

RPC ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE

November 16, 2015

MEETING NOTES

Attendees: Ira Weiss (Chair); Kent Huston (Vice Chair); James Mako (RPC); Holly Mattei (RPC Executive Director); AJ Lacefield (Economic Development) Peggy Portier (SRTS); Carrie Woody (LPTS); Loudan Klein (RPC); Eric McCrady (FCEO); Ann Probasco (FACFC); Greg Bachman (Violet Twp Resident); Greg Butcher (Violet Twp); Scott Tourville (City of Pickerington)

1. Approval of October 29, 2015 meeting notes

Kent Huston made motion to approved meeting notes as corrected. Ann Probasco seconded the motion. Motion carried. Peggy Portier abstained.

2. Chairman's Report

Ira Weiss recognized Ms. Portier for the awards she received at the Tri-County Realtors Association Ceremony.

Mr. Weiss then updated the group on a recent meeting he had with the Fairfield Heritage Trail Association and the County Parks Board regarding a multi-use path from Amanda to Delmont Road adjacent to 22.

He also made a few comments regarding MORPC's Active Transportation Plan specifically the cost estimator tool and an upcoming Ohio Greenways Forum meeting.

3. Update on State Bikeway Map

Holly Mattei updated the committee on potential additions to the State Bikeway Map. She began by discussing a route from Thornville to Hocking County through Pleasantville, towards Bremen and to SR 312. Through meetings with Hocking County, they preferred a route that came in through Buckeye Road south of Sugar Grove. She added that this portion would connect to Fairfield County's trail that eventually reaches Millersport.

Ms. Mattei then discussed a potential route to get the trail from Millersport to the Lakewood-Heath trail in Hebron. The potential route utilized Millersport Road north to Lakeside Road. It then travels along North Bank Road and Canal Road heading north.

The trail continues onto 2nd Street in Hebron and Route 40 to arrive at the Lakewood-Heath Trailhead.

Ms. Mattei informed the committee of her recent appointment to a Buckeye Lake Task Force, in which she will be seeking out trail projects in the Buckeye Lake Region for potential Capital Improvement Funds.

Ms. Portier made motion to approve ODOT's trail proposal connecting Millersport to Licking County. Greg Bachman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Portier made motion to recommend approval of the addition to Corridor 1 in Rolling Forward that includes a section of Buckeye Road from the Hocking county line north to Sugar Grove Road. Kent Huston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Scott Tourville asked if anyone in the committee was aware if the projects had to be shovel-ready to receive state funds.

Ms. Mattei replied according to the guidelines provided by MORPC, yes. However, the Buckeye Lake region will not be within the MORPC region, therefore we are not following the standards set out by MORPC from previous years.

Mr. Bachman made a motion to apply for funds to convert gravel trail along Canal Road from Millersport to Route 40. Ms. Portier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Update on MORPC Active Transportation Plan

Ms. Mattei presented to the committee aspects of MORPC's Active Transportation Plan located online, highlighting projects related to Fairfield County that MORPC has identified for future projects. She added that this plan will be incorporated in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, which will be the first time it has contained active transportation elements.

Ms. Mattei then presented MORPC's cost estimator tool for active transportation projects, which will be updated once a year and can be retrieved on their website.

5. Update on Safe Route to School Projects

Greg Butcher informed the committee on recent safe routes to school projects in Violet Township. The most recent one he discussed was located in proximity to Harmon Middle School.

Mr. Weiss asked Mr. Butcher about an upcoming road levy for Violet Township.

Mr. Butcher replied that it is a \$1.5 Million road levy for the unincorporated areas within the township on the March primary ballot.

6. Update on the SR 256 Project

Mr. Tourville updated the committee on the status of SR 256 improvements. He added that everything should be completed by the contract date except traffic signals and timing.

He noted that the chamber is working with the business community to provide promotions to alleviate frustration from the surrounding roadwork.

7. Other Business

Greg Butcher made a motion to cancel December 2015 meeting. Scott Tourville seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Next meeting: January 11, 2016 at 2:30 p.m.