



CITY OF GAHANNA

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Bicycle & Trails Advisory Committee Meeting
September 28, 2015

Attendees: Troy Euton, Rob Priestas, Kate Moening, Paul Smith, David Jeffords, Tricia Kovacs, David Drumm

Introductions

Big Walnut Trail Updates: Troy Euton

Section 5 is under way, contractor is grading and has 1500 ft. with aggregate down, rolling right along. Calls about tree removal, no notification. Mike Musser talking to landscape board for funds to have tree replacement happen this fall. Will continue landscaping in the spring.

Additional Sections: Regarding section 4 (over creek by Nob Hill) and section 8 (by 270), Troy feels he should hire someone to plan both sections simultaneously. Section 8 will take considerable planning, so start both planning processes through an RFP release. Engage firms in first quarter of 16, have fall open houses/public meetings related to each section.

- Tricia: Commented that it could be widened by Crossing Creek and Johnstown widening. Wooden bridge at McKenna Park is narrow and needs replacing.
- *Hamilton overpass* will be retrofitted in 2019: is there a possible partnership to accommodate and plan a multiuse path with the overpass construction? Discussion included reaching out to ODOT when that project is in the planning process for discussion on partnering.
- *Southern Connectivity:* Encouraging Columbus/Whitehall to continue Steve Carr (Whitehall) and Brad Westall (Columbus) will be reached out to for interest confirmation.

Other Transportation Project Updates: Rob Priestas

- Hamilton Rd is stirring up dust ☺
- Tech center striping is complete: slope stabilization repair is being worked on will be complete Nov. 1. RRFB being used frequently.
- Flint Ridge sidewalk is fabulous! ID'd as a capital need, can be funded as a partnered project. Looking forward to it.



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- Rob went to a Bike Safety Implementation training this month, has many ideas for bike lanes!

Looks like we will be getting RRFB funding from MORPC - approximately 90% of request.

Public Input Request Discussion:

- Robin Devine email: Rt. 62 and Olde Ridenour Rd. Bike Path

Rob says there is pretty good line of site: looked at ped signals to make sure there were no conflicts with left turns: ped signals were set that are set in Walk, could be dangerous with a "left hook" for drivers that do not see the ped or cyclist. Rob changed it to make the ped/cyclist have to push the cross button, alleviating. Will not activate until left turn signal for drivers turns off, then ped signal will activate.

Tricia: is turning sign necessary with these changes (see MUTCD signage)? Rob says not needed there, but Rocky Fork/Hamilton might be necessary, due to crash data he examined.

Sidewalk by cemetery is pretty narrow.

Paul: coming from Olde Ridenour south and turning from turn lane to bike trail at intersection, Paul has had conflicts. Bike trail will alleviate this issue, but until then, you should go to the north side of intersection, press ped button and cross to the trail.

- Tricia Kovacs and David Jeffords: Johnstown/Cherrybottom Intersection (new sidewalk area)

Right turn signal on Cherrybottom was on when ped button was activated, ped and motorist conflict.

ROB: Rewired and reprogrammed ped signal so that when it is pressed the right turn arrow will not light. Problem solved!

New Business

Tricia: do we have a Parks and Rec Levy team? TROY: Citizens are out getting petitions signed. Different approach this time, volunteers needed to work events and walk streets. Jessie Thompson is coordinating volunteer efforts, has all walk lists to assist volunteers: Jessie.kthompson@yahoo.com is her contact info. Meetings are Wednesdays at 7pm at Time Hortons on Stygler.

Lincoln Elementary Walk to School Day: September 30 at 7am, meet at Caroway and Spruce Hill to assist with the bike train. Police have been notified, Troy will ask Parks staff if they would like to assist.

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