

RPC ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE

May 18, 2015

MEETING NOTES

Attendees: Ira Weiss (Chair); Kent Huston (Vice Chair); Holly Mattei (RPC Executive Director); Peggy Portier (SRTS); Bob Clark (Economic Development); Loudan Klein (RPC Staff); Greg Butcher (Violet Township); Greg Bachman (Violet Township Resident); Eric McCrady (FCEO)

1. Approval of the April 20, 2015 meeting notes.

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

2. Chairman's Report

Ira Weiss passed out to the committee information on MORPC's education forum on planning for pedestrians and bicyclists.

3. Update on OSU Engineering Class Report – Refugee Road Corridor

Holly Mattei presented to the committee the PowerPoint proposal completed by the students. She discussed their phasing options/recommendations, cost estimates, and designs.

Ms. Portier asked Eric McCrady when he anticipates Refugee Road expanding.

Mr. McCrady replied that it would not be within their five year plan. He added that Refugee Road is still operating at an acceptable level of service.

Mr. McCrady also discussed that a number of newly proposed developments out east are showing high growth rates that will impact some of these roads, but based on historic high growth rates, the roads are still operating successfully.

4. Bike to School Update

Mr. Weiss updated the committee on the number of students that biked and walked to some of the local schools.

Mr. Weiss added there is also legislation being posed to require anyone under the age of 18 to use a helmet when bicycling.

Ms. Portier noted that students received reflectors who wore helmets. However, there were so few who wore helmets that all students who biked received them.

5. Update on MORPC Attributable Funds

Greg Butcher reviewed discussion at MORPC over proposed variations to funding ratios.

General discussion followed regarding the decline in funding for public infrastructure, specifically bridges, and alternatives to obtaining additional funds.

6. MORPC Request for Bikeway Information Update

Ms. Mattei reviewed MORPC's request for yearly bikeway updates. She urged communities to send their bikeway updates to MORPC by June 1st. She added that this can be a bikeway that is proposed, committed to be built, or is built and existing.

7. Other Business

Ms. Mattei informed the committee that Lancaster Police Chief Dan Bailey will be retiring.

Ms. Portier suggested we contact the deputy chief and see what he would like us to do regarding the Lancaster Police's representation on the committee.

Mr. Weiss names next meeting Monday, June 15th. Greg Bachman made motion to adjourn. Kent Huston seconded the motion. Motion carried.