

RPC ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE

August 17, 2015

MEETING NOTES

Attendees: Ira Weiss (Chair); Kent Huston (Vice Chair); Holly Mattei (RPC Executive Director); Loudan Klein (RPC Staff); Greg Butcher (Violet Township); Steve Gayfield (Lancaster City Parks); AJ Lacefield (Economic Development); James Mako (RPC Staff); Scott Tourville (City of Pickerington); Rebecca Medinger (City of Pickerington); Greg Bachman (Violet Township)

1. Approval of July 20, 2015 meeting notes

Greg Bachman made a motion to approve meeting notes as amended. Kent Huston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Chairman's Report

Ira Weiss reviewed with the committee his conversation with Julie Walcoff at ODOT with regard to creating an educational program for bike riders, which Julie agreed with. He also discussed potential safety hazards along the Olentangy Trail which is currently undergoing construction.

3. Discussion on MTP proposed connections between Lithopolis and Canal Winchester

Holly Mattei informed the committee of the meeting held with the two municipalities. She added that the meeting was successful and the majority of proposed connections had already been identified by the communities. There was only a minor section of path that neither community had in its plan. This was the area along Lithopolis Road to Gender Road.

4. Discussion on Stone Creek Plans

Greg Butcher reviewed with the committee plans to improve Stone Creek Drive which included improvements to sidewalks, closed drainage, street trees, and MUP on the southside. He added that a turn lane will be constructed from Rustic Drive to 256.

Ms. Mattei asked Mr. Butcher what the construction period is on the project.

Mr. Butcher replied that with the current project along 256 taking place, he anticipated construction in 2016.

5. Other Business

Mr. Bachman advised the committee on a trail root remover that has been put in motion in Madison County. He added that the machine is only used twice a year so there may be a chance to rent the machine and use it in Fairfield County.

Mr. Bachman then reviewed his meeting with Hocking County with regard to their interest in active transportation planning. Mr. Bachman presented to them a copy of Rolling Forward along with maps of connecting trails for which he said they can assess future connections.

Ms. Mattei introduced the committee to the topic of an RTPO (Rural Transportation Planning Organization). She added the MORPC has contacted her to be part of the RTPO and include other counties outside of the MPO specifically Pickaway who she said she will meet with next week. She explained that under this proposal traditional state transportation planning decisions would now be done at the local level through the RTPO which would include a Rural Transportation Plan.

Mr. Weiss asked if Fairfield County would be part of two different organizations.

Ms. Mattei responded that Violet and Bloom Township would still remain part of MORPC's MPO, and the rest of the county would be part of the RTPO.

Scott Tourville asked if this would change the amount of funding available to MORPC.

Ms. Mattei answered that MORPC's MPO funding would still be based on the Columbus urbanized area.

Ms. Mattei then updated the committee on the Village of Carroll NRP Grant construction. She noted that the sidewalk connecting the Middle School entrance to High Street has been completed. A portion of the sidewalk along High Street has also been constructed, but this segment is not yet complete.

Mr. Tourville updated the committee on STRS funding for Pickerington.

Steve Gayfield also added SRTS sidewalks are being constructed along Eastwood Avenue in the City. He is also adding helmet signage within the City.

Mr. Weiss names next meeting, September 21, 2015. Greg Butcher made a motion to adjourn. Steve Gayfield seconded the motion. Motion carried.