

RPC ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE

November 17, 2014

MEETING NOTES

Attendees: Kent Huston (Vice Chair); Scott Tourville (City of Pickerington Engineer); Greg Butcher (Violet Township Engineer); Holly Mattei (RPC Executive Director); Greg Eyerman (Fairfield County VCB); Steve Gayfield (LPRD); Peggy Portier (SRTS); Eric McCrady (FCEO); Greg Bachman (Member-resident)

1. Approval of the October 20, 2014 meeting notes.

Scott Tourville motion to approve. Kent Huston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Chairman's Report

Ira Weiss mentions that it appears the police ticket issue in Pickerington is getting resolved.

Mr. Tourville explains that it has to go back to safety committee. They are on board to change the language in the code from shall to may, and he does not see an issue with this getting resolved in the coming months.

3. Summary of Ohio BikePed Summit

Mr. Weiss summarizes the speakers that presented at the summit. He highlights the presentation by MORPC regarding trails and the economic benefits to the surrounding areas. He adds the proposal in Cleveland to install bike lanes along the old street car lanes.

Mr. Weiss also discusses the issue of health in Ohio, and the lack of physical activity occurring which is leading to future generation life-spans becoming increasingly shorter.

Mr. Weiss finishes his discussion about the summit, with Canton's complete street project; and the desire to produce a more livable community.

Peggy Portier asks if we have a similar statistic in Fairfield County to Stark of nearly a third of the people without access to drive.

4. Continued discussion on MORPC Attributable Funds Application Review

Holly Mattei updates the status of the various projects, first noting that at this stage it appears Pickerington road will get funding based on its score. She adds that the county's Refugee road project has not scored very high, and that funding seems unlikely.

Ms. Mattei says there will be a comment period in December. Then shortly after the first of the year she anticipates the results of the funding.

Mr. Weiss adds that various organizations within the county are encouraged to provide letters throughout the comment period.

Eric McCrady voiced that the Coonpath Road safety project was denied funding. And that they plan to move forward with Refugee Road and Pickerington Road and ODOT is preparing the project. He explains that the Coonpath Road cost benefit was not beneficial enough to be funded.

Mr. Tourville expressed where they received a lot of points for their application was by including funding partners as well as acquiring ROW from other developments.

5. Review Proposed Developments

Ms. Mattei details the replat in Violet Meadows combining lots 83 and 84. She explains that they're going to require the home builder to build the sidewalks across both lots, even though it is already required by them per the subdivision regulations.

6. Other Business

Ms. Mattei discusses a meeting she had with Heather Boden, regarding Rolling Forward and matching ODOT's routes.

She explains that ODOT has added a trail from Thornville to Bremen which does not correspond to the Rolling Forward map. Adding that there are also two recommended routes within Rolling Forward that follow similar patterns. ODOT trail could be added as a third route within this corridor or we could amend Rolling Forward match ODOT's map.

Mr. Bachman proposes a third option to have ODOT amend its map to match Rolling Forward.

Ms. Mattei makes note that she will take a look and review prior to the next meeting. And that she will contact Julie Walcoff of ODOT regarding their maps.

Mr. Weiss reminds of everyone of next month's meeting, December 15, 2014.

Mr. Weiss adjourned the meeting, 1st motion Peggy Portier, 2nd motion Kent Huston, motion carried.