

Minutes

Pedestrian & Bikeways Steering Committee

May 19, 2015

8:00 a.m.

TMACOG Boardroom



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1. Welcome & Introductions

Vice Chair Emily Ziegler called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of November Minutes

Pat Squire moved that the minutes be approved. Jenny Hansen seconded the motion. All approved.

3. New Business

a. Legislative Update –House Bill 154: Safe passing distance/malfunctioning lights

Christine Connell reported that this legislation adjusts existing language for malfunctioning signals and add new language pertaining to safe passing—defining a minimum distance of 3 feet for a motorist to pass a bicyclist. Pat Squire moved to recommend that the ped-bike committee draft a resolution in support of HB 154. Dick Kudner seconded the motion. All approved. A resolution will be presented to the full committee in July.

b. Bike Share: Review of business models and impacts of bikeshare programs.

Christine Connell presented an overview of several bike share systems with attention to the types of business models, metrics, and demographics of various programs. The committee then discussed whether bikeshare is appropriate for our region at this point in time. This conversation centered around whether or not Toledo could successfully develop a program on the Dayton model which relies on the transit operator. Other comments dealt with helmet usage, involvement of the parks systems and questions on whether there is sufficient population density here to support a program.

4. Old Business

a. 2045 Long Range Plan Update

The plan goes to the TMACOG board of trustees for approval in June. The goal is to have it in place for the fiscal year beginning on July 1.

b. Chessie Circle Trail Development Update

The Chessie Circle Coordinating committee met on May 8. The old railroad bridge over the Maumee River will require further review including an updated assessment of the bridge condition. The Metroparks portion of the trail will likely proceed to be developed on schedule during 2016. A discussion on alternatives to the active rail section is focused on how to get around/across the Airline Yard intermodal facility.

c. Bike Month Update

With bike month halfway over there has been a great deal of media coverage this year. During the farmers' market event many people expressed interest in the Chessie Circle Trail.

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

- Jenny Hansen reported that 7 schools registered for bike-to-school day. Prior to bike-to-school day there were several bike 8 fix-it events at which 160 bikes were serviced and 220 helmets were fitted and distributed. Arlington Elementary alone had over 150 bikers and 150 walkers for a very successful day. Jenny shared a video documenting the event:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u-OR9c-n6UU&feature=em-share_video_user
- Pat Squire noted that Maumee Valley Adventurers members have been using the City of Toledo's portion of the Chessie Circle Trail. MVA has four rides scheduled over the summer; details can be found here: <http://www.mvadventurers.org/>. Four Fixit stations have been installed throughout the area with one more to be placed at the Fallen Timbers visitors center. A press release about the stations is here: http://www.metroparkstoledo.com/metro/item.asp?item_id=6114
- Dick Kudner noted that the City of Bowling Green is considering complete streets legislation.
- Emily Ziegler reported that the final plan set for the Sidecut Trail is should gain approval in June with construction set for this summer. 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.
- Dick Currie noted that Perrysburg's plan for Riverside Park are being developed and he hopes to see more bike facilities in Perrysburg along with a more bike-friendly culture. He noted that the Perrysburg –Maumee bridge is a key crossing, and is part of several local, regional, state and national trails.
- Lance Dasher added that due to changes in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Perrysburg's Riverside project may move up to FY2016.

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