

Minutes

Pedestrian & Bikeways Steering Committee

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8:00 a.m.

TMACOG Boardroom



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1. Welcome & Introductions

Ed O'Reilly called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of January Minutes [\[minutes\]](#)

Dick Currie moved that the minutes be approved, Steve Atkinson seconded the motion. All approved.

3. New Business

a. Toledo Region Bike Counting Program

TMACOG is launching a counting program to identify trends to aid in planning and design of the bikeway network, and improve safety and accessibility to destinations. A count request form was distributed and will be posted on the committee's webpage. Bicycle count data will be used to support network improvements in connectivity between on- and off-street bicycle facilities and between bicycle and other transportation modes. The first counts were just conducted and staff are developing protocol for managing and reporting the data. Future plans call for possibly incorporating infrared counters and exploring how to blend count data collected by Toledo Metroparks on University Parks and the Wabash Cannonball trails.

4. Old Business

a. Chessie Circle Trail Development Update

The bridge over the Anthony Wayne Trail has been installed and Metroparks is preparing to open its 1.4-mile section of the trail by the end of May. A grant application is now pending for a trail at the old Beverly school site, on Copeland Blvd near S. Detroit Ave. It will include a parking lot and restrooms. Ed O'Reilly encouraged members to attend Chessie Circle Coordinating Committee meetings.

b. Proposed U.S. Bicycle Routes in the Region

Good progress is being made on collecting resolutions of support from the jurisdictions impacted by this project. Only 3 jurisdictions have yet to complete resolutions. These will be the focus in May.

c. Regional Bike Users Map Development

Comment boxes and paper maps have been distributed to all area bike shops. The bike shops are also helping to get the word out about the electronic version of the comment map. Christine will present the project to the Toledo Area Bicyclist club board and will promote it at the Court Streets Connect event. It will be promoted at events throughout bike month. All committee members are urged to provide comments and to help encourage others to do the same. Locations such as gyms, Y's, and libraries were suggested for collecting data. MS Bike to the Bay was also recommended.

d. Bike Month 2017

Rack cards have been distributed and t-shirts are to be available soon See TMACOG's Bike month page at <http://www.tmacog.org/bikemonth/> for full details. Many thanks to all who have helped create and staff this year's events.

5. Member Initiatives Roundtable

Keith Webb noted there will be two ride locations in the region for the May 17 Ride of Silence this year. The first-ever Bowling Green ride will begin and end at City Park; the 8th annual Toledo ride begins at University of Toledo. For full details visit <https://wearetraffic.org/Ride-of-Silence>. For those interested in publicizing Ohio's newest bicycle safety law, there are 3-foot passing bumper stickers are available at <http://wearetraffic.org/>.

Emily Ziegler announced that the single-track mountain bike trail will open on May 7. The best parking for this is currently at the Springbrook lake area of the Oak Openings Metro Park.

Jenny Hansen discussed arrangements for Bike to School Day—there are 14 schools registered to participate. Larchmont Elementary will be the highlighted school this year. Bike fix-it programs in conjunction with Toledo Bikes! are occurring at 8 schools. Helmets are made available thanks to support from Maumee Valley Adventurers and the Ohio Association of American Physicians. LiveWell has numerous grant applications pending. An application from a team from Toledo to participate in the Active Transportation Institute has been approved. This initiative is jointly sponsored by Ohio's departments of health and transportation.

Steve Atkinson reminded members that during the week of May 14-20 TARTA fares for those who bring their bikes on the bus will be reduced to 25 cents.

Julie Thomas has moved from Poggemeyer to CT Consultants. She has experience with developing grant applications for the transportation alternatives program (TAP) funds.

Terry Waltzer announced that Maumee Valley Adventurers bike club has posted details about the 4 bike tours it organizes each year online at <http://www.mvadventurers.org/>. The first ride is the Portage River Tour on Sunday, June 25. The club will be participating in the Outdoor Adventure Expo at Side Cut Metropark on May 20.

Howard Abts shared some history regarding Dayton's rise to prominence in bikeways noting that the city is home to Horace Huffman whose family began the Huffy Bicycle Company.

Mike Young asked for an update on the Toledo Bikeshare initiative. Emily Zeigler reported that ODOT is currently reviewing the right-of-way details.

Steve Day noted that, with Toledo's various bikeway projects, people will begin to see good connectivity now and over the next few years.

Dick Kudner updated the group on Perrysburg's plans for River Road bike path.

Jason Sisco announced that there will be a community-led event on Bowling Green on April 22 (Earth Day) that will feature a temporary bike lane installation along with a variety of other activities.

Dan Becker noted that the Toledo Area Bicyclists club rides are posted on the group's website at <http://www.toledoareabicyclists.org/>. Many of the rides begin on May 1. The group is also working with MS Bike to the Bay (June 25-25) organizers to educate riders on group riding techniques via training rides and clinics.

Amy Adodeely announced that the Safe Kids Sports, Bike & Pedestrian committee meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at Toledo Hospital. On May 13, there will be a bike rack and bike fix-it event at Mosaic Ministries.

6. Events & Announcements

- a. Ohio Bicycle Federation Statehouse Summit in Columbus, May 2, 2017
Register at <http://www.ohiobike.org/>
- b. International Trails Symposium in Dayton, May 7-10, 2017.
<http://www.americantrails.org/ee/index.php/symposium/2017>
- c. National Walking Summit in St. Paul, MN September 13-15, 2017: <http://walkingsummit.org/>

2017 Ped-Bike Meeting Schedules:

Full Ped-Bike Committee: January 17, April 18, July 18, October 17

Steering Ped-Bike Committee: February 21, ~~May 16~~, August 15, November 21

Chessie Circle Coordinating Committee: January 13, ~~March 10~~, May 12, July 14, September 8, November 10