

# Minutes

## Pedestrian & Bikeways Steering Committee

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TMACOG Boardroom



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### 1. Welcome & Introductions

Ed O'Reilly

### 2. Approval of August Minutes *[minutes]*

Dick Currie moved that the minutes be approved. Steve Atkinson seconded the motion. All approved.

### 3. New Business

#### a. Annual Work Plan *[Draft for Review]*

Christine Connell presented the section of Pedestrian and Bikeways planning of TMACOG's annual work plan that identifies the planning activities proposed for the next fiscal year. After review and discussion it was decided to add references to safety in the Goal statement and in the Objectives. The revised section will be provided to SEMCOG by the end of the year.

#### b. Developing a New Regional Map Bike Users Map

A workgroup is forming to develop a new Toledo Regional Bicycle User Map. The resource is intended to be a guide for bicycle users of all skill levels to assist them in selecting routes on the roadway system appropriate for their skill level. It is intended to be useful for commuters and recreational riders alike. The committee will meet to outline a process for the project and to begin thinking about ways to categorize routes types by degree of difficulty of the route. The focus will be on based on bike level of service criteria such as pavement conditions, speed (posted/effective), traffic volumes, and other attributes as feasible.

Howard Abts, Pat Squire, Steve Atkinson, Keith Webb, and Emily Zeigler have volunteered to serve on this subcommittee.

It is expected to produce a new map by December of 2016. In the interim, an 11x17, two-sided user map will be produced and distributed. This is envisioned as a map that will fold down to smaller "brochure" size. Side one is to have current existing/committed map (with fixit stations or other elements); side two is some subset of text based resources (i.e. safety tips, rules of the road, equipment & repair, etc. as will fit).

**c. Call for Committee Leadership Nominations**

The current list of Steering committee members was reviewed and all members present agreed to be nominated. In addition, Dick Kudner (not present) was nominated. Pat Squire, also not present, self-nominated via email. Additional nominations and a vote will be taken at the January meeting.

**4. Old Business**

**a. Chessie Circle Trail Development Update**

The City of Toledo plans to construct bike lanes on Bancroft St. in FY2017. They are proposing to connect these bike lanes to the trail by going constructing a sidepath along University Hills Blvd. the City of Toledo has a CMAQ application pending to pave the trail from University Hills to Bowman Park. If this application is successful the project will likely occur in FY21.

Members were reminded that the next meeting of the Chessie Circle Coordinating Committee has been moved from November 13 to December 11.

**b. University/Parks Trail Maintenance Plan Development**

UPT was the first Rail to Trail in the region and is now over two decades old. Ongoing maintenance and operations of the trail are a growing concern. The TMP is a way to create a common and agreed upon set of expectations regarding facility standards and costs. The element of the TMP are providing a brief history of the UPT and its role in the over bike network; Analysis of current conditions (including the fencing); Proposed extensions; A breakdown of routine and non-routine maintenance tasks and standards; Costs and budget recommendations; and a communications plan for when and how to engage adjacent property owners and other key stakeholders. Next meeting is December 7. Goal is to have a draft completed by April or May and then to seek review and approval of the plan by the owners.

**c. Proposed U.S. Bicycle Routes in the Region—Update and Next Steps**

Staff shared a [new draft map](#) of proposed routes for U.S numbered routes 25, 30, and 40A. Advocates and the TMACOG ped-bike committee are encouraged to provide input on the proposed routes. The purpose of the map is to serve as a tool for meeting with affected jurisdictions to review the routes and to seek local resolutions of support. Once finalized, routes will be submitted to AASHTO for certification. Thereafter, routes may be altered as new facilities are developed.

Dick Currie and Emily Ziegler expressed concern with the small distance that USBR 25 would travel on SR 65. Additionally Emily Ziegler has proposed an alternative for USBR 40A that would cross the Maumee River in Perrysburg versus the currently mapped route that crosses in Waterville. Members also noted that more experienced riders might rather ride SR 64 to get more directly to the Wabash Cannonball Trail.

## 5. Member Initiatives Roundtable

- Lance Dasher noted that planning for Bike Month 2016 will soon get underway.
- Dick Currie reported bike advocates in Perrysburg are asking the city to allocate funds in its upcoming budget for signage and other steps that would make the community more bike friendly. It was noted that a recent application to the Clean Ohio Trails fund for improvements at Riverside Park was unsuccessful.
- Steve Atkinson reminded members that there will be a public meeting at 6 p.m. on Nov. 24 at Gesu Church regarding the 2015 Toledo Bike Plan. This bike plan is expected to go before Toledo City Council soon. He also noted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Loop program with the next event upcoming on November 19.
- Emily Zeigler mentioned Metroparks is in the final planning stages to develop a bike-friendly multipurpose trail to connect several natural areas including Secor and Wiregrass Lake Metroparks and the Nature Conservancy's Kitty Todd Preserve.

### **2016 Schedule: (please mark your calendars):**

**Full Committee:** Quarterly on 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays: January 19, April 19, July 19, October 18

**Steering Committee:** Quarterly on 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays: February 16, May 17, August 16, November 15