

Minutes

Pedestrian & Bikeways Steering Committee

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8:00 a.m.

TMACOG Boardroom



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1. Welcome & Introductions

Chair Ed O'Reilly called the meeting to order and asked members to introduce themselves.

2. Approval of November Minutes

Michelle Grigore moved that the minutes be approved. Howard Abts seconded the motion. All approved.

3. New Business

a. Bike Month 2015 Update

Lance Dasher reported that the subcommittee for Bike Month is planning activities very similar to last year including the Ride of Silence and the Farmer's Market event. The group is developing a new logo and theme.

b. Sylvania Area Bikeways Planning

Christine Connell reported that a group including Olander Parks, Sylvania, Sylvania Township, Sylvania Area Joint Recreation District and Lucas County have asked TMACOG to participate in discussions that build on the work done to develop the proposed bikeway network for the Long Range Plan. In particular they are looking at how the major bikeways planned for their region connect at the neighborhood level.

c. Draft Ohio Strategic Highway Safety Plan – Pedestrian and Bicycle sections

Christine Connell shared the pedestrian and bicycle rider sections of the draft Ohio Strategic Highway Safety Plan. She encouraged members to review the proposed strategies and provide feedback which she will pass along to the authors.

4. Old Business

a. 2045 Long Range Plan Update

The projects for the plan have been ranked and the fiscal constraint for the projects listed in the long range plan is being applied. There will be a series of public meetings in early March. All are encouraged to attend and provide comment.

b. Chessie Circle Trail Development Update

The Chessie Circle Coordinating committee did not meet in February. Plans are still moving forward for removal the old railroad bridge over the Maumee River and developing the Metroparks portion of the trail. The City of Toledo will continue to make improvements once the weather permits including installing some safety railings.

5. Member Initiatives Roundtable: Updates to local plans, events, announcements

- Steve Day noted that the Toledo Waterways Initiative project will impact the bike path on Front Street near the Craig Bridge.
- Jenny Hansen reported that a SRTS grant for infrastructure and non-infrastructure initiatives is being prepared for the Toledo Public School System. About 15 infrastructure projects (out 115 identified) will receive top priority for funding. These include projects such as sidewalk and intersection improvements. Funding for non-infrastructure elements will include district-wide educational projects such as bike-to-school and walk-to-school programs and a drive smart initiative to discourage distracted driving and walking. Plans call for implementing walking school busses at 10 schools, and distributing helmets and other safety gear at bike fix-it events. There is also a campaign underway to encourage snow removal from sidewalks on priority walking corridors.
- Pat Squire noted that the Maumee Valley Adventurers have informational cards about the group available.
- Michelle Grigore reported that the city of Bowling Green will focus efforts on Court Street and along the East Wooster corridor. The Complete Streets ordinance will likely go to BG City Council in March.
- Dick Currie sought confirmation of the date for the Maumee River Multi-Use path in Perrysburg. It's expected in fiscal year 2019 which begins on July 1, 2018.
- Dick Kudner noted that the Maumee Valley Heritage Corridor group will likely have another event this spring or early summer.
- Emily Ziegler reported that the final plan set for the Sidecut Trail is basically set. The project is expected to go to bid soon, and quickly followed by ground-breaking. The trail will be mostly a path separated from the roadway, except in a few places where circumstances will cause it to join up with the road. There is no update for the Middle Grounds Park at this time.

- Steve Atkinson mentioned that April 9 has been designated as [STAND UP FOR TRANSPORTATION DAY](#). The goal of this initiative is to spread awareness about for the need for a long-term, sustainable, and reliable federal transportation funding bill. Look for more details about possible events in our region.
- Christine Connell shared information on several events. Visit the websites for more information and/or to register:
 - [Mayors Challenge](#); A challenge to mayors and local elected officials to take significant action to improve safety for bicycle riders and pedestrians of all ages and abilities over the next year. Mayors' Challenge participants will be invited to attend the Mayors' Summit for Safer People, Safer Streets in March, and their cities will spend a year helping their communities undertake activities to improve safety.
 - [National Bike Summit in Washington, D.C.](#); March 10-12
 - [North American Bike Week in Detroit](#); March 25-29
 - [Ohio Bicycling Summit in Columbus](#); April 22
 - [Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure](#) will be in northwest Ohio, including in Bowling Green June 20-27.

2015 Schedule (please mark your calendars):

- **Full** Committee meets quarterly on 3rd Tuesdays: January 20, April 21, July 21, October 20
- **Steering** Committee meets quarterly on 3rd Tuesdays: February 17, May 19, August 18, November 17