

Minutes

Pedestrian & Bikeways Committee

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1. Welcome & Introductions

Ed O'Reilly called the meeting to order, and everyone introduced themselves.

2. Approval of February 18, 2020 Minutes

Dan Becker made a motion to approve the minutes from February. Howard Abts seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. New Business

a. COVID-19 Impacts on the Trails

Lance Dasher shared with the committee the numbers that TMACOG has recorded on the Wabash Cannonball Trail – South Fork, Chessie Circle Trail, University/Parks Trail, and the Slippery Elm Trail. The numbers are up almost 70% from the counts taken last year. The Wabash Cannonball in the Village of Whitehouse is up 144% from last year. There was discussion regarding the high volumes on the trail system in general. There were concerns on how to social distance when the trails are so busy.

b. Washington Local Safe Routes to School Travel Plan

Jenny Hansen provided an update indicating that the Washington Local STP was submitted on time to ODOT, and that they will be looking to fund some projects this fall with both infrastructure and non-infrastructure. The education piece will be targeting not only students and staff of Washington Local, but also the community potentially through the PTO.

4. Old Business

a. Ohio HB 476

Lance Dasher informed the committee that there has not been any movement with HB 476. The primary sponsor of the bill, Rep Manning, passed away unexpectedly.

b. Bike Month 2020

Lance Dasher informed the committee that Bike Month 2020 has been a different Bike Month. All of the events have been either cancelled or postponed besides the Ride of Silence. The Ride of Silence will be held virtually at the same time as usual through a live platform. The rest of the Bike Month efforts have been focused on promoting bicycling as an alternative mode of transportation.

c. **TMACOG Complete Streets Policy**

Lance Dasher presented the staff recommended Complete Streets Policy. Lance went through a presentation that included background and what is changing from the original policy. The major change was that all TMACOG-funded projects would have to submit design plans to the Pedestrian and Bikeways Committee for their review/comment. This step would be to ensure that projects are building safe infrastructure for all users. Lance indicated that the policy will take effect after approved by the Board of Trustees.

A motion was made by Dan Becker to approve the Complete Streets Policy Update. The motion was seconded by Keith Webb. The motion passed with a 13-1 vote.

5. Member Initiatives Roundtable

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

Dan Becker indicated that he would like to see and would help with a newsletter that provided trail updates to the public.

Mike Young asked if infrastructure money would be impacted by COVID-19. Staff responded indicating that it will be impacted, but we are not sure what the exact impacts are yet.

Keith Webb explained how the Ride of Silence is going to operate this year, and that Cycling without Age was featured in the Maumee Mirror.