



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

Thursday, July 17, 2014
6:30 p.m.

Agenda

1. **Call to Order**
 - A. Determination of a Quorum Oral
2. **Minutes - Motion Required**
 - A. May 8, 2014 Meeting Attachment 2A
3. **Staff Reports**
 - A. Technical Progress Report Oral
4. **Old Business**
 - A. CIC Bylaws Discussion Oral
5. **New Business**
 - A. Guest Presentation – Dr. John Peck, Professor, Department of Geosciences,
The University of Akron - *The “New Normal” in Rainfall, Runoff
and Associated Erosion in Northeast Ohio.* Oral
6. **Resolutions**
7. **Other Business**
8. **Adjournment**

Next Regular Meeting:
Thursday, September 18, 2014 - 6:30 PM
Location – To Be Determined

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Minutes of Meeting

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Attendees:

Dustin J. Baker, Member
Stewart Blessing
Tim Boley, Member
Audrey Cielinski-Kessler, Member
Joel Helms, Member
Alex Kelemen, Member
William J. Maki, Member
Michael Ondecker, Member
Carly Stockburger
Rick Stockburger

Staff:

Curtis Baker, Planning Administrator
Krista Beniston, Planning Coordinator
Nate Brugler, Transit Planner
Heather Davis Reidl, Mobility Planner

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Ondecker called the meeting to order. The attending members constituted a quorum.

The chairperson asked those present to introduce themselves. Introductions were made.

II. Minutes – Motion Required

A. Approval of Minutes

Members were asked to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2014 meeting.

Motion

William J. Maki made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Audrey Cielinski-Kessler. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

III. Staff Reports

A. Technical Progress Report

Curtis Baker said that the Staff has been working on the upcoming Switching Gears – Active Transportation Conference scheduled for June 26 at the Akron-Summit County Public Library – Main Branch and the John S. Knight Center. **Mr. C. Baker** described the conference. **Mr. C. Baker** said that Jason Roberts of The Better Block and Dave Cieslewicz, executive director of the Wisconsin Bike Fed and former mayor of Madison, Wisconsin, would be the conference’s featured speakers.

Mr. C. Baker announced that the city of Akron received a “Bronze” award as a Bicycle Friendly Community from the League of American Bicyclists. **Mr. C. Baker** said that AMATS Transportation Planner Phyllis Jividen wrote the designation application and played a significant role in obtaining this award.

B. AMATS Federal Funds Report

Mr. C. Baker presented Attachment 3C and referred to tables regarding Funding Program and Balances dated May 7, 2014.

William J. Maki asked if the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) would pay for 20 percent of the costs of the Pavement Condition Rating (PCR) Data Collection Update with AMATS paying the remaining 80 percent of all roads. **Mr. C. Baker** said that one possibility is that ODOT would rate an area’s federally functionally classified roads, but, in turn, charge metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) for those roads within urbanized areas. **Mr. Maki** asked how AMATS would fund its portion of the work. **Mr. Maki** said that the agency was considering the use of Surface Transportation Program (STP) and local funds to pay for its portion. **Mr. Maki** said that he has not seen a breakdown of how much this work by the department, a private contractor or AMATS would cost. **Mr. C. Baker** said that it was estimated that it would cost the agency approximately \$120,000-\$140,000 every two years. There was discussion regarding the collection of PCR data.

IV. Old Business

None.

V. New Business

None.

VI. Resolutions

A. Resolution 2014-06 – Adopting the AMATS Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan.

Nate Brugler presented Attachment 6A.

Chairperson Ondecker asked, as this plan was being implemented at this time, what was the duration of the plan. **Mr. Brugler** said that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regards the plan as a locally developed plan and, as such, suggests that it be updated to coincide with updates of an MPO's long-range regional transportation plan, which tend to be every three or four years.

Chairperson Ondecker called for a vote on Resolution 2014-06 to demonstrate the Citizens Involvement Committee's support for this item to the Policy Committee.

Motion

***Audrey Cielinski-Kessler** made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-06 and it was seconded by **Dustin J. Baker**. The motion was approved by a voice vote.*

Chairperson Ondecker provided an overview of Resolutions 2014-07, 2014-08, 2014-09, 2014-10 and 2014-11.

Joel Helms asked about the purpose of Attachment 6D – Resolutions 2014-09 and 2014-10. **Mr. C. Baker** explained that Attachment 6D demonstrated consistency between AMATS' Regional Transportation Plan, its Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the State Implementation Plan for Improving Air Quality (SIP).

Motion

***William J. Maki** made a motion that the CIC combine approval of Attachment 6B-Resolution 2014-07, Attachment 6C-Resolution 2014-08, Attachment 6D-Resolution 2014-09 and 2014-10 and Attachment 6E-Resolution 2014-11.*

Alex Kelemen asked if the item stating "Finalize the NEOSCC Vibrant NEO Sustainability Initiative" as listed in Attachment 6C-Resolution 2014-08 meant that AMATS was accepting the recommendations of the consortium. **Mr. Kelemen** noted that he had reservations regarding the consortium's purpose. **Mr. C. Baker** explained that the item does not mean acceptance of the consortium's recommendations, but rather an acknowledgement in the Work Program and Budget that the effort may conclude this year. **Mr. Kelemen** asked if AMATS would adopt a resolution similar to the one adopted by the Northeast Ohio Areawide

Coordinating Agency (NOACA) endorsing the consortium's recommendations. **Mr. C. Baker** said that there is no interest among the Staff or Policy Committee for such a resolution as it is viewed as unnecessary.

