

**Minutes of the June 23, 2015
Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting**

In Attendance: Jonathan Ciesla, Marc Lefkowitz, Howard Maier, Charlie Mosbrook, Akshai Singh, Richard Wong

Co-Chair Howard Maier called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM.

APPROVAL OF MAY 2015 MINUTES: Howard Maier asked for action on the May minutes. Jonathan Ciesla suggested a few edits. **All members present were in favor and the minutes were approved unanimously.**

2014 CLEVELAND HEIGHTS ACCIDENT LOCATION MAP: **This item was tabled because Sargent Osowski was not present.**

RTA UPDATE & ROUTE PLANNING DISCUSSION: Jonathan said in August service and alignment changes would typically be made. He knew of no planned alignment changes that would affect Cleveland Heights. Service changes will be reported to the TAC when they are made available. Charlie asked about adjustments to accommodate the high school's move to Wiley. Jonathan said service changes will be likely based on the new patterns of ridership that will occur in September. Jonathan said residents of the Noble Road neighborhood requested additional shelters for the #41 bus route. RTA policy is to furnish shelters if at least 50 boardings occur on an average weekday. The concrete pavement for the bus stop must be in place or provided by others. Anybody would be permitted to provide a shelter at a bus stop but construction and maintenance costs would be theirs. Jonathan noted that RTA's property manager may have also spoken to neighbors or the City but he was not aware if such conversations had occurred.

COMPLETE STREETS UPDATE – GREEN STREET CHECKLIST: Marc described a checklist provided by Mary Dunbar. The intention was to evaluate a street project's potential to reduce its environmental impact. Roadway drainage, accommodation of pedestrians, bicyclists and bus riders; bioswales, street trees, and curb extensions were all topics. Charlie wanted to make sure the checklist evaluated the street's ease of use by the disabled. **Members approved a motion to recommend that the City create and use a checklist that evaluates multi-modal and environmental benefits of each street project.**

ROAD DIET DISCUSSION: Marc explained the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study's "Road Diet Analysis" that he downloaded for members' review. Road diets optimize a road so all forms of transportation are accommodated. Richard then showed slides of a proposed road diet for Noble Road that was being reviewed by CT Consultants before being presented to City Council. Members were encouraged by the City's work and stated that they would like to see Noble Road restriped as proposed.

OLD BUSINESS - DISTRACTED DRIVING AS A TAC FOCUS AREA?: **This item was tabled because Sargent Osowski was not present.**

NEW BUSINESS: Howard mentioned the soon-to-be-dedicated Pekar Park at the northwest corner of Coventry and Euclid Heights Boulevard (the theater building's corner) had a transportation connection. The large, curving shape of the buildings fronting the park corresponded to the path of trolley tracks that once ran eastward up Euclid Heights Boulevard, north down Coventry then east on Mayfield. **Members agreed with Marc's suggestion to ask Jacob Van Sickle to speak about Cleveland Heights' inclusion in a bike sharing system at an upcoming meeting.** Marc said the Cleveland Heights-University Circle connection made bike sharing in Cleveland Heights a natural extension of University Circle's.

NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT: Members agreed that the next meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee would be July 28 at 7 PM in the Executive Conference Room at City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02.

Approved: July 28, 2015

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