

Minutes

Pedestrian & Bikeways Committee

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8:30 a.m.



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1. Welcome & Introductions

Keith Webb called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of May Minutes

Mike Young made a motion to approve the minutes from September and October. Dan Becker seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. New Business

a. TMACOG's Legislative Agenda

Lance Dasher shared with the committee the current Legislative Agenda. Lance informed the committee that there have been complaints in the Whitehouse area regarding police officers ticketing people with bicycles on the rear of their motorized vehicles for obstructing the license plate. There was discussion regarding this issue, and it was suggested to include language similar to Michigan. After the committee discussed other issues, Lance informed the committee that he will provide a draft to be considered to vote on at the August meeting.

b. Transportation Alternatives Reporting

Lance Dasher asked the committee to provide input on what they would like to have included into a Transportation Alternatives report to be done on a quarterly or biannual basis. There was feedback from the committee regarding the importance of reporting and updating the public on these projects. Lance said that he will put together a draft of what a report might look like and bring it to a future meeting.

4. Old Business

a. Complete Streets Policy

Lance Dasher informed the committee that TMACOG will be moving forward with the Complete Streets policy in August with the Transportation Council.

b. Bike Month 2020

Lance Dasher informed the committee that TMACOG has seen trail counts increase again over the month of June. The counts are up approximately 80% on the major trails compared to last year's numbers. Lance indicated that they will be setting another counter up in Oregon on the Starr Ave Extension path.

5. Member Initiatives Roundtable

Danny Becker announced that TAB will have a virtual ride in August.

Babar Stelzer informed the committee that the City of Toledo's primary focus is on the Overland, Chessie, and Riverside Trails. He also mentioned that the City of Toledo will be seeking a .25% roadway tax in the fall.

Lance Dasher informed the committee the Pat Squire's son passed away.

Keith Webb announced that MVA has cancelled the Irish Hills and Tombstone tours. Keith also asked if anyone wanted to help with the OBF Legislative Agenda.

Zach Porter announced that the City of Toledo's \$1.4 million in pedestrian improvements will be taking place next spring/summer.

Jenny Hansen updated the committee on the Washington Local School Travel Plan. Jenny also announced that there will be a bike fix-it on August 5th at Wolf YMCA.

Allen Gallant announced that the Wabash Cannonball Trail North Fork extension into Fulton County is under construction.

Rodney Shultz informed the committee that they had a bicycle fatality in Oregon. The cyclist was cited as at fault for improper crossing. The cyclist was also using head phones at the time of the crash. Oregon is looking to build a multiuse path along Dustin Rd to connect to their new downtown project. That project will begin next summer.