



**Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study
Citizens Involvement Committee
Meeting Room 1
Akron-Summit County Public Library – Akron Main Public Library
60 South High Street, Akron, Ohio**

Thursday, April 14, 2016
6:30 p.m.

Agenda

1. **Welcome**
2. **Review of Last Meeting Summary**
 - A. January 21, 2016 Attachment 2A
3. **Discussion Item**
 - A. 2016 Freight Plan Attachment 3A
 - B. 2016 Bike Plan Attachment 3B
4. **Open Discussion**
5. **Adjournment 7:45PM**

Next Regular Meeting:
Thursday, July 14, 2016 - 6:30 PM
Location – Akron-Summit County Main Public Library

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Thursday, January 21, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.**

Meeting Summary

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Attendees:

Dustin Baker

Joel Helms

Fred Wise

Staff:

Curtis Baker, Planning Administrator

Krista Beniston, Planning Coordinator

Jeff Gardner, Transportation Planner

Seth Bush, GIS Coordinator

Heather Davis Reidl, Mobility Planner

Eugene Paczelt, Transportation Engineer

I. Welcome

Curtis Baker welcomed the attendees to the AMATS Citizens Involvement Committee (CIC) meeting.

II. Discussion Items

A. Technical Progress Report

Mr. C. Baker said that, as AMATS Director Jason Segedy will be leaving his position to become the new planning director for the city of Akron, he will be serving as the interim agency director. AMATS will continue development of the upcoming long-range regional transportation plan.

B. Funding recommendations for highway, bike and pedestrian projects.

Mr. C. Baker presented Attachments 6A and 6B.

The attendees discussed the five bike and hike trail projects listed in Table 2 - 2016 Transportation Alternatives Program Project Summary of Attachment 6B.

There was discussion regarding funding levels for AMATS and the region under the new federal Fix America's Surface Transportation Act.

Joel Helms expressed concerns regarding the city of Green not including bicycle facilities as part of its four roundabout projects listed in Attachments 6A and 6B.

There was discussion regarding Mr. Helms' concerns. There was discussion regarding roundabouts throughout the Greater Akron area.

C. 2016 Bike Plan

Krista Beniston described the preliminary development of the *2016 Bike Plan*. **Ms. Beniston** referred to an outline concerning the *2012 Bike Plan* and an information sheet entitled *Four Types of Transportation Cyclists in Portland*.

Fred Wise suggested that development of the *2016 Bike Plan* should focus on Class 2 and Class 3 cyclists as listed in the information sheet. **Mr. Wise** suggested that the plan encourage the connection of on-road and off-road facilities with clearly marked lanes visible to cyclists and motorists. There was discussion regarding the differences between recreational and commuting cyclists and their respective facility needs.

Dustin Baker expressed support for clearly marked on-road facilities that safely separate cyclists and motorists. **Mr. D. Baker** suggested that an inventory be compiled of former canalway, trolley line and gas line rights-of-way (ROWs), which could be used for bicycle facilities as these ROWs sometimes crisscross roadways. **Ms. Beniston** said that AMATS compiled an inventory of former trolley lines. **Mr. C. Baker** noted that ownership issues frequently arise when alternative uses are considered for such ROWs.

D. 2016 Freight Plan

Jeff Gardner presented Attachment 5C.

Mr. Wise asked if AMATS would identify locations on which trucks travel on narrow roads. **Mr. C. Baker** said that the agency would consider traffic mix, existing truck routes and where trucks are allowed and not allowed to travel. **Mr. C. Baker** said that a Technical Advisory Committee member asked if AMATS intends to map locations that limit truck traffic. **Mr. C. Baker** said that the agency would discuss the topic in broad terms in the *2016 Freight Plan*.

III. Open Discussion

None.

IV. Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the CIC will be **6:30 p.m.** on **Thursday, April 14** in **Meeting Room 1** of the **Akron-Summit County Public Library - Main Library** located at **60 South High Street** in **Akron**.