

**Minutes of the Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting  
In the Executive Conference Room of Cleveland Heights City Hall  
On March 27, 2019, at 7 p.m.**

Attendees: Sam Bell, Jeffrey Bendix, Mary Dunbar, Joel Frielich, Gayle Lewin, Howard Maier, Charlie Mosbrook, Kathy Petrey, Sergeant Mary Grace Tokmenko, and Richard Wong

Election of Officers: Sam, Charlie and Gayle agreed to co-chair. The three would take turns chairing. Kathy moved this slate of co-chairs. Seconded by Jeff, the motion passed unanimously.

Mary said Joe Kickel's Safe Routes to School application would complete the projects that had been proposed in the Travel Plan. Kathy suggested encouraging the City Manager in discussions with the new Superintendent to promote bicycling especially north of Mayfield. She also requested that Mary encourage the school district to have a liaison for such initiatives.

Sam said he spoke at a City Council meeting about Vision Zero. Kathy and Marc wanted to work on this, too. Joel said sharing the finding that deaths increase as speeds increase will not persuade the public. His suggested approach was to evaluate the number of roads that had a speed limit exceeding 25 miles per hour and then demonstrate that a change to 25 miles per hour would produce consistency and not create a big loss of time. Kathy reasoned that even the longest road in the city would not experience significant delays under this change. Gayle said the City's reputation of being tough on speeders would worsen with the change and result in court challenges. Kathy, being an attorney, and Mary Grace, taking the coursework to be an attorney, did not believe that the City would have legal problems changing to a 25 mile per hour speed limit. Mary Grace said fewer deviations in speed limit may decrease speeding violations. Howard advocated for infrastructure design to incorporate best practices to reduce speeding. Gayle said parallel parking is a traffic calming measure on Euclid Heights Boulevard.

Sam, replying to a question from Kathy, said bicycling is prohibited on sidewalks. [note: Traffic Code Section 373.09(c) states "A bicycle or skateboard may be operated or ridden upon any sidewalk in the City except where signs are erected prohibiting such operation."] Sam noted that bicyclists are least safe on sidewalks. He added that runners don't like using sidewalks because of unevenness and slipperiness. Kathy said walkers also find the sidewalks slippery.

Richard said he could discuss the Top of the Hill parking and traffic report at the next meeting. Howard said he heard comments that the proposed parking was not sufficient. Richard said the developer was experienced at knowing his tenants' parking needs.

Joel described three studies for RTA. An economic benefit study done by CSU found a \$2.2 billion increase in property value to properties enjoying access to transit. A rail fleet study assessed the condition of the rail vehicles and the costs of a major rehabilitation versus replacing them. The findings of a fare equity study will be presented to RTA's Board. Public involvement in that study includes online surveys that sought people's priorities. Fares and service are not planning to change this year.

Mary Grace said a dog walker initiative will add an extra measure of security to a neighborhood. Dog walkers will be watchful and report suspicious activity. The City's crime rate is down.

Mary said Peggy Spaeth was promoting native plants and asked if this could be part of the Green in the City's Complete and Green Streets policy.

Regarding the next meeting's Wednesday, April 24 date, Mary said she could not attend but may be available Tuesday of that week. Richard said he'd poll members. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03