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Active Transportation Advisory Group

Meeting Date & Time: May. 19th, 2026: 9:00 AM – 11 AM

Meeting Location: Lake Erie West Regional Council Offices, 300 Doctor M.L.K. Jr Dr Ste 300, Toledo, OH 43604

1. Welcome & Introductions

- The meeting began with introductions.

2. Topics

I. Regional Active Transportation Plan

- Sean Sammon informed the group that the ATP is still open for comments through June 1st and is being actively updated to address comments. The plan will be presented to the Technical Advisory Committee on June 3rd for review, and the MPO Policy Board on June 17th for approval.

II. Active Transportation Plan One-Page Graphic

- The ATP one-pager was developed by the comms team to provide a high-level overview of regional goals, showcase trails and regional connections.
- The provided QR code will still take you to the new bike map once it is updated.
- Lake Erie West is working with the state on attaining more granular crash/traffic data, there needs to be more standardized reporting in the future. Request made to quantify county data per 1,000 population.
- The group discussed ways to capture the number of riders in the region. Strava, streetlight data, bike sales and leveraging the bike registration ordinance were mentioned, although the latter is known to be an unreliable source as most riders do not register their bikes.

III. Bike Month Updates & Events Recap

- The Bike Month Kick-Off event was a success. SRTS was able to give out over fifty helmets during helmet-fittings, the event captured 2-3 birthdays and despite snow and cloud cover, the event had a great turnout.
- Raj Nagisetty engaged with 70-80 attendees at EcoFest on May 9th.
- Bike To Work Day went smoothly, although attendance was fewer than previous years. Only 2 riders rode downtown to meet with other bikers heading to work. Lake Erie West is currently working on a north-south route for the following years and possibly August this year. A ride twice per year was discussed among the group.
- Possible Bike Month sub-group proposed.
- Ride of Silence logistics were discussed amongst the group. Ride starts at 7pm, a pace of 10mph. Bob Ewing from Cycling without Age will be on site. Tony requested a static display, 3 memorial stops. Program will start at 6:45pm, and family members will speak for those who have passed. The Mayor of Toledo is planning to ride and some media coverage will be on hand.

IV. Safe Roads Initiative

- Nicole Fuizzotti recently participated in a group ride in Cleveland and identified gaps in the education of riders. She took note of the signage in Cleveland Metroparks, pavement markings and their safety campaign which emphasizes not only sharing the road but the right of bikes to take the full lane and receive more than 3 feet of space. Nicole and group agreed merging SRI with ATAG, SRI to be a regular agenda item for future meetings.

- Andrew Sankowski expressed the need for a grassroots effort towards advocating for cyclist safety and hosting public meetings to address concerns.

V. Regional Policy Agenda

- Annsley Mann, Lake Erie West's Grant Coordinator, gave an overview of the Regional Policy, an in-development unified and cohesive document that will showcase regional policy priorities and which will allow staff to easily distribute, discuss, and identify our priorities to our State and Federal Legislators.

3. Advisory Group Roundtable

- Ride of Silence: The Ride of Silence will be held on May 20th at the University of Toledo and will begin at 6:00 PM.
- City of Toledo: The city is working with partners to obtain an SS4A grant which they plan to use to address pedestrian safety concerns. COT is also currently accepting comments for their Bike Plan Review.
- Mercy Health: A family-friendly ride will be hosted by Mercy Health in order to raise funds for helmets.
- TARTA: TARTA's bus rapid transit project is currently underway and is looking at potentially having bikes on BRT buses.
- Marcus Hansen: Sylvania Summer Markets will be held every Tuesday from May 26 through August 25 from 5-8:00 PM at Olander Park.
- B Team Bike Club: B Team is a bike community that meets at 6:30 PM every Tuesday at Levis Square in Downtown Toledo and rides out at 7:00 PM. B Team participates in sizeable community bike rides and is open to the public.