

**Minutes of the May 24, 2016  
Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting**

In Attendance: Sam Bell, Jeffrey Bendix, Sgt. Robert Butler, Jonathan Ciesla, Chris Cummings, Councilwoman Mary Dunbar, Marc Lefkowitz, Gayle Lewin, Howard Maier, Charlie Mosbrook, Kathy Petrey, and Richard Wong

Co-Chair Howard Maier called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

*APPROVAL OF APRIL 2016 MINUTES:* Howard asked for action on the April 2016 minutes. Charlie moved to approve the minutes and Sam Bell seconded the motion. **All members present were in favor and the minutes were approved unanimously.**

*NEW BUSINESS:*

*SERVICE DEPARTMENT "SPRING CLEANING" UPDATE:* Joe Kickel, Assistant to Service Director Alex Mannarino, explained the process of repairing streets. Pothole calls or calls about other concerns are routed to the Public Works' dispatcher. Road condition is analyzed annually. This year, 18 roads will be resurfaced and 15 chip sealed. Chip sealing defers the more expensive resurfacing of a road for roughly six years. A citywide restriping program occurs each year, too. Cleaning and sweeping of streets has been reduced in frequency due to budget constraints. Cleveland Heights and Shaker Heights are applying for Ohio Public Works Commission and County funds to resurface Coventry Road. A pair of rectangular rapid flashing beacons will be installed to increase the conspicuousness of pedestrians crossing at a mid-block crosswalk between Hillcrest and Superior. The discussion turned to other flashing lights at pedestrian crosswalks and Joe explained that his research has found that the best practice is for the flashing lights to only be turned on at times when the crosswalk is being used. Keeping the lights on constantly causes them to lose their effectiveness. **Sam Bell moved to recommend to the City that flashing crosswalk lights flash only during times of use. Seconded by Jeffrey Bendix, the motion unanimously passed.**

*CLEVELAND HEIGHTS MASTER PLAN UPDATE:* Howard, being the TAC representative on the Master Plan Steering Committee said that a policy brainstorming session took place last week. Topics included a Complete Streets policy, a requirement for sidewalks, snow removal, bicycle-friendly system of routes, East Side Greenway, street repair and maintenance, parking, loading zones and Transit Oriented Development.

Marc added that Nashville's and Seattle's Master Plans included a goal to eliminate residents' trips of three miles or less by motor vehicle. A vehicle's catalytic converter's pollution prevention chemical reaction does not become activated on such short trips. Those short trips produce a large amount of pollution.

*OLD BUSINESS:*

*RTA UPDATE:* Jonathan said the RTA Board plans to make decisions about cuts at their June 7 meeting that starts at 9 AM. He said nobody to his knowledge was working on restoration of service from Cleveland Heights to Downtown that did not require a transfer.

*MAYFIELD ROAD SIGNALIZATION:* Sargent Butler said no crashes had been reported at the signalized intersections at which lights had been changed to flashing red for sidestreet traffic entering a Mayfield intersection. This is part of a 90-day procedure preceding removal of all Mayfield Road traffic signals at intersections that do not have traffic characteristics (such as frequent serious crashes, heavy pedestrian crossing volume, or obstructed visibility) satisfying the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

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*NOBLE ROAD – ROAD DIET UPDATE:* Richard said plans were completed showing on-street parking, buffered bike lanes for most of the project, bike lanes without buffers for a few blocks, and the consultant's finding that additional delay at traffic signalized intersections was expected to be ten seconds at the worst during rush hour at southbound Monticello and Noble. On average, though, the expected additional delay of less than three seconds at other intersections would not be noticed.

*NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT:* **Members agreed that the next meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee would Tuesday, June 28 at 7 PM.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM.**

*Approved: June 28, 2016*

*Minutes note: Bolded items are official action items approved by TAC.*