

RPC ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE

April 18, 2016

MEETING NOTES

Attendees: Ira Weiss (Chair); Kent Huston (Vice Chair); Holly Mattei (RPC Executive Director); Peggy Portier (SRTS); Loudan Klein (RPC); AJ Lacefield (Economic Development); Greg Bachman (Violet Twp Resident); Greg Butcher (Violet Twp); Scott Tourville (City of Pickerington); Carrie Woody (LPTS)

1. Approval of March 21, 2016 meeting notes

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

2. Chairman's Report

Ira Weiss reviewed with the committee a recent forum he attended at MOPC, it focused on successful communities presented by 80 Cities. He added he was very pleased with the county's representation at the forum.

He also reminded everyone of the Central Ohio Greenways workshop for the southeast quadrant on April 21.

3. Applying for ODOT funds 2017 – Identifying projects

Mr. Weiss discussed the potential to apply for ODOT funds regarding the Refugee Road Corridor Project. He raised the question on whether or not you have to apply to MORPC for ODOT funds if you are in the MPO.

Ms. Mattei replied yes.

Scott Tourville added that we may be too late in planning to apply for this cycle of MORPC funds due in July.

Ms. Mattei replied that if we want the 95/5 split from ODOT we need to look at other projects outside the MPO and that will give us till January to come up with a plan.

Mr. Tourville asked what other projects would be eligible for 95/5 funding?

Ms. Mattei replied that Mr. Weiss has added the bike trail from Amanda heading east on 22 to Delmont Road.

Mr. Weiss made note that for the Refugee Road project we already have two preliminary designs completed.

Ms. Mattei added we would need still need more detail as well as locating matching funds.

Greg Butcher asked how much detail would be required to submit.

The major of the committee agreed it would not require much more design to submit.

Mr. Tourville added where we will hit the roadblock is construction match funds, and these grants do not cover design or right-of-way acquisition.

Ms. Mattei added that most of the land acquisition is already dedicated right-of-way as part of the subdivision development that has taken place along Refugee Road.

Ms. Mattei stated that this application for Refugee Road would have to be on the 2018 cycle of funds.

Mr. Weiss replied if we applied for additional grants through ODNR or Clean Ohio those submissions would be next year anyway.

Mr. Tourville asked if a portion of this project would be eligible for SRTS? (Safe Routes to School)

Ms. Mattei responded that the sidewalk portion would most likely be eligible. She continued right now it's a timing issue; we need to resolve who is going to put the application in, and locating funding sources.

4. Violet Meadows Revised Preliminary Plan

Ms. Mattei presented to the committee the revised Violet Meadows Preliminary Plan for Sections 5 & 6. In terms of active transportation, staff is not recommending any bike path or additional infrastructure since 75% of the subdivision is already built out. Staff recommended that new sidewalks be constructed to 5 feet since the existing sidewalks are 4 feet which do not meet the current ADA requirements.

Mr. Bachman made a motion to approve staff recommendation. Ms. Portier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Other Business

Mr. Weiss made note of a new crosswalk signal located in Woodsfield Subdivision and asked Mr. Butcher to discuss.

Mr. Butcher replied that the crosswalk is a rapid rectangular flashing beacon with a solar mount. Its push button activated and does not flash all the time. The purpose is that people notice the distinction rather than having it constantly flashing.

Mr. Weiss asked the committee to try and identify places where these would be valuable in the community.

Mr. Tourville added that MORPC currently has a signal safety program, but you have to move really quick for funding, they have already begun to pare down projects.

Ms. Mattei made note of several items, the first is that she plans to schedule a public meeting regarding amendments to Rolling Forward, and secondly that the Village of Millersport received capital budget funds to move forward with streetscape improvements as matching funds.

Ms. Mattei also discussed the upcoming TID meeting and the county's TID registering with ODOT seeking funds for the Pickerington Road and Refugee intersection.

Mr. Weiss names next meeting at the County Utilities office on May 16, 2016.

Mr. Huston made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Tourville seconded the motion. Motion carried.