



Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study

April 2015 Committee Meeting

CITIZENS INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 30, 2015, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Room 1

Akron-Summit County Public Library - Main Library,
60 South High Street, Akron



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Citizens Involvement Committee
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Agenda

1. **Welcome**
2. **Review of Last Meeting Summary**
 - A. January 22, 2015
3. **Discussion Item**
 - A. Akron Innerbelt Project

Attachment 2A

4. **Open Discussion**

5. **Adjournment 7:45PM**

Next Regular Meeting:
Thursday, July 16, 2015 - 6:30 PM
Location – Akron-Summit County Main Public Library

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Thursday, January 22, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.**

Meeting Summary

Recordings of AMATS committee meetings are available in the Podcast section of the agency web site at www.amatsplanning.org/category/podcasts/.

Attendees:

Dustin J. Baker	D.H. Mangold	Fred Wise
Audrey Cielinski-Kessler	Michael Ondecker	
Kyle Julia	Rick Stockburger	

Staff:

Curtis Baker, Planning Administrator	Seth Bush, GIS Coordinator
Krista Beniston, Planning Coordinator	Heather Davis Reidl, Mobility Planner
Nate Brugler, Transit Planner	Dave Pulay, Transportation Engineer

I. Welcome

Michael Ondecker commented on the new CIC meeting format. **Mr. Ondecker** praised the Staff for their work in developing the new format and their ongoing professionalism.

Curtis Baker presented a certificate of appreciation from the CIC members to Mr. Ondecker for his service as CIC chairperson during the years 2005 through 2014.

II. Review of Last Meeting Summary

A. **Mr. C. Baker** presented a Meeting Summary of the December 11, 2014 meeting of the CIC.

III. Discussion Items

A. **AMATS Agency Update**

Mr. C. Baker summarized events regarding federal legislation to succeed MAP-21, which expires May 30.

The Staff is working on a Road Diet Analysis.

The Staff will begin updating the Greater Akron area's long-range regional transportation plan, *Transportation Outlook 2035*, to 2040 later this year.

B. Presentation on Road Diets and Upcoming Road Diet Analysis

Dave Pulay described the work by AMATS to develop a Road Diet Analysis and why it is pursuing such an analysis.

There was discussion regarding potential locations for road diet projects throughout the Greater Akron area.

David H. Mangold asked if public opinion would be a consideration in determining project locations. There was discussion regarding public involvement and community support in the selection of potential project locations.

Fred Wise asked if data was available regarding the economic impacts of road diets on surrounding small businesses. **Mr. Pulay** said that he was unaware of any such data, but that he would research the issue. **Mr. Wise** suggested that AMATS include such impacts in the draft analysis when presenting it for community involvement. **Mr. C. Baker** concurred with Mr. Wise' suggestion regarding the inclusion of potential economic impacts of road diets in the analysis.

There was discussion regarding whether any of the potential road diet projects were located on wide roadways in urban areas that could accommodate protected or dedicated bike lanes.

C. Presentation on Demographics and their Impact on Transportation

Nate Brugler explained the importance of demographic changes and trends in the transportation planning process. **Mr. Brugler** said that AMATS prepares a *Planning Data Forecast* and noted that the next update to this forecast is due in April.

Mr. Brugler described the various demographic factors tracked by AMATS for its regional traffic model. AMATS relies upon the U.S. Census Bureau, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and various state departments as data sources. **Mr. Brugler** explained how the Staff utilizes available data in the traffic modeling process and in the compilation of projections.

There was discussion regarding demographic, population and land use trends in the Greater Akron area.

IV. Open Discussion

Mr. Pulay described recent air quality procedural changes requested by the city of Akron to the White Pond Parkway project, which was approved by the AMATS Policy Committee during its December 2014 meeting in Resolution 2014-16. There was discussion regarding the project.

A meeting attendee asked for a description of the \$11.5 million local capital expansion project requested by METRO as listed in Table T-2 of Attachment 5A-FY 2016-2019 TIP-First Draft Projects List. **Mr. Brugler** said that the project would construct an outdoor bus canopy. **Mr. C. Baker** said the funding totals for the project were preliminary.

V. 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 30** in **Meeting Room 1** of the **Akron-Summit County Public Library - Main Library** located at **60 South High Street** in **Akron**.