

# RPC ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE

October 17, 2016

## MEETING NOTES

Attendees: Ira Weiss (Chair); Holly Mattei (RPC Executive Director); Loudan Klein (RPC Staff); Becky Coutinho (RPC Staff); Peggy Portier (SRTS); Kent Huston (RPC); Scott Tourville (City of Pickerington); Ann Probasco (FACFC); Greg Eyerman (FCVCB); Carrie Woody (LPTS)

1. Approval of September 19, 2016 meeting notes (see attached)

Greg Eyerman made a motion to approve. Kent Huston seconded the motion. Motion carried. Scott Tourville abstained.

2. Chairman's Report

Ira Weiss discussed the progress of the Stone Creek Drive project and the benefits it has already provided to the community.

3. Review of proposed developments – Price Homes Sketch Plan and Harmony Development (Estates at Lake Forest)

Loudan Klein presented first on the Price Homes Sketch Plan located in Bloom and Greenfield Township along Carroll-Southern Road. Mr. Klein gave a brief description of the development and location, highlighting the rural style development that typically does not warrant any active transportation facilities. He added that staff is not recommending additional active transportation facilities.

Mr. Klein then presented to the committee the Estates at Lake Forest Subdivision in Violet Township. Mr. Klein highlighted the location and its adjacency to the Lake Forest development within the City of Pickerington as well as the potential development on the Wymer Property to the north along Milnor Road.

Ms. Mattei recommended the proposed path within the Wymer Property be extended through the Estates at Lake Forest to connect to the Lake Forest development.

Mr. Tourville asked how maintenance would be handled if the path was within the right-of-way.

Ms. Mattei replied that in the past we have required the HOA to maintain and incorporated that language within the deed restrictions.

4. Review of MORPC Attributable Funds applications

Ms. Mattei review with the committee the minor widening project list and where the projects in Fairfield County fell. She focused on the Refugee Road/Pickerington Road roundabout, and the Center/Milnor Road project in Pickerington. She spoke specifically on the Center/Milnor project adding that it currently has roughly \$1.5 million committed from MORPC if it were to get funded this cycle, and if it does not that money would have to be returned.

Ms. Mattei added that MORPC has roughly \$12 million to fund the minor widening category which given the dollar amount of the projects at the top of the list, the County projects would not have the opportunity to be funded.

Ms. Mattei briefly discussed the option she presented to the City of Pickerington to fund the project through the Fairfield County TID (Transportation Improvement District) by bonding the project cost and issuing debt service over the course of 20 years. She added if the City was not interested in that, the money would most likely have to be returned. She provided if that were to happen, the \$1.5 million would then most likely be redistributed to pending applications. The project cost of the Center/Milnor project is very close to the cost of the Refugee/Pickerington Road Project. Perhaps shifting these funds to this project could be suggested.

Mr. Tourville added that it's taking the money and moving it a mile down the road; he continued that if they had to return the money, he imagines that's something they would support.

5. Rolling Forward GIS Maps

James Mako presented to the committee the GIS version of the Rolling Forward Plan he uploaded to the AccuGlobe GIS Database. Mr. Mako thanked the GIS department for their cooperation.

6. Update on Pickerington Fixed Route Grant – Carrie Woody

Carrie Woody shared with the committee the plan for the Pickerington fixed routes 6 month pilot provided by the Lancaster Public Transit System. She provided the schedule and explained stop information/location. She added the ultimate goal is to connect to the COTA bus stop heading out Livingston Avenue.

Ms. Woody indicated that since this is a pilot project most of the stops on private property will not be signed stops. She expanded on the rationale behind the stop

locations, adding that several years ago Mr. Mako provided maps of low income housing locations that help formulate most of the routes.

Ms. Mattei added that RPC has applied to the Finance Fund for the Keller Market House for operating funds. She outlined the components of the grant including the low income population gaining access to local foods which they were able to show with maps displaying transit routes connecting these low income neighborhoods to the market. She noted this is another example all these efforts in the community coming together.

7. Other Business

Ms. Mattei made the committee aware that RPC is beginning the process of the County wide land use plan update, with that she will reaching out a number of people to distribute a community survey to help formulate the update.

Mr. Weiss names next meeting November 21<sup>st</sup>.

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