

Non-Motorized Steering Committee Notes - Draft

DATE: Thursday October 6, 2016

TIME: 10:00am-12:00pm

PLACE: 200 N. Main, Ann Arbor, MI Lower Level

Attendees

Larry Deck and Bob Krzewinski - Washtenaw Bicycling and Walking Coalition

Harry Sheehan - Washtenaw County Water Resources Commission

Heather Seyfarth - Former WATS Non-Motorized Rep and Environmental Rep

Mark McCulloch - Washtenaw County Road Commission

Julia Roberts - Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority

Eli Cooper - City of Ann Arbor

Jeff Hardcastle - Huron Waterloo Pathways

John Waterman - WATS Disability Representative

Coy Vaughn - Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation

Cyrus Naheedy - WATS Non-Motorized Representative

Ryan Buck, Mark Ferrall, and Suzann Flowers - WATS

1. Introductions

Ms. Flowers led the group in introductions.

Mr. Buck discussed:

- Plan outline and conceptual map review
- The original 2006 plan included everything
- This plan will focus on bicycle commuting and reaching major destination areas that include employment, housing, and recreational trips

2. Review of Plan and Maps

Map

Mr. Ferrall discussed the creation of the maps and that each community's master plan and recreation plan was reviewed along with known local efforts.

Connections beyond the county were discussed specifically including Pontiac Trail as a

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commuting corridor and linking to the South Lyon area. We should think about the connections that exist today and what those connections will be in the next 5, 10, 20 years.

Must identify a matrix of how destinations are selected.

The lower Textile Greenway should also be noted as another important bicycling commuting route.

Plan Outline Notes

- Section 1
 - Include the ADA transition planning document
- Section 2
 - Reinforce existing policies and where is there room for improvement, one idea was in the Capital Improvement Programs for local agencies to coordinate projects in the concept phase
- Section 3
 - Policies that address mid block crossings
 - Creating a complete network for school age students
 - Adding language about the Michigan Complete Streets Coalition
 - Consider the potential solutions for corridors in the county
 - How The Ride selects routes and the ease of crossing the street on selected routes
 - Implementation of policies is mixed, assess our successes from the 2006 plan and the weaknesses, stakeholder aware of the policy, Ex: Huron River Dr. City of Ann Arbor, environment resources - reasonable why we could not, WATS has the resources and stick to our policies, not abide, don't get money
- Section 6
 - AASHTO, NACTO, Complete Streets
- Public Engagement Ideas
 - Next door for neighborhoods
 - Bus tour
 - Youth outreach

General Discussion Items

- Discussion on enforcement and stop compliance, check with state policy, what is the state law, what is needed on the policy to create the environment to get drivers to behave
- Traffic speeds, legislation, 5 ft passing (legislation focus)
- Active living/healthy living platform
- Bike sharing issue, must be subsidized,
- Equity 6Es (Education, Enforcement, Engineer, Encouragement, Evaluation, and Equity).

- Michigan Association of Planning has policy on equity that can be reviewed
- Routes and policies need to be tied together
- Prioritizing projects (connections with center, employment, recreation, without cars, near term feasibility)

Planning Process - policies, mixed acceptance for deploying policies, projects not all include shoulders, review of current plan and the implementation over the last decade

Planning timeline review - update

Fix it-issues to tell us about them from wrcr and city of ann arbor app.

Reconstruction-non-motor facilities maintained potential policy discussion

Project review-safety folks, bike, ADA folks, what doing in the next year,

Reach out to MDOT on coordination of efforts