

**Minutes of the March 28, 2018
Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting**

In Attendance: Sam Bell, Jeff Bendix, Chris Cummings, Councilperson Mary Dunbar, Joel Freilich, 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 FEBRUARY 28, 2018 MINUTES: Howard asked for an action on the February minutes. **Sam moved to approve the minutes as submitted and Jeff seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS: Mary and Richard reviewed the following City projects:

- The Complete and Green Streets policy was presented to City Council on March 26. A resolution will be introduced at the April 16 City Council meeting.
- Cleveland Heights will be added to the South Euclid, Lyndhurst and Mayfield Heights Mayfield Road Corridor Multimodal Plan. NOACA increased the study's Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) grant from \$60,000 to \$80,000, a practice that Gayle said was rare. Staff slides of ideas for changes on Mayfield Road were presented and discussed.
- NOACA staff will soon begin a Taylor Road TLI planning study. University Heights' Patrick Grogan-Myers and Mayor Michael Brennan are working with Cleveland Heights' staff and district businessperson Kevin Smith. Slides of staff ideas for Taylor Road's changes were presented and discussed. The two cities jointly applied for NOACA's Demonstration Project in which a transportation concept would be temporarily tested for a week or two.
- The North Park bike lane's buffers painting contract has been awarded and should start soon.

Sam said on Lee Road a northbound sign ahead of the rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RRFB) blocked motorists' view of the beacon's flashing lights and signs. He added that an education program was needed to increase use of the button to activate the RRFB's flashing lights. Gayle said a freestanding sign in the middle of the road in the crosswalk is the most effective way to encourage motorists to yield to crossing pedestrians. Marc asked if the Police kept track of tickets issued for drivers' failure to yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk.

Howard asked about pothole patching, mentioning the poor condition of Cedar Hill. Kathy agreed that the hill needed attention. Marc said the City had done a good job patching potholes on Superior.

Sam said Cedar Road had numerous sunken areas where utility excavations of the new pavement had occurred.

Joel Freilich said the RTA Board was considering a levy or sales tax to increase funding for the transit system's operation. In 18 years, Cuyahoga County voters had approved 22 or 23 issues and turned down only three. He shared evidence since 1999 that the west side's cuts were more numerous than the east side's. Kathy said that the need for Cleveland Heights riders to transfer to reach downtown was not supplanted by alternatives such as a park and ride lot. She countered Joel's description of a passenger's transfer in that she had to walk a distance from the first vehicle to another stop. She found the transfer uncomfortable in that it subjected riders to exposure and vulnerability that did not exist before the cut. Gayle added that Cleveland Heights-to-downtown riders lacking an all-day pass pay twice as much as before the cut. Marc and Howard suggested a TAC recommendation of support for additional RTA funding.

Marc said the University Circle BlueLink shuttles had high ridership. The route connects Coventry and Cedar Fairmount to University Circle.

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Mary shared Walk Scores of Ohio cities.

Howard said that Cleveland Heights was not participating in the Senior Transportation Connection. He did acknowledge that the City operated an Office on Aging van. Mary suggested that a representative speak to this at a City Council meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT: Members agreed that the next meeting would be Wednesday, April 25 at 7PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03.

Approved:

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