

## COMMENTS

### 9.7 Mile Bike Route

#### EXISTING BIKE INFRASTRUCTURE

##### Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail:

- ✓ Bicycle functionality and comfort on a scale of 1-5 : **5** – very functional
- ✓ Add Bike Lanes on Snyder Ave near the Trailhead
- ✓ Towpath should be paved
- ✓ Increase Towpath accessibility from the Snyder Ave portion
- ✓ Consider a roundabout near 2<sup>nd</sup> St and Snyder Ave to help slow traffic
- ✓ Connect this section of Towpath to the abandoned rail line – ABC Railway in Copley
- ✓ Consider a trail connection to the west toward Norton and Wadsworth
- ✓ Can't wait for the bridge to connect the trail downtown from 2<sup>nd</sup> St and Wooster. It will then make better access in riding the Towpath south to Snyder Ave
- ✓ Signage to inform bicyclists of distance to downtown and attractions
- ✓ Add a billboard at Snyder Ave Trailhead welcoming people to Barberton
- ✓ Add a map of downtown Barberton at the Snyder Ave Trailhead
- ✓ Need to clean up the trash from Snyder Ave to Fairview Ave in view from the Towpath Trail, especially on the hill behind Magic City Shopping Center. It is unsightly for bicyclists and hikers from the towpath. Maybe contact the Barberton Community Service program to clean this up?
- ✓ Develop more interaction and planning with Metro Parks
- ✓ Very scenic

#### EXISTING ROADS WITH NO BIKE INFRASTRUCTURE

##### Van Buren Ave:

- ✓ Bicycle functionality and comfort on a scale of 1-5 : **3** – average
- ✓ Bike lane, markings needed, especially from Fairview Ave to Robinson Ave
- ✓ Some cyclists are not very familiar with Barberton. Consider adding berms/bike lanes, and traffic signal controls
- ✓ Road needs repaved, many potholes and very rough
- ✓ From Fairview Ave to Robinson Ave – road is in poor condition
- ✓ Wider shoulder needed
- ✓ Widen berm as the road is not suitable for cyclists
- ✓ Need bike/vehicle separation
- ✓ Curbs are a hindrance to cyclists
- ✓ Signage needed, especially to local attractions and amenities from this point
- ✓ Need better signals or warnings at crosswalks
- ✓ Increase safety
- ✓ Poor visibility

### **Robinson Ave:**

- ✓ Bicycle functionality and comfort on a scale of 1-5 : **3** – average
- ✓ Bike lane essential
- ✓ Add a bike lane from downtown heading east to Cormany Road (Coventry Twp.)
- ✓ Dangerous – widen road and mark sidewalk
- ✓ Need bike/vehicle separation
- ✓ Add a road diet
- ✓ Consider off-road trail – curve it through existing to show off area
- ✓ Signage needed
- ✓ Poor route for bikes
- ✓ Very busy road not good for a novice bicyclist
- ✓ Great parking lot at Break Pt. #1 – The Piggery

### **5<sup>th</sup> St SE (SR 619):**

- ✓ Bicycle functionality and comfort on a scale of 1-5 : **3** – average
- ✓ Bike lane or widened berm needed on both sides
- ✓ Great to ride – need bike lane past Alpeter Blvd.
- ✓ Markings needed
- ✓ Need bike/vehicle separation
- ✓ Signage needed
- ✓ Very busy road
- ✓ Use 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> St for bicycling

### **Snyder Ave:**

- ✓ Bicycle functionality and comfort on a scale of 1-5 : **3** – average
- ✓ Bike lane or widened berm needed
- ✓ Needs repaved and marked
- ✓ Need bike/vehicle separation
- ✓ Road is a good connection to trail
- ✓ Good east/west connector – also Hudson Run
- ✓ Bridge over Tuscarawas River to link downtown a big plus
- ✓ Better signage needed
- ✓ Lighting needed
- ✓ Increase safety along trail
- ✓ No issues, good to ride
- ✓ Bad neighborhood, do not bike

### **2<sup>nd</sup> St NW (downtown):**

- ✓ Bicycle functionality and comfort on a scale of 1-5 : **3 to 4** – average to functional
- ✓ Bike lanes needed from Snyder Ave Trailhead to downtown
- ✓ Poor road
- ✓ Fair

- ✓ Very useful
- ✓ Intersection at bridge is not good
- ✓ Need access ramp on bridge from the towpath
- ✓ Need a distance from parked cars
- ✓ Signage needed
- ✓ Need bike racks
- ✓ More education for drivers
- ✓ This section needs highlighted as the downtown entrance
- ✓ Section is unattractive

#### **Wooster Rd:**

- ✓ Bicycle functionality and comfort on a scale of 1-5 : **3** – average
- ✓ Bike lanes needed
- ✓ Need off-road trail or bike lane
- ✓ Dangerous – needs repaved and marked
- ✓ Heavy traffic and dangerous curves
- ✓ Needs better traffic control
- ✓ Lanes are too narrow – only a 2 lane road
- ✓ Do not like the bridge – needs redesigned
- ✓ Need bike/vehicle separation
- ✓ Curbs are a hindrance to cyclists
- ✓ Signage needed
- ✓ Poor route for bikes
- ✓ Consider off-road amenities, i.e. bathrooms

