

**Minutes of the May 19, 2015
Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting**

In attendance: Councilwoman Mary Dunbar, Julie Lustic, Sgt. Ben Osowski, Richard Wong, Marc Lefkowitz, Chris Cummings, Howard Maier, Jonathan Ciesla, Jennifer Kuzma and Akshai Singh

The meeting began at 7:07 PM. Chris made a motion to approve the April 2015 minutes as provided to committee members prior to the meeting. The motion was seconded by Sgt. Osowski and the **minutes were approved unanimously.**

Sgt. Ben Osowski presented the 2014 Cleveland Heights Police Department Accident Report. Sgt. Osowski mentioned that Cedar Hill and the intersection of Lee and Fairmount are the biggest concern areas. These areas became much safer with the re-timing of the traffic lights. Some questions included Howard asking if distracted driving should be a TAC focus. Those present agreed that distracted driving could definitely be a TAC focus area. Marc asked if Complete Streets guidelines could help calm traffic and Sgt. Osowski believed it could help to address many of the concerns. Sgt. also said he would work on mapping out the accident sites for the next TAC meeting. It was also discussed that webinars and CEU events that focused on the Vision Zero concept for engineers (maybe through the professional organizations) could be incredibly helpful as roadway designs and traffic signaling could be improved.

Discussion then turned to an update on the TAC vacant seat. Councilwoman Dunbar reported that two applications had been received for the pedestrian seat. After some discussion, the group agreed that the two applications should be reviewed and consider for the TAC vacancy. Jennifer and Councilwoman Dunbar will follow up with Councilman Kahlil Seren who chairs the Administrative Services Committee.

Jonathan Ciesla, from RTA, presented answers to various questions of the committee from March 2015 and April 2015. Questions regarding the current Cedar University station, bicycle rack locations, the under-construction Little Italy/Mayfield station, and general information about bus stop safety and consolidation. No additional questions were asked and all attendees felt the answers provided were sufficient. He also mentioned that there will be a service update on 5/28 but there will not be any alignment changes or system-wide changes. Jonathan said he would find out who represented RTA on Cleveland's Complete Streets Committee so that individual could possibly assist Cleveland Heights in their efforts. Jonathan also mentioned that the Little Italy Station will need to be open for a short while to determine if the station might be a stop for the 9.

Since the meeting was running late the discussion on the Complete Streets Update will be pushed until the July TAC meeting.

Marc then presented on the Bike Share Task Force he has been participating on since its inception in 2012. This group issued an RFP in 2012 and found that Cleveland could support 700 bikes at 70 stations throughout Cleveland. In March 2015 the Task Force issued an RFQ for an operator for this system – three companies responded. Back in November 2014, Zagster opened a few stations on the west side of Cleveland. In May of this year, the County's newly formed Department of Sustainability applied for a \$375,000 grant from NOACA for bike share funds. The grant award will be announced in June and Bike Cleveland is working on obtaining the \$375,000 matching funds.

A few meeting reminders were given under Old Business. One for the Eastside Greenway meeting at the Bottlehouse and a Bike to Worship Ride on 6/14 at St. Paul's Church. The Police Department Bike Auction is scheduled for 6/17 at 6 PM. TAC members were also reminded that TAC Co-Chairs Howard and Marc will share the TAC seat on the Master Plan Committee. A mention of UCI's Transportation and Mobility Study which should be completed in late-June was also made to the group.

The next TAC meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, June 23 at 7 PM. This meeting will be held in the Executive Conference Room on the second floor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

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

Approved: June 23, 2015