

# RPC ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE

April 20, 2015

## MEETING NOTES

Attendees: Ira Weiss (Chair); Kent Huston (Vice Chair); Holly Mattei (RPC Executive Director); Peggy Portier (SRTS); Carrie Woody (LPTS); Bob Clark (Economic Development); Loudan Klein (RPC Staff); James Mako (RPC Staff); Scott Tourville (City of Pickerington)

1. Approval of the March 16, 2015 meeting notes.

Kent Huston made motion to approve. Peggy Portier seconded the motion. Scott Tourville abstained. Motion carried.

2. Chairman's Report

Ira Weiss expressed to the committee his excitement regarding the construction taking place in Pickerington.

Mr. Tourville added that the bike path along Refugee Rd will begin construction Monday.

Mr. Weiss reminded the committee about Bike to School Day.

3. Discussion on MORPC's TIP process

Holly Mattei discussed MORPC's recent update to its Metropolitan Transportation Plan. She indicated the current phase of the process we are in is land use variables being adopted, next will be the project evaluation criteria which is available to review on MORPC's website. The most important aspect of the process she added is June-Aug of 2015, which is identifying candidate projects. It is important to Fairfield County to identify projects to MORPC to be eligible for attributable funds.

Mr. Tourville added that we should indicate any and all projects the county would be interested in.

4. Review of Proposed Developments:

- a. Former Arc Air Property- Sketch Plan (see attached)

Loudan Klein reviewed the sketch plan for the Arcair property including the three lots and proposed access. He indicated that the technical review committee has met and has

technical comments, and the ATC needs to review the development from a pedestrian standpoint. He concluded with RPC's recommendation that there be some pedestrian interconnections made between the three lots.

Ms. Mattei introduced the idea to the committee of addressing access across the private drive to provide pedestrians the opportunities to utilize different lots.

Mr. Weiss asked where do put the crosswalks?

Ms. Mattei added they would most likely be located at the access points.

Mr. Weiss then asked would the proposal warrant and crosswalk signage?

Ms. Mattei answered that it would be a private drive, so staff is just recommending that within the preliminary plan we would like to see all the crosswalks identified.

Ms. Portier added based on the number of bicyclists she's seen riding along 33, she would like to see some type of bike lane along there.

Ms. Mattei responded that the city is looking to extend the actual bike path out to the Cox property.

Mr. Tourville proposed the question as to whether the County can require the developer to make public improvements within the ROW within a certain timeframe?

Ms. Mattei responded by saying since the developer doesn't own to centerline of 33 including the ROW, the county cannot require them to make improvements.

Ms. Portier furthered her idea by saying that a majority of people who are biking along 33, are traveling to the new businesses that continue to develop.

Ms. Mattei then made the suggestion to develop a comprehensive plan for that concept, which could possibly be part of Rolling Forward.

Mr. Weiss then asked how access across Meijer and the new development would occur?

Ms. Mattei answered that this issue is complicated due to the location of where the development is proposing access and where Meijer's easement is located. Additionally Meijer wants a no compete clause on the new development to comply with their desired access. She concluded by saying that the Engineer's office has indicated that they believe they can only enforce the recommendations in the traffic impact study, if they affect the public road (CR 33). The FCEO has indicated that they believe they cannot require any recommendations that affect only the private access points. Ms. Mattei believes that if there is any health, safety and welfare issues that are created within the

private development due to proposed access points, she believes these can be addressed through the subdivision process.

Bob Clark also raised a number of questions about access from 33. Mr. Clark had concerns about limiting the flow across the newly proposed lot and Meijer and the implications of that. Some general discussion followed.

Mr. Tourville introduced the concept of a right in right out from the 33 to the development.

Kent Huston made motion to approve staff recommendation to have interconnections between the 3 lots. Mr. Tourville seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Other Business

Mr. Tourville informed the committee that the issue discussed last year involving riding on the street or sidewalk. He added that legislation has been put together and is going before council to allow bicyclists to ride on the street, if they feel comfortable.

Mr. Weiss names the next meeting, May 18, 2015. Ms. Portier made motion to approve. Carrie Woody seconded the motion. Motion carried.