

Minutes

Pedestrian & Bikeways 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 November Minutes

Pat Squire moved that the minutes be approved, Neil Munger seconded the motion. All approved.

3. New Business

a. Committee Elections

Staff indicated that there are three positions that need to be elected by the Pedestrian and Bikeways Committee: Chair, Vice-Chair, and the Transportation Improvement Committee representative. A motion was made by Steve Atkins to select Ed O'Reilly serve as the Chair and the representative to the TIP Committee, and to select Emily Ziegler as the Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Pat Squire. The motion passed.

b. Modal Conflict Points – Bicycle Facilities vs Motorized Traffic

Staff presented a print map and a web map of locations where there is a conflict point where a bicycle facility meets motorized traffic and the two modes have to merge together. Staff only looked at the higher volume conflict points. The purpose of this is to feed the Multimodal Needs Assessment of the TMACOG area. That document is an input to the Long Range Plan, and the locations that are determined with this map will help staff look deeper into the locations to determine if anything needs to be proposed with said locations in the next Long Range Plan. The committee gave some feedback to staff, and staff will make the necessary adjustments and return with a final copy in March.

4. Old Business

a. Regional Bike Users Map Development

Staff provided the next draft of the User map, and the committee broke out into groups to provide feedback. Staff also indicated that a sub group was formed to help provide fine detailed feedback. The next draft will be the final draft before it goes to print in time for Bike Month.

b. Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Update

The safety information at previous meetings has been put on hold for the time being to get some other things accomplished. There should be another update by the May meeting.

c. Chessie Circle Trail Development Update

The next Chessie Circle Trail meeting is Friday, January 19th at 10:00 am. The group will be finalizing what will be preserved from the bridge for historical purposes.

d. Proposed US and State Bicycle Routes

ODOT is looking to hire a consultant to acquire all of the missing legislation to accomplish the AASHTO requirements of naming US Bicycle routes. TMACOG is still missing two pieces of legislation.

e. Bike Month

The sub group for Bike Month 2018 is meeting Thursday, January 18th at 1:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

5. Member Initiatives Roundtable

Dan Becker indicated that he would like to see all facilities on the Bike User Map, and the membership of the Ped Bike Committee has helped the membership of TAB.

Steve Atkinson announced that TARTA routes are now on Google Maps.

Emily Ziegler announced that the Metroparks applied for a TIGER grant to connect Secor Metropark to Oak Openings. Emily also indicated that the Metroparks will be applying for Clean Ohio funds for the completion of the Blue Creek Trail in Whitehouse.

Dick Currie congratulated Kurt Ericksen for his TMACOG tenure.

Pat Squire indicated that MVA is in the planning stages of the 2018 rides.

Julie Thomas announced that there is a Women in Transportation Northwest Ohio meeting on February 21st at Social near UT.

Ron Myers announced that the Sylvania Met bike path has been completed, and so has the sidewalk to the Sylvania Library. He also indicated that the construction of the University Parks Trail extension will begin construction this year.

Keith Webb informed the committee about the Gohio Commute promotion with bicycle helmets and lights. He indicated the Ride of Silence will also take place in Bowling Green again this year.