

**Minutes of the February 24, 2015  
Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting**

In Attendance: Charlie Mosbrook, Chris Cummings, Jonathan Ciesla, Sgt. Ben Osowski, Heather Bates, Councilwoman Mary Dunbar, Richard Wong, Howard Maier, Marc Lefkowitz, Jennifer Kuzma

The meeting began at 7:07 PM. Charlie made a motion to approve the January 2015 meeting minutes as distributed prior to the meeting. Chris seconded the motion. **All members present were in favor and the minutes were approved unanimously.**

Howard then reviewed his presentation to Cleveland Heights City Council on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. Howard explained that TAC's recommendation to Council to adopt a Complete Streets ordinance was well received by Council and they even discussed passing the ordinance in May - Bike Month. Jennifer will send Richard the model ordinance and others that have been identified by Smart Growth America as some of the best passed in 2014.

Richard then gave an update on the Cedar Lee streetscape project. The project is not out for bid yet. ODOT and the County have yet to approve the plan. Richard remains committed to getting the work done by November even though these hurdles are before him.

The next item on the agenda was an update on TAC's annual report. Howard said and those present agreed that the presentation to City Council would serve as the Committee's annual report.

RTA representatives Jonathan Ciesla and Heather Bates then reviewed a map of the Public Square bus stops during the upcoming Public Square construction. They also discussed concerns around snow removal at the bus stops citing that the property owner is responsible for the snow removal. Jonathan stated that if RTA owns the property, they maintain it but in many cases RTA is not the property owner. Richard suggested residents should inform the City so they can help by taking the information to Public Works and City management. Charlie stated that Coventry is terrible right now and Richard recommended that by informing the City of these areas, there will be an increased sensitivity to the needs of everyone using the streets and sidewalks. Marc asked the RTA representatives if the City could be helpful to move the region closer to the recently released state transit recommendations and recent service cuts. Both Jonathan and Heather agreed that it would be helpful.

Marc then moved the discussion to identification of 2015 TAC priorities. As the bike representative to the group, Marc suggested he would like to see a City ordinance for Complete Streets and possibly the creation of a guide to go along with it, a public presentation/dialogue on Complete Streets, discussion on the recommendations to move Cleveland Heights up to the silver (or higher) level Bike Friendly Community award, Way Finding, and a bike share program with UCI, Cleveland and Cleveland Heights. Charlie then suggested taking a look at crosswalks' inaccessibility and creating an inventory to begin to address the issue. Richard thought there may be a potential use of CDBG funds to research, design and rebuild the crosswalks to make them ADA compliant. Chris thought that TAC should invest some time to better understand how transit is funded and take a stronger advocacy role in that area. It was agreed that this discussion would be continued at the March meeting.

Those present selected Tuesday, March 24 at 7 PM as the next meeting date.

*Approved on*

Underlined items indicate action items within the minutes and bolded areas are official action items approved by TAC.