Chairperson Ondecker asked for a second to the motion. *Dustin J. Baker seconded the motion.*

Chairperson Ondecker called for a vote on the motion. *The motion was approved by a voice vote.*

Motion

***William J. Maki** made a motion to vote on the approval of Attachment 6B-Resolution 2014-07, Attachment 6C-Resolution 2014-08, Attachment 6D-Resolutions 2014-09 and 2014-10 and Attachment 6E-Resolution 2014-11 as submitted and it was seconded by **Audrey Cielinski-Kessler**. The motion was approved by a voice vote.*

Mr. Helms asked if the state Route 93 (Manchester Road) project listed in Attachment 6E was being done in conjunction with scheduled sewer work in that area. **Mr. C. Baker** said that he was uncertain as to whether it was, but offered to find out on behalf of Mr. Helms. There was discussion regarding the project.

VII. Other Business

A. CIC Bylaws Discussion.

Mr. C. Baker explained the need to review and possibly update the bylaws of the CIC. **Mr. C. Baker** said that he and Chairperson Ondecker discussed the possibility of forming a subcommittee to review the bylaws for possible changes.

Mr. Maki suggested that a timetable be established for the subcommittee to complete its work and suggested that it span a period of four meetings. **Mr. C. Baker** suggested that a viable timetable would be to adopt the new bylaws by the start of the next calendar year.

Mr. Maki noted that he hasn't seen or read the bylaws. **Mr. C. Baker** said that the Staff could email the current bylaws to the membership and noted that they are little changed from when they were originally written in 1968. **Mr. C. Baker** said that among the issues that could be addressed by the subcommittee are how many CIC meetings should be scheduled and what constitutes committee membership.

Chairperson Ondecker opened the floor to comments.

Dustin Baker said that he would like to see a copy of the bylaws before he votes on any changes.

Carly Stockburger expressed support for bylaw changes that would encourage community input and participation.

Rick Stockburger said that he observed a number of barriers to civic involvement in the bylaws. **Mr. Stockburger** added that he was a founder of *Saving Cities* in Cleveland and that this group was successful in encouraging citizen involvement in urban revitalization. **Mr. Stockburger** offered to assist in updating the bylaws.

Audrey Cielinski-Kessler expressed support for updating the bylaws.

Mr. Kelemen noted that the CIC had the same conversation when he was a member two years prior and that was how to encourage citizen involvement. **Mr. Kelemen** compared the attendance levels, function and meeting times of the AMATS Policy Committee and CIC. **Mr. Kelemen** observed that potential bylaw changes should come down to what is expected of the CIC by the Policy Committee in the transportation planning process. **Mr. Kelemen** suggested that AMATS investigate what other MPOs are doing with regards to citizen input. **Mr. Kelemen** offered his services to the subcommittee.

Krista Beniston suggested that the CIC agendas not only present issues to be addressed by the Policy Committee, but also issues, tours and speakers unique to the CIC.

Mr. C. Baker observed that some of the problem in generating meeting attendees may lie in the topics addressed by the CIC, which are not necessarily interesting to the public. **Mr. C. Baker** added that the CIC bylaws can be amended by the CIC without Policy Committee influence. He noted that an exception may be that, if the committee pursued appointing a CIC liaison to the Policy Committee, then the Policy Committee bylaws would have to be amended.

Mr. Brugler praised the new attendees for participating in the CIC meeting and encouraged them to continue their participation. **Mr. Maki** asked the newcomers how they learned about the CIC. **Mr. Stockburger** said that he met AMATS Director Jason Segedy and that they discussed the CIC.

Mr. C. Baker asked the chairperson if a subcommittee could be appointed. **Chairperson Ondecker** volunteered to participate on the subcommittee.

There was discussion as to when the subcommittee would meet. **Mr. C. Baker** said that the Staff would email meeting dates and locations to the CIC members soon.

VIII. Adjournment

The next meeting of the CIC will be **6:30 p.m.** on **Thursday, July 17** at the **Akron-Summit County Public Library – Main Library** located at **60 S. High Street** in Akron.

Motion

William J. Maki made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by ***Audrey Cielinski-Kessler***. *The motion was approved by a voice vote.*

**AMATS CITIZENS INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE
2014 ATTENDANCE**

M Denotes Member Present	Jan.	March	May	July	Sept.	Dec.
A Denotes Alternate Present	23	13	8	17	18	11
Member (Representing)						
Doug Anderson (Peninsula)						
Roger Bacon (METRO)						
Dustin J. Baker	M	M	M			
Paul Baker (Cuyahoga Falls)	M					
Tom Boley (Norton)	M	M	M			
Audrey Cielinski-Kessler (Portage Commissioners)	M		M			
Angelo L. Coletta						
John Conklin (Norton)						
Donald Dieterich (Silver Lake)						
Gary Endres (Barberton)						
Bill Goney (Boston Heights)						
Joel Helms				M		
Al Kalish (Macedonia)						
Alex D. Kelemen (Hudson)				M		
David Kish (Summit Executive)	M	M				
Tim Lassar (PARTA)						
Denise Longstreth (Alternate – Summit Engineer)						
Bill Maki	M	M	M			
D. H. Mangold	M					
Dan Marshall (Doylestown)						
Michael A. Ondecker	M			M		
Aaron Snopek						
Rick Stockburger (Akron)			M	M		
Dennis Stoffer (Alternate – Norton)						
Heidi Swindell (Summit Engineer)			M			
Roger Temple (Boston Heights)						
Richard Wasosky (Northfield Village)						
Marie Whaley (Kent)						
Fred Wise	M	M				