



North Fayette Active Transportation Plan Project



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DATE | TIME Wednesday, July 21, 2021 @ 6:00pm – 7:00pm

SUBJECT: **Minutes of the 3rd Steering Committee Meeting | Discussion on Potential Improvement Measures**

The 3rd meeting of the Steering Committee for the North Fayette Township Active Transportation Plan was held on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at the North Fayette Township Community Center, Second Floor, located at 580 Donaldson Road, Oakdale, PA 15071.

Attendance:

Steering Committee members in attendance included:

- Sean Stark TranSystems
- Sidney Kaikai TranSystems
- Tony Ellis Resident (Fayette Farms HOA)
- Matt Trepal Allegheny County
- Bob Doddato North Fayette Township Board of Supervisors
- Andrew Hartwell North Fayette Township Director of Community Development
- Matt Gilfillan North Fayette Township Planning Commission
- Lynn Manion ACTA
- Chuck Kyle North Fayette Township Planning Commission
- Shaun Wingram,CSSE North Fayette Township Engineer
- Alex Quick Boy Scout

Agenda

Sean Stark, project manager, presented a status report by summarizing project activities since the last Steering Committee meeting on June 23. Below are the highlights:

Virtual Meeting with the Port Authority of Allegheny County (PAAC)

The project team had a virtual meeting with the Port Authority of Allegheny County to present the study purpose, data collection efforts, meetings held to date, study progress and how the PAAC can assist the study going forward. Sean talked about existing transit conditions in North Fayette Township, including bus routing, service levels in the community especially since the onset of Covid-19, ridership, bus stops and shelters, and future plans. Sean also summarized the results received from the public workshop and survey held in June. Below are the highlights of meeting.

The Port Authority has already provided some information on ridership, routes, bust stops / shelters and service levels. Will review and incorporate in the study as warranted.

Resident Survey

- Sean presented highlights of survey responses to the top questions. We received roughly 334 responses to the survey.
 - How do you currently access your destinations within North Fayette? Most people (90%) drive but some walk and bike also.
 - What improvements are most important to people?
 - Sidewalk improvements are the number one concern, followed by
 - Bike trails
 - Other concerns include trail access, giving people access to the Montour Trail, Pan Handle Trail and other local trails within North Fayette. The survey results can be found on the township's website.
 - Improvements will emphasize sidewalks and trail access
 - Sean will send out the survey results to the Steering Committee via email
 - Regarding the proposed improvements, the least favored of the top six is shared road markings (SHARROWS)
 - Will revisit shared road markings as we fine tune the improvements to see if it can be included in the longer term category.
 - The improvements will be grouped into Short Term, Intermediate Term, and Long Term categories
 - What township improvements would people like to see?
 - ✓ Sidewalks
 - ✓ Road maintenance (Andrew: Do you mean street sweeping, potholes, general street repair?)
 - ✓ Street lighting
 - ✓ Pedestrian lighting
 - ✓ Parking
 - ✓ Intersection improvements
 - ✓ Traffic improvements
 - ✓ Need to make sure the improvements will provide access to township parks, trails, community centers, schools, etc.

- ✓ Currently, most people drive to their destinations by car
- Andrew Hartwell, Director of Community Development for North Fayette Township suggested the following question for the next survey: “Would residents be interested in putting forth new tax dollars towards additional roadway maintenance and other improvements because everybody seems to want improvements but don’t want to pay for them?”.

Proposed Improvements

Sean explained the proposed improvements listed below and will send a PDF to Steering Committee members. A prolonged discussion of these improvements ensued concerning the pros and cons of some of the improvements. Key highlights included:

- Continuing dialogue with Botanic Garden about a trail connection through their property to the Montour Trail
- How can we get the best pedestrian and bike access for local residents to access the Montour Trail, Pan Handle Trail, Parks and Playgrounds, Community Centers, etc.?
- Sidney and Sean will field view suggested other possible trail connections to see if they are feasible:
 - The area around Gamble Road and Wittington Road
 - The Oakdale Road area (Traffic and sewage issues)
 - The potential trail connection through Fayette Farms to the community pool
- Andrew: There may be a new traffic signal, roadway realignment and pedestrian improvements, including crosswalks at West Allegheny Road near the school.
- Andrew: Has concerns about showing the sidewalk connection on Rockwood Drive. May want to take it off, as there is a land use zoning contention with the residents.
 - Summit Park Drive / Findlay Twp.
 - Bridge cantilevered – sidewalk
 - Enlow Road – Montour Trail Crossing
 - Cliff Mine –Trail Crossing
 - Patterson Trail – Homemade Trails
 - Investigate these vs. private property
 - ROW issues
 - Swagger Street – Jeffery Circle
 - Maple Lane – Lot owned by Allegheny County
 - Noblestown Road Options
 - Columbia Gas Line
 - Panhandle Trail Access & Crossings

- Donaldson Road – Sidewalks / Crosswalks / Shared Lane Markings
- Fayette Farms Connection
- Community Mini Circles – Traffic Calming
- Partridge Lane to Kennedy Road for access to the Montour Trail
- McKee Road / Enlow Road / Summit Park – Potential Trail
- Steubenville Road – Sidewalks
- Montour Church Road – Panera, area (Loop)
- Gamble Road Connectivity to McKee?
 - Utility Access / Easement
- Gamble Road to Noblestown Road through an Allegheny County owned property to provide connection to the Panhandle Trail.

2. Questions / Comments

- Additional survey question or modification to the public survey questionnaire – How far would you go? What are your destinations?
- Upcoming Steering Committee Member Meeting
 - ~~Wednesday, August 18th @ 6-7pm (Another date is under discussion due to conflicts)~~
[Update: Next Steering Committee Meeting will be a field view of several proposed improvement sites held on Tuesday August 24th @ 10am]
 - Wednesday, September 15th @ 6-7pm
 - Wednesday, October 20th @ 6-7pm

I believe these minutes accurately reflect the items discussed at the subject meeting. If there are any revisions or corrections to these minutes, please contact the undersigned within ten (10) days of receipt of these minutes. If no revisions or corrections are requested, the minutes will stand approved as submitted.

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