MIAMI VALLEY
Regional Planning Commission

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Regional Active Transportation Steering Committee
August 11, 2021, 2:30 PM via Zoom
Meeting Summary Notes

Attendee Introductions:

- **Robert Blue:** avid bicyclist – has clocked 96,000 miles, retired – used to work for State Farm Insurance, member of Dayton Cycling Club
- **Alvin Tucker:** Vice President of Major Taylor Cycling Club, member of Dayton Cycling Club
- **Eric Sauer:** Planning Manager Five Rivers Park, Greater Dayton RTA Customer Advocacy Group member, interested in identifying opportunities to extend trails
- **DeAndra Navratil:** Greene County Regional Planning, Greene County just adopted Greene County Master Trails Plan (will be presented to the County Commissioner on August 12)
- **James Saleem Muhammad:** interested in communities at large access trails and improve quality of life, to be welcoming to anyone wherever they are
- **Abbey Pettiford:** Community Relations Injury Prevention Coordinator Dayton Children's Hospital, manages the Safe Routes to School coalition, Safe Kids coalition, interested in making sure systems are safe for children
- **Tom Arnold:** Planning Engineer ODOT District 8, lives in Cincinnati but covers Greene County
- **Rick Bailey:** Manager of Planning & Service Development for GDRTA, interested in connecting bike paths to transit systems
- **Randy Burkett:** Planning Development Director City of Beavercreek, interested in bike paths and finding ways to address congestion mitigation (reduce traffic) especially near The Greene
- **Susan Vincent:** Planner City of Dayton, City of Dayton is in the process of developing their own active transportation plan, looking to coordinate efforts with regional efforts to align/ coordinate/collaborate on outreach activities
- **Scott Myers:** Executive Director Miami County Park District, involved in developing trails systems in Miami County for 18 years
- **Laura Estandia:** Executive Director of Bike Miami Valley, looking forward to partnering in citizen engagement/outreach in the plan, making sure all people in the region has access to basic services, quality of life amenities and improving health outcomes
- **Shannon Webster:** Greene County Mobility Manager, helps those who are transportation disadvantaged find transportation options, a part of the Ohio Mobility Management network, interested in ensuring people Age In place and provide active

transportation options where they live, provides transit training and outreach to underserved regions

- **Mary Hoy:** Traffic Engineer District 8, covers Montgomery County, Bike & Pedestrian Coordinator, assisted in the development of Walk. Bike. Ohio , and is the SRTS Coordinator
- **Kyrsten French:** Piqua City Planner, looking at this perspective from a small town, no other public transportation options in Piqua other than active transportation options, looking to adopt an active transportation plan, personally is an experienced long-distance hiker
- **Kristin Stratman:** WYSO Radio
- **Tim Davis:** Development Coordinator in Troy, City of Troy has limited public transportation options other than alternative transportation, proud of their bike trail system
- **Jeff Sheridan:** Village Manager in West Milton, has been in position for 3 months and new to the region, built and managed miles of trails in past positions, community is looking to update comprehensive plan and wanting to include active transportation into the plan
- **Andy Aidt:** GIS Manager City of Kettering, staff liaison for the bike committee, active daily bike commuter, would like to use information from this plan to promote developing an active transportation plan for the City of Kettering
- **Matt Lindsay:** Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission, bike and pedestrian contact; AT Plan project co-lead.
- **Serena Anderson:** Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission, Transportation Coordination Planner; AT Plan project co-lead.
- **Stacy Schweikhart:** Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission, Director of department responsible for managing public outreach, alternative transit, sustainability, etc. programs and projects

Vision Statement Language Fine-Tuning

- Discussions on whether or not to define Active Transportation in the Vision or highlight it bold and allow the reader to follow-up on the definition later in the plan.
- Concerns that the term active transportation in itself is jargon. It will need to be defined clearly to avoid confusion for folks who may not be familiar with this terminology and ensure we are inclusive to disabled people who can't walk or bike.
  - o Suggestion was to describe active transportation as biking and walking.
  - o Looked at adding the term "rolling" in the vision to capture those who may be in a wheelchair who cannot walk or bike. A concern was raised about the possible

confusion on what "rolling" means, as to avoid any confusion with a motorized bike. Recommendations were to group "rolling" in with the term "walking."
- o Other recommendations were to define active transportation as "non-motorized" or "non-vehicular" transportation. However there were concerns that would exclude motorized accessible wheelchairs.
- Recommendations:
  - o avoid repeating words
  - o Keep short and concise
  - o Suggested restructuring the statement to focus on what it does for whom.
- Discussions around the focus of the "whom" in the vision statement: using the term "all" instead of specifying or listing out specific groups
  - o Further discussions on whether or not to call out specifically in the vision statement past racial disparities in service.

Public Input Meetings/Engagement Discussion

- Approaching engagement in a COVID vs non-COVID world. Recommendations were from the Steering Committee that in launching planning efforts in their communities, it is a struggle to get people to show up to meetings. Recommend avoiding in-person meetings as much as possible.
- Recommendations: use a mix of digital tools, pop up events, etc. to allow people to submit on their own time and limit unintentional restrictions of feedback to lower income communities who may not be able to attend in person meetings and/or do not have access to the internet.
- Mix of digital and non-digital engagement strategies:
  - o Using ESRI surveying tools such as Survey123, wikimaps, etc.
  - o QR Codes at trail entrances and parks (Greene County Regional Planning used this approach and found it to produce a high turnout especially with lots of folks visiting the trails during the pandemic)
  - o Pop-up events throughout the counties to ensure people without internet can access. Recommended providing free pens and drop off boxes to create a contact-less experience and to ask some demographic information such as income, transit rider, user type (walker, cyclist, etc.), to ensure the results are capturing different perspectives
  - o Surveys at libraries, community centers, town squares, RTA/Greene CATS (recommended developing flyers and/or signs w/QR codes)
  - o Add to Safe Routes to Schools Parent surveys (Targeted in October – Walk to School Day)
  - o Host walking audits in individual communities

Next Steps

- Review/revise the Vision Statement (revisit next meeting)
- Review/identify steps for Engagement Strategy (revisit next meeting)