

TCBA Advocacy Meeting

9 November 2022 / 6:30 – 8:00 PM

League of Michigan Bicyclists, 410 S. Cedar St., Lansing

Dale Freeman, Dave Goodman, Tim Potter, Art Slabosky, Dan Stockwell, Diana Twede, Mike Unsworth, Phil Wells, and Jeanne Wright

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mike Unsworth made a motion to approve the agenda with Jeanne Wright seconding the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

3. Approval of October Minutes

Mike Unsworth made a motion to approve the agenda with Dan Stockwell seconding the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

4. MDOT and “J-Turns” – Art Slabosky

Art gave a brief description of his communications with MDOT seeking to get answers regarding the use of J-Turns on Bus. US-127 in Clinton County and the obstacles that these turns pose for cyclists and pedestrians seeking to cross.

Dale had sent requests to MDOT representatives to speak to this committee in prior months and on November 7th but had not heard back. While this items were discussed he sent another request for the December meeting and if necessary would share the schedule for the next four month’s meetings.

5. Delta Township NMT Letter – Dan Stockwell

Dan spoke to the committee regarding the letter to Delta Township that he drafted and that the committee unanimously approved of at the October meeting. He reports that the response from Delta Township was mixed with Ken Fletcher, Township Supervisor, responding negatively while others like Dennis Fedewa, Township Treasurer and other trustees responded positively. Dan expects an invitation to present and speak and is hoping that TCBA President Pat Kelley

will be able to attend with him. Jeanne Wright also reported that she had recently spoken to Mr. Fedewa regarding the need to revise the Township's Non-Motorized Transportation Five Year Plan which was last updated in 2018.

6. Trails Report – Mike Unsworth

Mike reported that the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission Trails Group met in October and distributed a Tri-County Regional Trails Plan Project Overview document (copies of which were distributed at the meeting). The document laid out the project goals which were to:

- Enhance the quality of life of the Lansing Region;
- Improve access to everyday amenities
- Use trails to promote economic development
- Coordinate trails with Safe Routes to Schools
- Connect trails with the transit network
- Prepare the region to secure funding

To help meet these goals, the TCRPC seeks to connect the Lansing River Trail system to the three statewide trails that pass through the Tri-County Region, namely the Clinton-Ionia-Shiawassee Trail, the Thornapple Trail and the Lakelands Trail. Mike expressed his concerns that many of the goals focus on local connections while the connection with regional trails seems to be the emphasis. Mike is also concerned that the project schedule has not been updated as promised previously. Dan also was concerned that the Delta Township NMT Path was color coded as though it was a waterway trail rather than a terrestrial trail.

7. Albert Avenue Bike Lane – Mike Unsworth

A brief discussion was held regarding East Lansing's plan to remove a portion of the bike lane on Albert St to provide a pick-up/drop-off area for a nearby apartment. Members were concerned that cyclist safety was being sacrificed to poor planning by those in the city who approved the apartment design.

8. The Intersection (Update) – Tom Hardenbergh

This item was tabled as Tom Hardenbergh was unable to attend.

9. Adjournment

Mike Unsworth motioned to adjourn the meeting with Dan Stockwell seconding. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm.