

**Minutes of the July 28, 2015
Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting**

In Attendance: Julie Lustic, Marc Lefkowitz, Chris Cummings, Jonathan Ciesla, Richard Wong, Councilwoman Mary Dunbar, Howard Maier and Jennifer Kuzma

Co-Chair Howard Maier called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 2015 MINUTES: Howard Maier asked for action on the June minutes. Chris made a motion to approve the minutes and Julie seconded the motion. **All members present were in favor and the minutes were approved unanimously.**

RTA UPDATE: Jonathan reported that new signs for the #9 bus line and #66R Rail Replacement service would be up this week. There will be a service change released on August 16 and the new Little Italy-University Circle Station will be open before the service change. Jonathan also mentioned that the fall school trips will be put back into service and that new schedules will be out with the August 16th service change. Marc asked how the #9 is doing and Jonathan replied that he will need more data to see how the new service is doing. Jonathan also mentioned that all RTA buses can carry three bicycles on the racks to accommodate more bicyclists.

COMPLETE STREETS UPDATE: Richard reported that the City Manager is reviewing the draft Complete Streets legislation and is providing great input on the draft.

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS MASTER PLAN UPDATE: Howard reported that City Council had appointed him as the TAC representative to the Master Plan Committee. Richard added that staff is reviewing calendars and putting together schedules for the Committee and staff from the County Planning Commission. The first meeting of the Committee should be held soon.

OLD BUSINESS - DISTRACTED DRIVING AS A TAC FOCUS AREA : **This item will be revisited because Sargent Osowski was not present.** However, the group did discuss their interest in viewing a map of the 2014 accidents to possibly make recommendations to City Council. Shaker Heights recently used their 2014 information to determine that Lee Road would benefit greatly from a road diet. Howard will check with NOACA to see if they have any crash data on Cleveland Heights.

OLD BUSINESS – JACOB VAN SICKLE PRESENTATION: Marc will ask Jacob to present at an upcoming TAC meeting on bike sharing in Cleveland Heights.

OLD BUSINESS – EAST SIDE GREENWAY FINAL PUBLIC MEETING DISCUSSION: Marc shared the East Side Greenway Plans which include 12 suggested routes on Cleveland Heights' roads – Warrensville Center Road, Belvoir Blvd., Noble Road, Monticello Blvd., and Lee Road. After much discussion as the plans were reviewed by the group, it was decided that TAC members should spend some time reviewing the document before the August meeting so a full discussion could be held, which could result in a recommendation to City Council to adopt the Plan.

OLD BUSINESS – WAY FINDING UPDATE: Richard explained that he applied for NOACA funds to implement the way finding signs this group discussed last year. Sadly, NOACA suggested that this effort could be handed in-house with the Cleveland Heights Signs Department and it was not approved for NOACA funding. It was mentioned that NOACA may fund a buffered bike lane on North Park Boulevard before they fund way finding signage. Marc thanked Richard for his effort and discussion turned to the work NOACA is doing in University Heights to make Warrensville Center and Cedar Roads more friendly/safe, which could benefit Cleveland Heights as well.

NEW BUSINESS: Jennifer announced the Cleveland Heights 2015 Safe Routes to School award. \$160,800 was awarded for reconstructed traffic signals with pedestrian crossing facilities and Noble and Quilliams Roads. This project will be funded in the State Fiscal Year 2019 which is July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. \$5,000 was awarded for the non-infrastructure application, which will partially fund a proposed bike fleet and trailer to store and move the fleet from school to school. Since this \$11,000 application was only partially funded, Jennifer and others from the schools will consider other options to move this project forward. Councilwoman Dunbar also mentioned a conversation she had with Service Director Alex Mannarino, who is now coordinating his 5-Year-Road Plan with other infrastructure work that will be done in Cleveland Heights.

NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT: **Members agreed that the next meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee would be September 1 at 7 PM in the Executive Conference Room at City Hall.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

Approved: September 1, 2015

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