

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

January 17, 2024

Regular Meeting

1. The regular meeting of the Bicycle Transportation Task Force was called to order at 6:06 p.m. in the Lower Level of City Hall, 4035 Broadway. Roll was called and the following members were present:

Josh Stamper, James Daniels, Dan Starcher, Mark Davison, Richie Cohen-Smith, Joey Hoffmann

Members Absent: Sam Clark, Hayley Ingram, Mike Tampurages

Staff Support: Tami Kelly, Cindi Fitzpatrick Ex-Officio: Ted Berry

2. Mr. Daniels moved to approve the 11/30/23 minutes; seconded by Mr. Davison. Motion unanimously approved.
3. Chair Stamper recognized Cindi Fitzpatrick, Dir. of Service, for an update.

Ms. Fitzpatrick reported that Kim Shields, Dev. Dept., applied for an ODOT Technical Assistance Grant for a formal Active Transportation Plan. The City learned today that this grant has been awarded. There will be meetings to create the Plan and Ms. Fitzpatrick suggested appointing one or two members who could attend those meetings and report back to the Task Force. She said this Plan will help with the Bicycle Friendly America application. Finally she noted that Kim Shields has also been named to the Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Board of Directors.

She then shared an update on the Link Us project through COTA. There is an initiative to ask for an increase in the sales tax for transportation this Fall. If the issue passes, 33% of the new money will go toward local infrastructure projects that take cars off the road. She explained how COTA is working on a process now to review and prioritize applications. In addition, Franklin County has received a \$400,000.00 grant for engineering of potential projects. Ms. Fitzpatrick said she has sent in eight (8) projects, which include the Bridge over I-71 connector; Scioto Trail; and the S.R. 104 multi-use path gap.

Finally, Ms. Fitzpatrick reported that the Hub & Spoke Bicycle Map has gained some traction and staff is working on it. She said she would send a copy of the Draft to the Task Force when it is received.

4. Chair Stamper moved into discussion on website content.

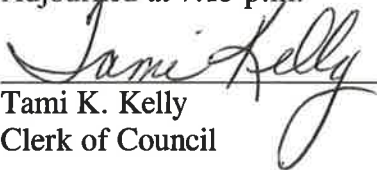
Mr. Daniels shared a draft of four topics for the Outreach program and an outline of general content for the webpage. Mr. Davison commented that he had the same topics on his list. He and Mr. Daniels shared ideas for the webpage and link in each category. Task Force members review the drafts and made small suggestions to the Draft outline. Mr. Daniels asked all members to send him items they would like to see added for “accessories” and all the categories.

5. Ms. Kelly reported that the Chief of Police is working on the bicycle licenses.
Mr. Stamper stated that Mr. Tampurages is working on the Ambassador Program or something similar and also working on entering the BTTF preferred bikeway routes to Ride with GPS.
Mr. Daniels noted that a “comment: option needs to be on the webpage and a “contact us”.

6. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 21 at 6:00 p.m.

8. A motion was made to adjourn and was approved by unanimous consent.

Adjourned at 7:15 p.m.


Tami K. Kelly
Clerk of Council


Josh Stamper
Chairman

Grove City Bicycle Transportation Task Force Social Media messaging

-Create cycling Ambassadors facebook page

I had to do this under my account like a business but I will be able to create posts and share them in local community and cycling groups and local cyclists can message me with their ideas and feedback.

-Select a "safe passing" video to share

If we could all agree on the best safe passing video for motorists, I would like to share that in community groups right away.

-Infographic/poster aimed at potential golf cart buyers

The topic of golf carts has already been discussed in meetings many times. I believe a flyer promoting bicycles as transportation and highlighting their advantages over golf carts could help us get more people on two wheels instead of four.

"Thinking about a golf cart? Consider a bicycle instead!"

Bicycles are a great way to get around Grove City and run errands at the same time. There are many different types of bikes available for carrying cargo and passengers with certain advantages over golf carts including:

- Use of all the bike paths Grove City has to offer (total bike path mileage if we have that stat?)
- Lower cost compared to golf cart
- Exercise while travelling and completing errands
- Easier parking and more room in your garage
- Easier transport on cars"

(if anyone who is skilled in graphic design would like to make this that would be great, otherwise I could just make it simple with photos of my own bikes? I don't know if the city has a stock graphic account somewhere we could get images from? There are a lot of great graphics of all the different type of cargo bikes on the internet but I didn't want to break any copyright laws)

We are excited to share with you that the application for bike helmets as part of the Ohio AAP's Put a Lid on It! Bike Helmet Safety Program is now open. We are proud to continue this program for the 14th year, and thanks to the support of you and our partners, we have been able to distribute nearly 100,000 helmets. Please see details on the application below and share this information with others who may be interested.

Put a Lid on It! Bike Helmet Safety Awareness Activities

[APPLY FOR BIKE HELMETS HERE!](#)

** The application for bike helmets is open and will remain open through 5:00 pm on March 1, 2024*

Links to resources and applications:

1. Visit <https://ohioaap.org/putalidonit> for resources on bike helmet safety
2. For details and to apply for helmets visit <https://ohioaap.org/put-a-lid-on-it-bike-helmet-application>

Important Dates for Put a Lid on It! Bike Helmet Safety Activities in 2024

1. 2024 Application for Bike Helmets Open Now – March 1
2. Recipients of Bike Helmets Notified – March 22
3. Pick-up Method Confirmation Required – April 5
4. Helmet Distribution Day at ODOT – May 7
1. Bike Helmet Safety Awareness Month – May 2024

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you, and I look forward to working with you to help keep Ohio's children safe!

