

Rhonda	It's not about who is an engineer. It's about who is paying the property taxes.
Graham Coreil-Allen	I've gott leave, but thank you all.
Mereida Goodman	Using Shared Lanes is not desired along Wabash -- The sidewalk is supposed to be the place where people are to walk or use a wheel chair, not the street. Pedestrians have a number options-- motorists only have the street. To place motorists on the bottom of the conversation is discriminatory.
Gregory Bankins	ive got to run thanks and ill be in touch.
Mereida Goodman	Yes, thank you Mary!!
Matt Oberdier	Baltimore doesn't have a lot of riders because there isn't sufficient connected infrastructure. How many drivers would there be if there were no roads or they only connected a few places?
Rhonda	Studies show more people are hit by cars on bikes when they are riding in bike lanes not just riding on the street.
Eric James-BCDOT	2 mins
Steven T. Johnson	These projects, aren't for those who are here, but for those whom they hope will come. Thats the game.
Rhonda	I agree Steven