#### **14<sup>th</sup> St NW:**

- ✓ Bicycle functionality and comfort on a scale of 1-5 : **3** – average
- ✓ Bike lane needed
- ✓ Needs repaved
- ✓ Good connector
- ✓ Need bike/vehicle separation
- ✓ Good, but parallel parking area is a hindrance
- ✓ Signage needed
- ✓ Do not/ would not use
- ✓ Dumpy area (goes through foundation fields) – needs beautification

#### **Hopocan Ave:**

- ✓ Bicycle functionality and comfort on a scale of 1-5 : **3** – average
- ✓ Bike lane needed
- ✓ Needs repaved – very rough road
- ✓ Need bike/vehicle separation
- ✓ Very good – can be widened easily
- ✓ I use it all the time

- ✓ Do not/would not use
- ✓ Need off-road trail amenities
- ✓ Need better water flow in canal to rid some of the algae

#### **W Park Ave:**

- ✓ Bicycle functionality and comfort on a scale of 1-5 : **3 to 4** – average to functional
- ✓ Bike lane needed
- ✓ Needs repaved – very rough road
- ✓ Signage needed
- ✓ Bike racks needed
- ✓ Needs highlighted as it is main access road to Lake Anna
- ✓ Nicest part of ride – Lake Anna is beautiful
- ✓ Very good

#### **W Tuscarawas Ave:**

- ✓ Bicycle functionality and comfort on a scale of 1-5 : **3** – average
- ✓ Bike lane needed
- ✓ Needs repaved
- ✓ Signage needed
- ✓ Bike racks needed
- ✓ There is a lot of pedestrian traffic, and the road as a whole needs to be more friendly towards people on foot, bike, and car
- ✓ Needs highlighted since this is the Barberton commercial district
- ✓ A Lot of potential – McDonald's is only restaurant nearby now
- ✓ Very good

#### **Snyder Ave Trailhead access:**

- ✓ Bicycle functionality and comfort on a scale of 1-5 : **4** – functional
- ✓ Bike lane needed
- ✓ Road near trailhead needs repaved
- ✓ Dangerous intersection, trailhead seems insecure
- ✓ Need traffic control
- ✓ Consider a roundabout in to help slow traffic
- ✓ Signage, maps, pamphlets, off-trail amenities needed
- ✓ Billboard needed welcoming people to Barberton with map of downtown
- ✓ Nice trailhead
- ✓ Very nice, clean bathrooms
- ✓ Great improvements
- ✓ Would be better-suited being downtown

## General Comments of Event

- ✓ Event was well planned, organized, informative, educational, fun, and fantastic ride
- ✓ *EUPHORIC* – this has been a groundbreaking event!
- ✓ The bike route and break point discussions were too long
- ✓ Towpath ride was great, still a bit uneasy on road
- ✓ Eye-opening riding the Towpath vs. on road
- ✓ Some people started off uneasy to ride on-road, then after the ride they felt more confident and less nervous
- ✓ Barberton Bike Patrol made the ride feel safer for inexperienced on-road bicyclists
- ✓ Bicycling in-between the industrial buildings off of 2<sup>nd</sup> St near Ford Ave felt uneasy
- ✓ See a lot of potential for more on road bicycling in Barberton
- ✓ Food at the end of the ride was great!
- ✓ For the next Bike-N-Brainstorm, consider adding a smaller route map (8 ½ x 11 or <) for the cyclists to carry on ride to help identify the roads and landmarks, and fill out the comment form more easily

## Bike Facilities, Road Conditions, and Suggested Add-Ons

- ✓ Bike lanes needed in many sections
- ✓ Roadways need repaved - many are in bad shape with bumps and holes
- ✓ Debris on edge of some roads is a problem
- ✓ Signage needed along the entire route and the Towpath Trail to inform motorists of “share the road” and inform bicyclists of distance to downtown and attractions
- ✓ Consider bike route signs on highway to direct people into Barberton of bike routes in town
- ✓ Need improved traffic control devices installed for bicyclists
- ✓ Consider traffic light activators for bicyclists (i.e. laser operated trigger or pedestrian buttons on poles next to curb accessible for bicyclists)
- ✓ Suggestion of a mini market at Break Point #3 (1<sup>st</sup> St & Hopocan Ave) for crafts, antiques, food, etc.

## Comments Related to Barberton’s Future Connectivity Plans

- ✓ Need to educate the public and bicyclists about sharing the road and rules of the road
- ✓ Pleasantly surprised that the City cares to improve Barberton – bicycle improvements around town would be great, as many residents do not have a car
- ✓ Very positive to see Barberton planning connections from town to the Towpath Trail
- ✓ Much enthusiasm about the new bridge to be constructed over the Tuscarawas River in connecting the Towpath Trail to downtown Barberton – this will help highlight the downtown and allow better access to the amenities