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Southwestern Pennsylvania Active Transportation Forum

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

10:00 AM – Noon

**North Meeting Room, 4th Floor
Two Chatham Center, 112 Washington Place
Pittsburgh, PA 15219**

MEETING SUMMARY

Attendance

First	Last	Organization
Adams	Carroll	Pittsburgh Bike Share / Healthy Ride
Alison	Robinson	UPMC
Ariam	Ford	GTECH Strategies
Betsy	Aiken	Murrysville Trail Alliance
Betsy	Zang	McCormick Taylor
Caren	Glotfelty	Allegheny County Parks Foundation
Carol	Moore	Oakmont Borough
Chelsea	Puff	Cranberry Township
Chris	Sandvig	Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group (PCRG)
Chris	Chidiron	Walk Bike Shaler
Courtney	Mahronich	Friends of the Riverfront
Daniel	Carpenter	Westmoreland County
Darrell	Rapp	Swissvale Borough
Doniele	Russell	Lawrence County
Jason	Theakston	Washington County
Jerry	Green	Northside Bike Ped
Jim	Price	Sustainable Pittsburgh
Jina	O'Neill	Oakland Transportation Management Agency (OTMA)
Josh	Krug	Indiana County
Josh	Grimm	PennDOT D-11
Joy	Ruff	Johnson, Miriman & Thompson
Kathryn	Schlesinger	Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group (PCRG)
Lindsay	Angelo	CONNECT
Liz	Gamelier	TransAssociates
Loralyn	Fabian	Allegheny Green Web
Lori	Cole	Johnson, Miriman & Thompson
Mark	Gordon	Butler County

Mary	Shaw	Trail Volunteer Fund, Free Wheeling Easy
Richard	Feder	University of Pittsburgh, Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition
Roy	Weil	Trail Volunteer Fund, Free Wheeling Easy
Seth	Koons	Westmoreland County

SPC

Andy	Waple	Program Development Manager
Kim	Beaver	Grant Manager
Leann	Chaney	Transportation Planner
Mali'e	Yoon	Multimodal Transportation Intern

1. Welcome & Introductions

Leann opened the meeting and asked for introductions from those in attendance.

2. Planning

Rail~Volution

Chris Sandvig, from the Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group (PCRG), provided a brief overview of the upcoming Rail~Volution conference that will be held in Pittsburgh in October.

One Northside Trail

Ariam Ford, from GTECH Strategies, presented on the One Northside Trail initiative and discussed several of their projects and activities. These included One Northside Asset Inventory Mapping, neighborhood trail maps and multi-modal trail planning efforts. Ariam also discussed urban trail programming outreach activities that indicated a strong demand for improving conditions for walking. Ariam provided an overview of several Northside connectivity projects to include gateway projects, such as the Solar Street stair cleanup, and their Spring Garden Trail Pilot project, which involved identification of a neighborhood trail and sponsoring walking tours.

Commodore Perry Regional Trail (CPRT)

Chelsea Puff, Manager of Business and Economic Development for Cranberry Township, presented on a multi-municipal collaboration to establish the Commodore Perry Regional Trail. These efforts are being pursued by a collaborative group known as "Planners in Action". The group is comprised of representatives from Cranberry Twp, Jackson Twp, Adams Twp, Marshall Twp, Twp of Pine and the Borough of Bradford Woods –involving both Allegheny and Butler counties. Chelsea stated the initiative began with the realization that each municipality was working on similar goals within their own borders and that working together they could develop a regional active transportation network and create connections to each other's recreational assets and regionally significant trails, such as the North Country Trail and the Rachel Carson Trail. The process for identifying the CPRT trail alignment involved monthly group planning sessions, meeting with DCNR, review and planning with home communities and a conducting

GIS analysis and review. Chelsea reviewed the potential alignment of the primary route, which will involve 52 miles of trail, discussed the recreational amenities in their area and provided a summary of existing and proposed sidewalks and trails for each of the involved municipalities. She stated that “next steps” include formal adoption by participating municipalities, seeking DCNR “trail of regional significance” designation and securing funds for implementation and construction. Chelsea also stated that they are open to working with additional municipalities that may want to be involved.

Allegheny Green Web

Caren Glotfelty, Executive Director of the Allegheny County Parks Foundation, presented on a collaborative initiative to implement a vision of connected green spaces and communities, known as the Allegheny Green Web, and introduced the new Allegheny Green Web Coordinator, Loralyn Fabian. Caren highlighted existing resources considered in this effort, which included the trails and greenways network identified in Allegheny County plans, such as Allegheny Places and Active Allegheny. She stated their efforts are intended to supplement and update these existing plans and that higher public demand for connections support implementation of this vision. Caren provided a summary list of current Allegheny Green Web partners and discussed future outreach plans. She also discussed precedents for open space and trail connectivity planning and elaborated on current Green Web activities and their two-year plan, as well as their planning approach and identification of key components of the Green Web –places, oases and deserts. Caren also discussed efforts involved in conducting a capacity analysis that led to identification of the key components of the Green Web.

Regional Active Transportation Plan: Project Update

Leann stated that final development of Active Transportation Profiles for each county and the City is in progress and she presented Indiana County’s profile sheet for review. She also stated that SPC staff is working on development of mapping tools that may be used by communities working to plan for and build active transportation facilities, and that SPC’s draft web-based active transportation toolkit is near completion. Leann reviewed a screenshot of one page on the draft website, highlighting that it will provide links for national guidance, but be supplemented with local resources and/or examples from our region.

3. Roundtable Updates

Roundtable updates were not called for, but Leann later asked that anyone interested in providing updates do so by email.

4. Future meeting dates

- March 7, 2018
- June 6, 2018
- September 5, 2018
- December 5, 2018