

# Minutes

## Pedestrian & Bikeways Steering Committee

February 21, 2017

8:00 a.m.

TMACOG Boardroom



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### 1. Welcome & Introductions

Ed O'Reilly called the meeting to order.

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

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

### 3. New Business

#### a. Resource Update: ODOT and ODH Active Transportation Funding Due 3-3-17

As part of the Ohio Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP), the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is offering \$1.7 M in state and federal Highway Safety Funds to support safe, active transportation. This is in a response to the rise in pedestrian and bicyclist injuries and fatalities across the state, as well as an ongoing chronic disease epidemic largely preventable by creating environments that support active lifestyles. Click on the AT link for more details:

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Planning/ProgramManagement/HighwaySafety/ActiveTransportation/Pages/default.aspx>

#### b. Resource Update: Bike-Ped Resources for Engineers

ODOT has compiled a handy reference listing of resources for engineers on a variety of pedestrian and bicycle standards. Find it here:

[http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Planning/ProgramManagement/HighwaySafety/ActiveTransportation/Documents/Final%20Ped\\_Bike\\_Engineer%20Resource%20Guide.pdf](http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Planning/ProgramManagement/HighwaySafety/ActiveTransportation/Documents/Final%20Ped_Bike_Engineer%20Resource%20Guide.pdf) It was suggested this would get wider distribution by doing a Big Picture article about it.

### 4. Old Business

#### a. Chessie Circle Trail Development Update

The group met in February in order to expedite discussions on production level design specifications for kiosks. The group is working to develop a user map of the trail for use by the general public. The March meeting is cancelled.

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

TMACOG is working to acquire resolutions from nearly two dozen jurisdictions in Lucas and Wood counties. The goal is to have them completed by the end of March.

#### c. Regional Bike Users Map Development

Staff has developed an online portal for allowing people to draw their routes and offer comments. A paper version was presented. This will be distributed first at area bike shops with later plans to distribute them at area libraries. A general request was made to TMACOG to work more to tie in such efforts with social media channels.

**d. Bike Month 2017**

The subcommittee has been formed and is meeting regularly to develop the itinerary and theme for 2017. Ways to promote the 3-foot passing law are being explored. Bowling Green will host its first ever Ride of Silence.

**5. Member Initiatives Roundtable**

Dick Currie shared a short Blade article reporting on growing interest within the city's recreation committee for bike lanes and multi-use paths.

Dick Kudner commented on the increasing numbers of people using bicycles for transportation. He wonders if the number of crashes is trending upward because there are more riders or if there are other reasons.

Keith Webb asked about the status of any plans concerning the Clinton Secondary.

***2017 Ped-Bike Meeting Schedules:***

***Full Ped-Bike Committee (Quarterly on 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays): January 17, April 18, July 18, October 17***

***Steering Ped-Bike Committee (Quarterly on 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays): February 21, May 16, August 15, November 21***

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