

Minutes

Pedestrian & Bikeways Steering Committee

September 19, 2017

8:00 a.m.

TMACOG Boardroom



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1. Welcome & Introductions

Ed O'Reilly called the meeting to order.

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

Steve Atkinson moved that the minutes be approved, Terry Waltzer seconded the motion. All approved.

3. New Business

a. Pedestrian Safety Update

Staff provided two maps of crashes, one of Lucas County and the other of Wood County. The maps broke down the crashes by age with under 18 and over 18 to help indicate who was involved in the crashes. Staff indicated the System Performance and Monitoring Committee is currently looking at this as well. The committee had some good discussion on how the staff can dive more into the data by breaking the data down by crash severity, time of day, seasonal, and who is at fault. Staff indicated that it is difficult to determine who is at fault without reading each individual crash report, but the other things are very doable. The committee would also like to see a list of high crash locations such as intersections or corridors that could be studied more to determine possible flaws in the infrastructure. Staff will be working to accomplish this as well as for bicyclists too. The next meeting will include more detail on pedestrian crashes and introduce bicycle crashes.

4. Old Business

a. Chessie Circle Trail Development Update

People are using the newly paved Metroparks section in what appears to be large numbers. Metroparks is working to present the final look for kiosk panel content and trail signage to the committee for its approval. The Maumee River Bridge will have pieces saved for historical significance. These pieces will be used along the trail to preserve that historical significance. The Chessie Circle Committee will have a recommendation in December for which pieces should be saved. TMACOG is also exploring negotiations to acquire the Clinton Secondary stretch of abandoned rail that runs between UT main campus and Scott Park campus.

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

The TMACOG Graphics department is working on what TMACOG can do internally to accomplish the production of the Regional Bike Users Map. TMACOG will then seek sponsorship for any out of house design work and print cost that TMACOG does not have the budget for.

5. Member Initiatives Roundtable

Emily Ziegler indicated that the Metroparks has received funding to complete the Blue Creek Trail in the Village of Whitehouse.

Steve Day added that the drawings for the Chessie Circle Connector along University Hills Blvd and the Overland Trail are complete. Work should begin within the next year.

Jenny Hansen indicated that 39 schools in TPS have registered for Walk to School Day on October 4th. The press event will be held at Hawkins Elementary that morning.

Steve Atkinson announced that TARTA is holding public transit forum on September 25th at Mott Library.

Terry Waltzer announced that Maumee Valley Adventurers bike club had a great Irish Hills tour on September 17. Go to <http://www.mvadventurers.org/> for details on this ride and the Tombstone ride in October.

Dick Kudner encouraged the committee to help make people aware of the crash statistics

Dick Currie congratulated the City of Waterville on their new path along the Anthony Wayne Trail. He also indicated that he is still working on The City of Perrysburg to incorporate more bicycle facilities.

John Pristash updated the group on the Sylvania River Trail construction. The project will go to bid in September and a late fall ground-breaking is expected.

Mike Young indicated that a piece of the Overland Trail will be going through Woodlawn Cemetery and that improvement should be done within a year.

Lance Dasher noted that right-of-way issue have delayed the bike share launch until next spring.

Tom Garey introduced himself as a member of the University of Toledo Cycling Club. Thanks to City of Toledo for repairing the University Parks Trail.

6. Events & Announcements

- a. National Walk to School Day October 4th.
- b. Mid-America Trails and Greenways Conference (MATAG) in Columbus, OH, May 13-16, 2018. <http://www.matag.org/>

2017 Ped-Bike Meeting Schedules:
November 21, 2017

Chessie Circle Coordinating Committee: January 13, ~~March 10~~, May 12, June 16, ~~July 14~~, September 8, November 10