

Minutes

Pedestrian & Bikeways Committee

June 15, 2021

8:30 a.m.

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1. Welcome & Introductions

Ed O'Reilly called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of March 16, 2021 Minutes

Neil Munger made a motion to approve the minutes from March. Mike Young seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. New Business

a. Meeting Location

Lance Dasher indicated that starting on July 1st that TMACOG will be opening the offices to hold committee meetings again. Lance informed the committee that it was their decision to go back to meeting in person, stay virtual, or have a hybrid option. The boardroom has equipment installed to have a virtual option for people to attend in that manner. The only caveat is that all voting matters have to be done in person. No virtual votes can be counted. The committee consensus was to have a hybrid style meeting. The July meeting will be in person and virtual.

b. Sylvania and University/Parks Trail Connection

Lance Dasher sent a video and a document of a senior project done by engineering students at the University of Toledo regarding a potential multiuse path connection between the end of the Sylvania River Trail at Monroe St and the University/Parks Trail at Wildwood Metropark. Councilperson Cappellini spoke from the City of Sylvania's perspective and indicated that she is willing to help move this project forward. The committee members indicated that they would like some time to review the overall project and potentially here from the students at the next meeting. Lance said that he would invite them. Lance also indicated that the overall concept of this trail connection is consistent with a project in the long range plan by making similar connections, and this specific project is not in the plan.

4. Old Business

a. Trail Counts

Lance Dasher informed the committee that TMACOG has been counting the major trails for a year now. The counters were set up on the University/Parks Trail, Chessie Circle Trail, Wabash Cannonball South Fork, and the Slippery Elm Trail in May of 2020. At the beginning of the pandemic, there was an unusual high number of trail users. TMACOG wanted to capture that data in comparison to previous counts. TMACOG decided to leave the counters out for a year and see what the trend was. This year the counts have dissipated, but they are still higher than the

pandemic. Lance indicated that he is working on a database to better display the data with people.

b. Bike Month 2021

Lance Dasher informed the committee that this year's Bike Month was different with being mostly virtual or simply promotional. There was great media coverage through 13ABC throughout the month. Lance also indicated that the Trail Challenge went better than anticipated with 25 participants. The messages received with the challenge were positive with people indicating that there were trails that they rode that they did not know existed. This was one of the reasons behind doing a trail challenge. Next year will hopefully be more normal with more in person events.

5. Member Initiatives Roundtable

Keith Webb informed the committee that the Lucas County Engineer will be adding bike lanes on Bancroft between King and Centennial.

Steve Day announced that the Chessie Circle will be paved, and construction should be done in August.

Babar Stelzer announced the Jefferson Cycle Track will be completed in July, and the Anthony Wayne Trail will have a sidepath constructed between Glendale and Detroit in FY 2022.

Zach Porter indicated that ODOT is conducting a feasibility study at Airport and I-475 and US 20 and I-75. Those studies include multiuse paths.