

# Minutes

## Pedestrian & Bikeways Committee

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8:30 a.m.

TMACOG Boardroom



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### 1. Welcome & Introductions

Ed O'Reilly called the meeting to order.

### 2. Approval of July Minutes

Jamie Christian moved to approve the minutes. Terry Waltzer seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### 3. New Business

#### a. 2045 Plan Update 2020 – Non-Motorized Projects and Initiatives

Lance Dasher presented to the committee the goals, initiatives, and project list for the non-motorized projects to the committee for their consideration. These projects have been presented and before this committee in previous meetings. There was discussion regarding the initiatives about autonomous vehicles. Lance mentioned that there is a regional autonomous vehicle study incorporated in the initiatives to determine what we need as a region to be compatible with autonomous vehicles. There was concern that autonomous technology does not work well with pedestrians and bicyclists, and TMACOG should keep that in mind when planning for autonomous vehicles in the future.

A motion was made by Richard Currie to approve the non-motorized projects, goals and initiatives for the 2045 Plan Update 2020. The motion was seconded by Keith Webb. The motion passed.

#### b. Cycle Track Presentation

Keith Webb gave a presentation to the committee regarding cycle tracks in general. The presentation looked at the safety concerns that We Are Traffic has with cycle tracks. We Are Traffic feels that cycle tracks should be used in certain locations with less breaks in the corridor. There is a cycle track committed for Jefferson Ave between Summit St and Collingwood Ave. This will be the first true cycle track in the Toledo metropolitan area.

#### c. Ohio House Bill 288

Keith Webb gave a presentation to the committee regarding Ohio HB 288. If passed as written, this bill will take away the local jurisdictions' authority to use eminent domain for recreational facilities. There is concern that if passed, then locals will not even plan for projects including trails and sidewalks if they need right-of-way. Jurisdictions very rarely use eminent domain for recreational facilities, but if the locals do not have that option to fall back on, then there is no motivation for the land owner to settle.

A motion was made by Steve Spittler to seek TMACOG approval of opposing HB 288 and to write a letter to provide opposition on behalf of the Pedestrian and Bikeways Committee to submit for

the opponent testimony. The motion was seconded by Sean Smith. The motion passed.

#### **4. Old Business**

##### **a. Bike Month 2020**

Lance Dasher informed the committee that TMACOG and partners will be attempting to hold a street demonstration project during Bike Month 2020. If anyone would like to be involved in those conversations, contact Austin Mack at TMACOG.

##### **b. Active Transportation Academy**

Lance Dasher announced that the next active transportation academy training will be held in on October 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm at Washington Jr High, and this training will be focused on walk and bike audits. Registration is open.

##### **c. Transportation Alternatives Update**

Lance Dasher informed the committee with a list of projects that were applied for through TMACOG for TAP funding. These projects will be scored and ranked on September 18<sup>th</sup>. There is approximately \$2 million available through FY 2025.

#### **5. Member Initiatives Roundtable**

Allen Gallant announced that there will be a bike rodeo at Wildwood on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Terry Waltzer announced that the Irish Hills Tour will be this Sunday (Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>) and the Tombstone Tour will be on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Neil Munger announced that there will be a bike park coming to the Wood County Park District located at Rudolph Savanna.

Richard Currie asked about the Five Point Rd Application submitted to TMACOG. Lance indicated that it was not recommended for funding at this time.

Jenny Hansen talked about the progress with the SRTS travel plan with Washington Local. Jenny announced that October 2<sup>nd</sup> is Walk to School Day and the focus school will be McGregor Elementary with a press conference to follow at 9:30am.

Jamie Christian announced that the one year anniversary for ToLeGO is coming up on October 16<sup>th</sup>, and they have just over 1,700 members.

Jim Izbinski asked if there was a bicycle registration database available. There was a lot of discussion around this topic, and maybe something could be done at the bike shop level to help register bikes into a database.