

Minutes

Pedestrian & Bikeways Committee

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8:30 a.m.

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1. Welcome & Introductions

Ed O'Reilly called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of February 18, 2020 Minutes

Julie Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes from August. Mike Young seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. New Business

a. State Route 795 Safety Study

Greg Bieszczad with Poggemeyer Design Group gave a presentation to the committee regarding the safety study that was conducted on SR 795 from approximately I-75 to I-280. The study looked at all modes of transportation, and they noticed that this area was lacking in bicycle facilities. They also noticed that this area is a gap in the regional network. To the east is the North Coast Inland Trail and to the west is the Wabash Cannonball Trail. The safety study provided a general proposal to use roads north of SR 795, and with improvements along the corridor there is a possible connection to get bicyclists through the study area. The proposed connection would be from Millbury to Perrysburg. The connection would probably include multiple facility types including on and off-road options. Rex Huffman with the Wood County Port Authority indicated that there is a strong need for this connection in terms of economic development and attraction for the region. He referred to Amazon's request to have multiple modes of transportation options available for their facility in Rossford. Rex asked the committee for its guidance on moving this connection forward seeing it to completion.

4. Old Business

a. Trail Counts

Lance Dasher informed the committee that TMACOG is still counting the trails in the region. Lance indicated that the counts have peaked, and he provided updated numbers to the committee.

5. Member Initiatives Roundtable

Lance Dasher announced that TMACOG has received a BUILD Grant for approximately \$23 million to build a phase of the Glass City Riverwalk.

Babar Stelzer informed the committee that a group called Bike Rides Matter meet at Uptown Green on Tuesdays at 6pm and Saturdays at 10am.

Keith Webb informed the committee that September 26th was Bike to the Park Day. He also mentioned that MVA was doing virtual rides.