**Report**

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Pedestrian & Bikeways Advisory Group

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9:00 a.m.

TMACOG Boardroom

1. **Welcome & Introductions**

The meeting started with introductions.

1. **Discussions**
   * **Bike Month Updates:**
     + Raj Gave updates on bike month events. Which includes the AW Trail ribbon cutting, Bike to Work bus, Ride of Silence, Family Bicycling event, & attending regional farmers markets.

* Bike Bus – Andrew Sankowski & Amanda Holman updating the group. Coordination went well and overall, a successful event. The goal is to do another Bike Bus event in the fall.
* Family Bike event at Glass City Metropark: A good showing for the family bike ride event despite the rain.
  + **TMACOG Regional Active Transportation Plan**
* Amira Nur and Raj Nagisetty gave the advisory group an update on the Active Transportation plan.

1. **Advisory Group Roundtable**

* The group proposed coordinating with and incorporating Rat Ride events & The Right Direction Org. to bike month outreach.
* The advisory group agreed to take a look at an updated regional bike user map to help make sure it is up to date and correct.
* MVA wanted to highlight their weekly walks/rides. More info. On their website: <https://www.mvadventurers.org/calendar>
* Chris Smalley gave an update on Chessie Circle Trail – Phase 1 in wood county & the Slippery Elm Trail resurfacing. Here is link to support the Wood County Park District with the development of the Chessie Circle trail by becoming a [member](https://wcparks.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/wcparks/membershipJoin.jsp) or [donations](https://wcparks.app.neoncrm.com/forms/17).
* Allen Gallant gave an update on the Wabash Cannon Ball Trial resurfacing and a solution to some flooding issues at Sidecut Metropark that being implemented.
* Babar Seltzer gave an update on the Riverside Trail project and its continued progress to eventually connect to downtown Toledo.
* Thomas Geary – Updated the group on successfully tracking Engage Toledo requests.
* Bob Ewing wanted to promote the availability of Handicap Cycles to those that need them.
* Andrew Sankowski updated the group on attending a city council meeting regarding bicycling and bike month.
* Marcus Hansen – Gave Raj suggestions for Sylvania Farmers Markets for future outreach & promoted [Ridin Late in County 48](https://redbirdsylvania.org/ridin-late-in-county-48/) (click link for registration page) on August 23rd, 2025.
* Hannah (Mercy)
* Amanda Holman – spoke about The Commuter Project being used as an engagement tool.
* Amanda Gamby – Updated the group on the BG’s Bike Safety Commission
* Florence Buchanan -
* Brian Pawlik – Gave updates on the status of SEMCOG’s Safe Streets 4 All grant.
* Rick Weissenbacher – Aked about the future of the Parkside Blvd. multiuse path. Stephanie Bartlett & Babar Seltzer provided details on the reconstruction of the Parkside Blvd. multiuse path.
* Howard Abst suggested adding visible street signage where trails intersect with major roads to improve the ability of new riders/visitors to orient themselves.