

**CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE
MINUTES**

June 15, 2023

Regular Meeting

1. The regular meeting of the Bicycle Transportation Task Force was called to order at 6:10 p.m. in the Lower Level of City Hall, 4035 Broadway. Roll call was called and the following were present:

Richie Cohen-Smith, Hayley Ingram, Josh Stamper, Dan Starcher, James Daniels, Mark Davison, Joey Hoffmann, Ex-Officio member: Ted Berry

Members Absent: Mike Tampurages, Sam Clark

Also present: Rhianna Bergman

2. Chair Stamper called for a motion to approve the Minutes from the 5/18/23 meeting; seconded by Mr. Daniels. Unanimously approved.
3. Chair Stamper asked the group to look at the maps that were presented to them at the MORPC workshop and asked if anyone would like to share any suggested changes.

Mr. Daniels suggested that they change the color of the red paths shown on the map as bicycle unfriendly paths, mainly on Hoover Road, as none of the paths are bicycle unfriendly. Rhianna Bergman, intern for the Development Department, explained that a lot of the red, "bicycle unfriendly", paths are alleyways and new developments that they do not have a lot of data on currently. She said that the Development Dept. had actually sent back some input on those red paths already.

Chair Stamper asked that the Development Department create a new map that focuses on main corridors. He also suggested that the map have a middle-ground, possibly yellow colored, mainly for different age groups because a road that he may feel comfortable riding his bicycle on may not be suitable for his young children to ride on.

Mr. Daniels expressed his confusion over the criteria that makes it harder for bicyclists to ride on certain roads. Ms. Bergman stated that the cutoff is 2,000 cars per day on average, so for the middle ground or intermediate roads, not for children, the cutoff could be 2,000-3,000 cars per day on average.

Ms. Ingram suggested that the Development Department make the bike trails and multi-use paths different colors from the roads.

4. Mr. Berry asked the group to look at and focus on low-hanging fruit that would connect Grove City to Columbus, the Scioto River, and the Darby Accord. He asked that they map out North to South routes and East to West routes. The Task Force collaborated on this as a group and identified areas such as Buckeye Parkway to Stargrass Avenue to Meadowgrove Dr.
5. The Task Force also discussed different changes that they could suggest for Hoover Road such as putting an 8ft bike path on the west side of the road; something to protect bicyclists on the edge of the sidewalk since it does have a steep curb; and eventually widening the road.

Chair Stamper explained that a pedestrian bridge over I-71 would solve all of these issues.

Mr. Berry stated that there is already a major bridge being built above I-71 and they could run into funding issues with another. Chair Stamper asked if they could use Pinnacle TIFFF money, for infrastructure. Mr. Berry stated that the TIFFF money is already spoken for with the community center that has been planned.

Mr. Berry suggested that they still put the pedestrian bridge in their report. Ms. Bergman explained that besides TIFFF money, there are plenty of government funding alternatives that could be sought out.

6. The Task Force then looked at an electronic map of Grove City to see if there are any easements that the City has or could acquire to connect bicycle paths/create new paths. They made sure to keep in mind residents of surrounding areas and floodplain.
7. The Task Force agreed to meet on Thursday, July 20 at 6:00 p.m. At that time, they will discuss the tasks before the Task Force.
8. A motion was made to adjourn and was approved by unanimous consent.

Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.


Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Secretary


Josh Stamper
Chairman