

# RPC ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE

February 8, 2016

## MEETING NOTES

Attendees: Ira Weiss (Chair); Kent Huston (Vice Chair); James Mako (RPC); Holly Mattei (RPC Executive Director); Peggy Portier (SRTS); Loudan Klein (RPC); Eric McCrady (FCEO); Greg Eyerman (Fairfield County VCB); Scott Tourville (City of Pickerington); Greg Butcher (Violet Twp); Jeff Ritter (Buckeye Lake Resident); Jonathan Ferbrache (SWCD); Rick Szabrak (Economic Development)

1. Approval of January 11, 2016 meeting notes

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

2. Chairman's Report

Ira Weiss discussed a recent study regarding the success of sharrows on the roadway.

3. Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair

Ms. Portier nominated Mr. Weiss as chair. Greg Butcher seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Huston made a motion to close chair nominations. Committee voted to elect Mr. Weiss. Motion Carried.

Ms. Portier nominated Mr. Huston for vice chair. Rick Szabrak seconded the motion. Motion carried. Scott Tourville made a motion to close vice chair nominations. Committee voted to elect Mr. Huston. Motion carried.

4. Review of Rolling Forward- Delmont to Stoney Hill Road connection

Holly Mattei indicated that at the last meeting there was a request to add a connection to the Stoney Hill Nature Preserve. She said if added, the Committee must decide if it will be a short or long term route. However, Ms. Mattei recommended we leave the maps as currently shown, because the Rolling Forward is a corridor plan.

Eric McCrady added that when Rolling Forward was created, it was focused more on general corridors; otherwise we could end up adding little pieces to the maps all throughout the county.

General discussion followed, and the committee agreed to leave maps as is.

Ms. Mattei then introduced the possibility of adding corridor routes around Buckeye Lake for increased connectivity and opened it up to the committee for discussion.

Ms. Mattei opened the discussion by outlining the future Millersport connection to Buckeye Lake along Millersport Road to Lakeside Road and north to the Licking County line. These were added to Rolling Forward as part of the Statewide Bikeway.

Jeff Ritter briefed the committee on recent meetings with Thorn Township (Perry County) discussing potential bikeways. There was reasonable interest in connecting to the Buckeye Lake area.

Ms. Mattei asked if the best solution would be for Fairfield County to identify its routes and then Perry County can make connections to us.

Mr. Ritter replied that would be the best solution. Additionally, other community members and he would like to see a path across the dam to increase connectivity.

Ms. Mattei said that between now and the next meeting staff will gather potential routes from Millersport to Perry County which can be further discussed at the March meeting.

5. Update on the Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO)

Ms. Mattei detailed the committee about the status of the RTPO. She said that it is moving forward with the county commissioners passing a resolution to join the RTPO. In general, it will act like a MPO for the areas outside the MPO. The RTPO is not capitalized but the hope is ODOT will capitalize it by 2020. In the meantime MORPC will continue to develop a plan for Fairfield County with the anticipation the RTPO will eventually have funding. Violet and Bloom Township will be included within the plan even though they are located within the MPO and will get funding directly from MORPC. Members of the RTPO will include the Fairfield County Economic Development Director, JFS, Regional Planning, Developmental Disabilities, Community Action, and County Engineer.

6. Other Business

Mr. Weiss names next meeting March 21, 2016.

Ms. Portier made a motion to adjourn. Greg Butcher seconded the motion. Motion carried.