Marc Driscoll, MEd

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Let's connect on social media!

Facebook: @aapohio Twitter: @OHPediatricians

Instagram: Ohio AAP LinkedIn: Ohio AAP

 Book time to meet with me

Kelly, Tami

From: Fitzpatrick, Cindi
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 4:28 PM
To: Kelly, Tami
Subject: Fwd: Ohio AAP Put a Lid on it! - Free Bike Helmets!

Cindi Fitzpatrick, PE
Public Service Director

Phone: [614-277-1101](tel:614-277-1101)
Fax: [614-277-1112](tel:614-277-1112)

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Shields, Kimberly" <kshields@grovecityohio.gov>
Date: February 20, 2024 at 11:50:54 AM EST
To: "Fitzpatrick, Cindi" <cfitzpatrick@grovecityohio.gov>
Subject: FW: Ohio AAP Put a Lid on it! - Free Bike Helmets!

Cindi –

This is the program I mentioned on the phone. Unfortunately, Helmet Distribution Day is after EcoFest, but if there are other events coming up that you or the Task Force think would be good to have a presence at (Bike Buses, Touch a Truck), I am happy to fill out the application and do the leg work to get the helmets and coordinate anything else that needs done.

Thanks!
Kim



Kimberly Shields, AICP | Community Development Manager
Development Department | City of Grove City
4035 Broadway, Grove City, OH 43123
O: 614-277-3007 C: 614-562-8631

From: Marc Driscoll <mdriscoll@ohioaap.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 12:18 PM
Subject: Ohio AAP Put a Lid on it! - Free Bike Helmets!

Good Morning,

Kelly, Tami

From: jstamper333@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2024 8:30 AM
To: Kelly, Tami; James Daniels; Dan Starcher; Mark Davison; Hayley Ingram; Mike Tampurages; Joey Hoffman; Fitzpatrick, Cindi; Fahy, Karen
Subject: Buying a Bicycle (AI edition)

I asked ChatGPT to write a guideline for purchasing a bike for a beginner and it's not bad:

1. **Determine Your Needs:** Decide what type of cycling you'll be doing: road, mountain, commuting, etc.
2. **Set a Budget:** Determine your maximum spending limit, factoring in additional costs like accessories and maintenance.
3. **Research Bike Types:** Understand the differences between road bikes, mountain bikes, hybrids, and city bikes.
4. **Visit Local Bike Shops:** Get expert advice, test ride bikes, and ask about maintenance needs and costs.
5. **Consider Fit:** Ensure the bike is the right size for your height and body proportions to maximize comfort and performance.
6. **Check Components:** Assess the quality of gears, brakes, and suspension, opting for higher quality if within budget.
7. **Read Reviews:** Look up reviews online to gauge performance and durability.
8. **Accessories:** Budget for essential accessories like helmets, locks, lights, and racks.
9. **Consider Used Bikes:** Explore the option of buying a quality used bike to save money, ensuring it's in good condition and fits well.
10. **Prioritize Essentials:** Focus on essential features over luxury items to stay within budget.
11. **Compare Prices:** Shop around for the best deals and consider financing options if available.
12. **Be Realistic:** Balance your desires with your actual needs and financial situation.
13. **Budget for Upgrades:** If buying a lower-priced bike, plan for potential future upgrades to enhance performance or comfort.

Our Residents Community Resources

City of Grove City Website

Bicycling page recommendation

Title?

Safe cycling ??

You're in Grove City

You want a bike or have a bike

What do you do?

Intro page.

The Table below

~~This page is meant to~~
Shows valuable info. about
bicycles; Bicycle Safety; Map of Routes;
and the City Calendar will
show events organized rides.

Dropdown categories:

i. Your bike or Bicycle?

a. Bicycle selection

- i. www.rei.com > expert advice > cycling
- ii. www.consumerreports.org > bikes
- iii. www.bikeradar.com > advice > buyers-guide

The City of Grove City does not endorse specific bicycles or bicycle vendors.

Customers benefit from visiting bike-specific shops. There they will find people who are knowledgeable about bikes. These people can help customers find bikes that fit their specific needs: bike function, size, cost, etc.

Shorten?

b. Bike accessories:

- i. Basics
- ii. Comfort
- iii. Hauling

The City of Grove City does not endorse specific accessories, or vendors.

c. Bike Maintenance

- i. www.bicyclehabitat.com > how to > a simple bicycle maintenance chart
- ii. www.rollbicycles.com > blogs > press > bicycle maintenance
- iii. ABCDE = Air, Brakes, Chain, Derailleur, Everything else

ii. Laws & Safety

- a. State and Local LAWS
- b. ODOT bicycle link

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- c. www.nhtsa.gov > road safety > bicycle safety
- d. www.nhtsa.gov > bike > kids and bike safety
- e. www.nsc.org > summer safety > bicycles

iii. Maps and Routes

- a. Grove City Bikeways map
- b. Access to City of Columbus
- c. Access to Scioto-Darby Creek and Scioto Meadows Metro Parks
- d. Access to Ohio-to-Erie Trail
- e. Tips for riding for errands: ease of access, securing your bike, etc.

Full Metro Park
Trails
map?

iv. Events/Calendar

- a. Organized rides
- b. Bike registration event(s)
- c. Bike maintenance event(s)
- d. Bike Bus to School event(s)
- e. Thanksgiving Day Wattle bike ride

Check the City's Calendar
for organized rides and
bicycle events.

May is
Bike Safety
Month

You're in Grove City, Ohio

You ride a bike

What do you do?

Your bike

Laws &

Bike Safety

Maps & Routes

Where to ride

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Bike Events

Calendar

