

# Minutes

## Pedestrian & Bikeways Full 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 October Minutes

Michelle Grigore moved that the minutes be approved. Tom Vanden Eynden seconded the motion. All approved.

### 3. New Business

#### a. Committee Leadership and Nominations Vote

The slate of nominees for chair, vice chair, and steering members was presented and a call for additional nominees was made. No additional nominations came forward. The committee voted unanimously in favor of the slate as presented.

#### b. Annual Work Plan

The annual work plan for FY 2016 for pedestrian and bikeways was presented and the work products for the upcoming year were discussed.

#### c. Call for Subcommittee Members-Bike Month 2015

A subcommittee will be formed to plan the upcoming bike month goals and activities. Steve Atkinson, Keith Webb, Pat Squire, and Melissa Hallenbeck volunteered. It was recommended that a representative from Metroparks be asked to participate. Other volunteers are welcome to join. Contact Lance Dasher for details.

### 4. Old Business

#### a. 2045 Long Range Plan: Update on ped-bike projects

The pedestrian and bikeways projects listed in the draft 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan have been incorporated with the projects from various other modes and have been ranked. This process caused few small revisions so new maps have been posted on the ped-bike webpage.

#### b. Chessie Circle Trail Development Update

The city of Toledo has installed crushed gravel on the section from Bowman Park to Monroe Street as an interim step.

The city of Toledo and University of Toledo may submit a new Clean Ohio Trails Fund application that seeks to address connectivity issues at the Bancroft/Ottawa Park area. It was noted that UToledo long range plan calls for a ped bridge across Westwood and connection between Bancroft and Dorr. The UT student government proposed a resolution regarding trail improvements and connections to University/Parks Trail.

The committee discussed the “work-around” near the active rail section.

Paving of the Metroparks-owned section from River Road to Glanzman Rd will most likely occur in spring of 2016. Discussions are taking place now as to strategy to remove the old railroad bridge over the Maumee River.

## 5. Member Initiatives Roundtable

- Terry Waltzer asked about an update on the Sylvania-Metamora and Kilburn projects. These have been postponed slightly as other projects were moved forward. Expect an announcement regarding a public hearing sometime this spring.
- Pat Squire announced that planning is underway for the 2015 ride schedule for the Maumee Valley Adventurers, and noted that the New Year’s Day ride was very successful.
- Dick Currie continues to look for strategies to support installing bike lanes on S. Boundary in Perrysburg.
- Melissa Hallenbeck noted that the ped-bike subcommittee of the Safe Kids Coalition has been dissolved, however the activities of that group will continue under the coalition. SKC was successful in its Safe School Zone grant application and will therefore be conducting a workshop to identify and prioritize walk to school projects. The Toledo Hospital grant on Safe Routes to School will continue.
- Keith Webb highlighted a collaborative project between Metroparks of Toledo and several bike groups to purchase and install “Fix-It” bike stations. The clubs involved are: Maumee Valley Adventurers, Maumee Valley Wheelmen, Toledo Area Bicyclists, and We Are Traffic!. Each group will purchase a station and the Metroparks will install them. Locations are still being finalized. We Are Traffic! Will add the stations to its online map which also includes locations of bike racks. Metroparks will renew its special permit program to ride on trails after dark.
- All: Several upcoming bike events were mentioned:
  - [North American Bike Week in Detroit](#) March 25-29;
  - [National Bike Summit in Washington, D.C.;](#)
  - [Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure](#) will be in northwest Ohio, including in Bowling Green June 20-27.

### Upcoming Schedule:

**Full Committee:** Quarterly on 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays:

2015: January 20, April 21, July 21, October 20

**Steering Committee:** Quarterly on 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays:

2015: February 17, May 19, August 18, Nov. 17