

RPC ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE

September 15, 2014

MEETING NOTES

Attendees: Ira Weiss (Chair); Kent Huston (Vice Chair); Scott Tourville (City of Pickerington Engineer); James Mako (RPC); Greg Butcher (Violet Township Engineer); Holly Mattei (RPC Executive Director); Eric Sandine (Village of Lithopolis); Eric Oberg (FHTA/Rails-to-Trails); Steve Gayfield (LPRD); and Loudan Klein (RPC)

Ira Weiss called meeting and welcomes everyone.

1. Approval of August 18, 2014 meeting notes.

Kent Huston made a motion to approve the August 18, 2014 meeting notes. Steve Gayfield seconded the motion. Motion carried. Scott Tourville and Ira Weiss abstained.

2. Chairman's Report

Mr. Weiss opened by discussing the high-crash data for Fairfield County, Pickerington, and Village of Lithopolis. Also he believes that along the Refugee Road corridor we need to know which accidents are bike-ped related.

He continued by addressing MORPC attributable funds applications. He noted the importance of tying together all three Refugee Road projects submitted to MORPC for funding.

Mr. Weiss then discussed Norfolk and Southern railroads issue to allow path to go under railway at Refugee Road and Hines Road.

He then identifies the bicycle and pedestrian project involved with COTA phase 3 to create a sidewalk and multi-use path along refugee rd.

Mr. Weiss finishes by explaining the importance of tying all these projects together to improve the entire corridor of Refugee Road.

Ms. Mattei then elaborates on attributive funds from MORPC meeting explaining the amounts requested compared to the amounts available for each category. Mentioning that the Fairfield County Engineers \$1.5 million request for Pickerington Road and Refugee Road fall into the minor widening category.

Mr. Weiss notes there were not enough applications within the system preservation category.

Mr. Tourville explains many projects throughout the other categories carry a preservation aspect including his project along Refugee Road with sidewalk improvement.

Mr. Weiss reads letter he sent to transportation committee members regarding bike and pedestrian improvements and project applications.

3. Review Proposed Developments

Ms. Mattei introduces RPC intern Loudan Klein, and asks all members to introduce themselves.

Ms. Mattei then identifies Meadowmoore section 3 phase 3 sidewalks requested have been placed along 204 in construction drawings.

She then reviews the recent submittal of Meadowmoore section 3 phase 3 final plat detailing the section proposed and that all proper sidewalks and ramps have been addressed in which she feels there are no further comments.

Ms. Mattei names current development proposed and being constructed, and mentions Pleasantville- Dollar General has agreed to extend the sidewalks the additional 77 feet along State Route 188 in their most recent construction drawing submittal.

4. Other Business

Mr. Tourville provides an update on his proposal for ODNR grant to install a pedestrian bridge over Sycamore Creek and trail under Lockville Road to connect Sycamore Creek Park and Victory Park. Also the grant would provide more trails within Sycamore Creek Park. ODNR should let Mr. Tourville know on the grant status in the coming weeks.

He then mentions Ohio Health agreement for bike path along Refugee Road to extend from Stone creek to Windmill Road.

Ms. Mattei asks if Pickerington will be building bike path.

Mr. Tourville responds by saying that Pickerington will be building it with some compensation from the developer.

He continues to talk about Stone Creek Drive and that he anticipates it opening close to Thanksgiving. To finish the development agreement they will eventually have to add street trees, lights, curb and gutter etc. But for time being the road will open first he added.

Mr. Weiss mentions Genoa Township and their success of connecting all their subdivisions to the Ohio-Erie trail.

Mr. Butcher requests an update from Mr. Tourville regarding State Route 256.

Mr. Tourville responds by saying they are on schedule to bid and award by early spring and start construction mid-April. He mentions starting communication with County Engineers, Sheriff's Department, Fire Department, and Schools to manage future construction. Within the next three months he wants to put a plan in motion and sometime after Christmas begin to notify people of construction.

Mr. Oberg shares story of Bogota and investment in active transportation.

Mr. Weiss names next meeting, October 20th, 2014

Mr. Weiss adjourned meeting, 1st motion Eric Oberg, 2nd motion Scott Tourville. Motion carried.