

Minutes

Pedestrian & Bikeways Committee

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8:30 a.m.

TMACOG Boardroom



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1. Welcome & Introductions

Lance Dasher called the meeting to order. Lance ran the meeting in the absence of the chair and vice-chair. There was also not a quorum to approve anything.

2. Approval of September Minutes

This will be approved at the next meeting due to the lack of obtaining a quorum.

3. New Business

a. TMACOG's Complete Streets Policy

Lance Dasher shared with the committee the current complete streets policy. Lance indicated that this policy was approved in 2014, and now it is time to look to update the policy. Lance asked the committee members to look over the policy to determine what would be some possible changes in the policy. Lance indicated that he will make suggestions for changes over the next few meetings. It was requested that the committee have an electronic version of the policy. Lance will send it out to the committee. It was also requested that the check list be sent out to the committee as well. There was discussion to include an educational piece in the policy as well.

4. Old Business

a. Ohio HB 288

Lance Dasher informed the committee that TMACOG took formal action on October 16, 2019 to oppose HB 288. The last that staff heard regarding HB 288 that an amendment might be coming to force non-elected boards to get approval from a board of commissioners or city council prior to the usage of eminent domain.

b. Bike Month 2020

Lance Dasher informed the committee that TMACOG was behind on Bike Month preparation due to staff turnover. Lance indicated that a Bike Month meeting will follow the meeting today. More to follow in upcoming meetings.

c. Active Transportation Academy

Lance Dasher informed the committee that the latest active transportation academy training was held on October 10th at Washington Local Schools. This training was focused on walk and bike audits. Lance asked the committee for input on any interested trainings regarding active transportation. Discussion by the committee members was leaning towards a transit or equity type of training.

5. Member Initiatives Roundtable

Danny Becker announced that the TAB annual banquet is January 26th.

Terry Waltzer announced that MVA annual Banquet is February 17th.

Lance Dasher welcomed the newest member of the committee, Steve Atkinson with Toledo Bikes!
Lance also indicated that TMACOG will be looking into crashes in the TMACOG region around bicycle facilities in response to an email from Howard Abts.

Neil Munger announced that the Wood County Park District has authorized funding to start title search to assist the Ottawa County Park District in completing the next section of the North Coast Inland Trail from Genoa to Millbury.

Mike Young asked how the counting program was going on the regional trails. Staff provided some broad numbers and indicated that they are counting year round on the Slippery Elm Trail.

Dick Currie asked why hasn't something been done with Monclova Road between Jerome and St Lukes. Staff and the chair informed the committee that this has been and is on the Lucas County Engineer's radar.

Zach Porter announced that the City of Toledo will receive \$1.4 million in pedestrian safety upgrades. Construction will take place in 2020.

Jenny Hansen updated the committee on the Washington Local School Travel Plan. The plan should be complete for submittal in February.

Allen Gallant announced that the Wabash Cannonball Trail North Fork will be extended 6 miles into Fulton County.