

Pedestrian and Pedalcycle Advisory Committee Minutes

Subject: Minutes for Spring Quarterly Meeting
Date and time: March 15th, 2018 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM
Location: Conference Room 8N1 – Keystone Building, Harrisburg, PA

The meeting was called to order at 12:35pm by Roy Gothie (PennDOT Bicycle – Pedestrian Coordinator). Roll was taken and a quorum was declared.

PPAC members in attendance were: Nolan Richie (alternate for Senator Rafferty Jr.), Elizabeth Stickler (alternate for Representative Taylor) Jason Gerard (alternate for Senator Sabatina), Kyle Wagonseller (alternate for Representative Keller), Roy Gothie (alternate for Secretary Leslie Richards), Diane Kripas (alternate for Secretary Cindy Dunn), Julie Fitzpatrick, Frank Maguire, Benn Guthrie, Sarah Stuart, Lauri Ahlskog, Fred Richter, and William Hoffman.

Additional Attendees included Justin Lehman (Department of Health), Steven Horner (Department of Aging), Jason Hershock (PennDOT), Dave Melville (PennDOT), Brian Shunk (PennDOT), Carol Reichbaum (University of Pittsburgh), Wayne Mears (PennDOT), Laura Heilman (Pa Commuter Services), Brandon Peters (Southern Alleghenies RPO), Ali Noll (Pennsylvania Employees Benefit Trust Fund), Samantha Pearson (Walk It, Bike It), Tomas Barron (DEP), and Michael Castellano (FHWA).

The minutes from the December 8th, 2017 meeting were approved with minor revisions.

Mr. Mathew Marcou from the Washington D.C. Department of Transportation presented on “Maintaining Access for Bicycles and Pedestrians During Construction” (presentation and links emailed to PPAC members).

Mr. Dave Melville presented PennDOT’s draft Rumble Strip Policy (pdf of presentation attached to email).

Mr. Brian Shunk presented PennDOT’s draft Bicycle Design Chapter (pdf of presentation attached to email).

Carol Reichbaum presented on MassDOT and MassDOH coordination and Justin Lehman provided an update on Walkworks at the request of Nolan Richie. (Attachment #1).

Nolan Richie provided a brief update on several relevant bills: SB 172; SB 251; and HB 1646 noting that there had been some movement and discussions were ongoing on how to get them out of the various committees. However, SB 788 was not on the schedule to be discussed.

Diane Kripas provided an update on DCNR’s Trail of the Year and their effort to update the Trail Gap Analysis Map (pdf of presentation attached to email)

Roy Gothie presented an update on other PennDOT activities (Attachment #2)

Steven Horner from The Department of Aging provided a brief update of his agencies activities (attachment # 3).

Under New Business, a general discussion was held on the 3 year priorities for PPAC and changes to Pub 95 (Pa Driver's Manual). The group was asked to offer some suggestions on what needed to be updated.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Next Meeting

Date and time: June 7th 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM
Location: Conference Room 8N1 – Keystone Building, Harrisburg, PA

_____ Secretary

_____ Date of Approval

ATTACHMENT #1

In August, WalkWorks released a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) intended for municipal or similar local governmental entities for the purpose of assisting with the development of transportation plans with an emphasis on walking and biking or the development of policies, such as Complete Streets, that enhance walking or biking. The funding was provided by the PA Department of Health and awarded through the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health. Four communities received mini-grants and started their work in October:

- Elizabethtown Borough, Lancaster County
- Jersey Shore Borough, Lycoming County
- Borough of Oakmont, Allegheny County
- West Earl Township, Lancaster County

The Pennsylvania Walkable Communities Collaborative, in partnership with the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs, will be hosting three separate workshops called “Understanding Complete Streets Policies and Field Review” in the following:

- May 8 – Macungie Institute, Lehigh County
- May 22 – Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex, Indiana County
- June 1 – Hummelstown Borough Municipal Building, Dauphin County

All workshops will be from 9:00-4:30 and cost is \$50.

Carol Reichbaum, WalkWorks Project Coordinator, shared a case study she wrote, ***At the Intersection of Public Health and Transportation***, that looks at the benefits of legislation that mandates the connection and collaboration of health and transportation in Massachusetts. In 2009, the Massachusetts legislature enacted transportation reform law that established MassDOT by consolidating multiple transportation agencies into a multimodal transportation agency; and created the Healthy Transportation Compact – an integrated group co-chaired by the Secretaries of Transportation and Health and Human Services for the purpose of improving public health through the coordination of land use, transportation and public health policy.

For Consideration

- Orient elected officials about the link of transportation policy and public health.
- Formally, issue recommendations for improving health through transportation policy.
- Begin to reflect the integration of disciplines through health impact assessments.
- Validate the collaboration of the health and the transportation departments with a memorandum of understanding.
 - Formalize ongoing communication and planning
 - Collaborate on research and data analysis efforts
 - Leverage funding opportunities
- Proposed Legislation.

Wednesday, May 9 – Spoke ‘n Gear Bicycle Expo in Soldier’s and Sailor’s Grove

Monday, May 14, 9:00-10:00 – Executives’ Community Bike Ride behind the Capitol

Monday, May 14, 10:00-10:30 – Executives’ Press Event on the front steps of the Capitol

ATTACHMENT # 2

PennDOT's Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan update is underway with a webpage now up and a community survey that will be used to collect information on the barriers to walking and bicycling in the state. The work product should be complete by March 2019.

PennDOT has updated the Bicycle Webpage with range of new materials for planning and design guidance: <http://www.penndot.gov/TravelInPA/RideaBike/Pages/default.aspx>

ATTACHMENT #3

The Department of Aging will shortly open the window for applications for the 2018-2019 grant program. This program is designed to assist senior centers in attracting new membership. The grants top out at \$150,000.00 and moving forward the Department hopes to develop some best practices for senior centers to draw from.