

**Minutes of the January 24, 2017
Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting**

In Attendance: Councilwoman Mary Dunbar, Andre Spencer, Jonathan Ciesla, Sam Bell, Kathy Petrey, St. Robert Butler, Gayle Lewin, Charlie Mosbrook, Jeff Bendix, Howard Maier, Marc Lefkowitz, Jennifer Kuzma (Members of a local Boy Scout Troop were also in attendance for a portion of the meeting to witness a public meeting for their government badge.)

Co-Chair Marc Lefkowitz called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 2016 MINUTES: Marc asked for action on the December 2016 minutes. Jeff Bendix made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Charlie Mosbrook. **All members present were in favor and the minutes were approved unanimously.**

RTA UPDATE:

Jonathan provided all TAC members with copies of the new system maps dated fall 2016. He also announced that there will be no services changes in March. The group discussed the looming deadline for the return of \$12M to the Federal Transit Authority and Jonathan reported that there were no new changes or updates to give on that issue. The recent \$4.5M in 2017 state funds was also discussed and TAC members asked Jonathan to keep them informed as this issue is discussed with RTA leadership.

NEW BUSINESS:

Co-Chair Howard Maier took the group through the draft of the 2016 TAC Annual Report he and Co-Chair Marc Lefkowitz drafted for the Committee. It will be shared with the group to get additional feedback and will be reviewed in its final stages at the February meeting.

Councilwoman Dunbar announced that the 2017 Safe Routes to School infrastructure plans are moving forward. ODOT has provided the additional funding needed to bring this project together this year. Jennifer and Capital Projects staff will attend the pre-construction meeting with ODOT on January 25. A copy of the work to be completed in 2017 is attached. Jennifer will continue to negotiate the purchase of the student bicycle fleet with the school district in hopes that the fleet can be purchased soon and in use this spring.

The Cedar/Fairmount Improvements bid was awarded and preconstruction meetings are currently being scheduled. Cedar Road Resurfacing and Cedar/Fairmount Streetscape make up this project. \$1.5M Transportation Alternative Fund will be used to pay for the streetscape portion of the project. Cedar Road will repaved from Euclid Heights Blvd. to Taylor Road and a 10 foot wide multipurpose path will be on the portion from Ambleside (in Cleveland) to Cedar Road.

Marc walked TAC members through recent federal changes on Complete Streets which have a number of positive changes including measuring the movement of people and not just vehicles, state DOT's have to track their impact on carbon emissions, pedestrians, transit users and bicycle riders will be counted and free-flowing rush hour car traffic "peak demand" is a primary goal. The question is now how will states react to these changes. Marc also reminded the group that HB154 passed and will go into effect in March making the three foot passing rule a statewide law.

Due to the length of the meeting, Old Business was tabled until the February meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT: Members agreed that the next meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee will be Tuesday, February 28 at 7 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 PM.

Approved: February 28, 2016

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