

Minutes

Pedestrian & Bikeways Committee

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TMACOG Boardroom



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1. Welcome & Introductions

Ed O'Reilly called the meeting to order.

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

Mike Young moved that the minutes be approved, Terry Waltzer seconded the motion. All approved.

3. New Business

a. Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Update

Staff presented a heat map of all pedestrian and bicycle crashes in Lucas and Wood Counties. These maps were also shared with the SPAM committee, and it was staff's suggestion to identify some areas to look deeper into the data. Staff indicated that it is very difficult to identify who is at fault or what is causing the issues without reading each individual crash report. This is what staff will do moving forward in looking at the high-density areas. The committee would like to see a breakdown of ages as well. Staff will assemble that data the best as possible.

b. Bike Month 2018

Staff indicated that it is time to start preparing for next May, Bike Month. Staff will be assembling a subcommittee to help facilitate the preparations.

c. Bike Counting

TMACOG received a grant to expand the traffic counting program, and now TMACOG will be counting bicyclists. Staff presented a map of the locations that have been counted so far, and staff indicated that they will take suggestions of when, where, and how long to count for. This pilot program is just getting started, and staff will continue to count throughout the winter to try and get seasonal data.

d. FY 2019 Annual Work Program

Staff presented a draft of the FY2019 AWP to the committee for their consideration. The work products listed included Bike Month, updating/maintaining bike and pedestrian data, staff support for the Pedestrian and Bikeways Committee and the Chessie Circle Committee, continuous work on the counting program, and an update to the 2045 Bike Network for the Long Range Plan Update.

A motion was made by Mike Young to approve the FY 2019 AWP for the Pedestrian and Bikeways Committee 60150, and the motion was seconded by Pat Squire. The motion passed.

4. Old Business

a. Chessie Circle Trail Development Update

People are using the newly paved Metroparks section in what appears to be large numbers. The historical preservation of the bridge is the next step in the process before the bridge can be demolished. The group is looking at saving a portion of the center of the bridge to have a historical interpretive piece to display how the bridge could have functioned. The final decision will be submitted to ODOT in January. The bridge will come down next year.

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

Just 1 of the 21 jurisdictions, Plain Township, has yet to approve a resolution. Of the 20 jurisdictions that have approved the resolution only Waterville Township has yet to provide a copy of its resolution. Staff will continue to work with these two jurisdictions and will provide a report on progress around the rest of the state when information becomes available.

c. Regional Bike Users Map Development

Staff provided the first draft of the map, and the committee broke out into groups to provide comments. Staff will revise the map based on the comments and provide the next draft at the January meeting.

5. Member Initiatives Roundtable

Jenny Hansen indicated that all TPS schools participated in Walk to School Day, and the fix-it events leading up to the Walk to School Day repaired approximately 200 bikes, and approximately 380 helmets were provided. About 42% of the TPS students participated in active Transportation on Walk to School Day.

Steve Atkinson announced that TARTA is taking comments on talktarta.com.

Terry Waltzer announced that Maumee Valley Adventurers bike club had a great Irish Hills tour on September 17, and a great turnout for the tombstone ride.

Dick Currie indicated that the latest election could help biking in Perrysburg.