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Southwestern Pennsylvania Active Transportation Forum

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

10:00 AM – Noon

North Meeting Room, 4th Floor

Two Chatham Center, 112 Washington Place

Pittsburgh, PA 15219

MEETING SUMMARY

Attendance

First	Last	Organization
Adam	Mattis	DCNR
Adams	Carroll	Pittsburgh Bike Share / Healthy Ride
Allison	Robinson	UPMC
Andrea	Boykowczyk	Oakland Planning & Development Corporation
Andrea	Elcock	Port Authority
Ann	Ogoreuc	Allegheny County Economic Development
Betsy	Zang	McCormick Taylor
Chris	Sandvig	Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group (PCRG)
Courtney	Mahronich	Friends of the Riverfront
Daniel	Carpenter	Westmoreland County
Darrell	Rapp	Swissvale Borough
Jason	Theakston	Washington County
Jayson	Livingston	EPD
Jerry	Green	Northside Bike Ped
Jim	Price	Sustainable Pittsburgh
Joel	Mackay	Butler County
John	Buerkle	Pashek + MTR
Josh	Theakston	PennDOT D-12
Joy	Ruff	Johnson, Mirmirman & Thompson
Kathryn	Schlesinger	Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group
Lindsay	Angelo	CONNECT
Liz	Gamelier	TransAssociates
Mark	Gordon	Butler County
Mark	Magalotti	University of Pittsburgh
Mavis	Rainey	Oakland Transportation Management Agency (OTMA)
Ned	Williams	Montour Trail Council
Paige	Anderson	Department of Mobility & Infrastructure (DOMI)
Richard	Feder	University of Pittsburgh, Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition
Robert	Genter	Mackin Engineering
Ryuji	Kusumoto	Growing Together Through Trails
Shakir	Mahmud	University of Pittsburgh

SPC

First	Last	Title
Abby	Stark	Public Involvement Specialist
Andy	Waple	Director, Transportation Planning
Chuck	Imbrogno	Models & Data Analysis Manager
Kathy	Stefani	ATWIC Program Manager
Kim	Beaver	Grant Manager
Leann	Chaney	Transportation Planner
Tom	Klevan	Manager, Multimodal Planning

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 an update on planning for the upcoming Rail~Volution conference that will be held in Pittsburgh in October and stated that proposals for sessions are now being accepted.

Walkability Action Institute

Leann announced that Allegheny County was selected to receive travel assistance to send an interdisciplinary team comprised of public health, transportation, planning, elected officials and other disciplines to attend a 4-day walkability course in Decatur, GA from April 9-12, 2018. In addition to attending the course, teams are expected to develop team action plans and implement policy, system and environmental (PSE) outcomes to make their communities, regions and states more walkable. The course, which is called the Walkability Action Institute, is sponsored by the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors. The Allegheny County team (Team AC) is being led by Hannah Hardy, who submitted the application on behalf of the Allegheny County Health Department. Additional team members include Leann Chaney (MPO), Ann Ogoreuc (transportation planning), Carol Reichbaum (WalkWorks) and Marita Garret (Mayor, Wilkensburg). A summary of the course outcomes will be presented at the June Active Transportation Forum.

Regional Active Transportation Plan Update; Leann Chaney, SPC

Leann provided an update on development of the regional active transportation plan, stating that the background work has been completed and SPC is in the process of securing consultant services to compile existing material and develop the final plan document.

3. Capacity Building

Pedestrian

Exclusive and Concurrent Pedestrian Phase Operations Considering Pedestrian Safety; Md.

Shakir Mahmud and Dr. Mark Magalotti –University of Pittsburgh

Shakir presented findings from a research project that he conducted to compare the operational efficiency of signalized intersections with exclusive pedestrian phase (EPP) operations to ones with concurrent pedestrian phase (CPP) operations to determine their effect on encouraging or discouraging pedestrian non-compliance and the impact on pedestrian safety.

Urban Bike

Healthy Ride, Adams Carroll, Pittsburgh Bike Share

Adams provided an update on Healthy Ride's expansion plans and their recent ConnectCard initiative, which started as a pilot and is being extended for another six months. The transit integration initiative was launched to expand access to public transportation by offering 15-minute free rides to ConnectCard users in a Healthy Ride service area that may want to complement the start or end of their transit trip by bike. Adams also discussed expansion plans, stating that they are adding stations beginning in April. Expansion plans will double their service area and the population within that area. Goals include shortening walks to a Healthy Ride station, installing improved signage and adding more dockless stations. They are seeking feedback on proposed new station locations and have a draft of proposed sites on their website. They are also expanding into new neighborhoods and have identified ambassadors in those neighborhoods to encourage residents to use Healthy Ride. As of now, Pittsburgh is the only government in which Healthy Ride has an agreement to operate, but they hope to expand to areas outside the City in the future.

4. Funding Opportunities

Regional Transportation + Community Funding Programs/Overview; Andy Waple, SPC

Andy provided an overview of transportation and community funding programs, many of which include funding opportunities for active transportation projects. He provided a handout of the spring 2018 edition of a funding resource guide that was prepared by SPC staff and stated that is also available on SPC's website.

5. Education + Advocacy

Roundtable Updates

Roundtable updates included:

- News that a medical marijuana facility that is being developed in Squirrel Hill will be accessible by bike, walking and transit.
- Wilkesburg Twp will be holding their first public meeting in April.
- A trail-side residential development (trail-oriented development) is being planned along the Montour Trail and developers are interested in establishing trail branches.
- Residents are happy to hear that Healthy Ride will be having stations in the Northside.
- Wilkes Twp is adopting their Active Transportation Plan tonight.
- Indiana Borough is hosting a Complete Streets workshop in May (sponsored by the PA State Association of Boroughs) and planning for their upcoming decathlon.
- UPMC is holding a bike collection event on Earth Day.
- BikePGH is planning for their annual Women's Forum and Open Streets events for 2018.

- Oakland will be seeing improvements to 20 intersections.

6. Future meeting dates

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