

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEBEX MEETING
MAY 26, 2021**

Members Present

Sam Bell, Chair
Charles Mosbrook
Kathy Petrey
Laura Marks
Gayle Lewin
Howard Maier
Matt Lasker
Eric Zamft
Karen Knittel

Council

Mary Dunbar

Call to Order

Chairperson Sam Bell called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Minutes

Charlie Mosbrook moved approval of the April 28, 2021 Minutes as corrected. Sam Bell seconded the motion, **The motion was approved.**

New Business and Announcements

Karen Knittel reported that Coventry Road would be resurfaced next year with assistance from the County. In an email to Sam Bell and Gayle Lewin, Joe Kickel said that there are funding gaps that still need to be filled which are being worked on, and that the project will be on a tight budget. The reconstruction of the Coventry Rd. – Fairmount Blvd. traffic signal with mast arms and pedestrian facilities at 100% city cost will be included in the hopes that it will enhance both driver and pedestrian safety.

Gayle Lewin shared her screen to discuss the intersection of Coventry- Fairmount intersection to discuss where pedestrians cross and possible ways to improve safety.

Laura Marks asked if the water mains would be taken care of before the road was repaved and whether the other utilities could be encouraged to complete repairs and/or upgrades before the road is repaved.

Sam Bell asked whether NOACA TLCI funds could assist with this project. Laura Marks said tree lawn trees should be added if possible. All agreed that the complete and green street policy requires this approach.

Howard Maier and Eric Zamft reported on NOACA's Long Range Plan. It was said that the plan did not give a lot of attention to Cleveland Heights. Howard Maier said that the plan is a concept. There was not much information on bikeways. Sam Bell encouraged all to read the Bike Cleveland comment. All were encouraged to look at the report and to comment if they so desired.

Eric Zamft reminded the committee of the County E-scooters project. He said that 15% of the E-scooters in the system have to be rebalanced in the participating communities outside Cleveland. He said that the Law Department is working on legislation. He said that TAC will be asked to comment as it is taken to Council for consideration. He said that he would share with TAC a spreadsheet of potential rebalancing locations for review and comment.

Charlie Mosbrook asked if there is a maintenance and/or local enforcement policy to address customers that leave scooters in the wrong place. Matt Lasker said the Police Department could be involved with enforcement. Eric Zamft added that further discussions with the Police Department on this need to occur.

Charlie Mosbrook said that there is an issue with the crosswalk at Mayfield Road near Lake View Cemetery. Gayle Lewin suggested a modified crosswalk design she had seen used at another location. Charlie Mosbrook said he would talk with Lake View Cemetery and let Joe Kickel know of his concern and efforts.

Laura Marks said that Warrensville Center Road from Mayfield Road south to Walmart is in bad condition and should be on the list for water, sewer, and road pavement and that there needs to be a sidewalk on the west side of Warrensville Center Road.

Laura Marks said there are trees on the access road from Mayfield Rd. to Severance Circle that need to be trimmed and also trees along the inner ring that need branches trimmed. These trees have low branches that are causing hazardous conditions to pedestrians and bicyclists.

Sam Bell suggested that it could be beneficial to have a panel discussion on the topic of vision zero and reduced speed limits. He suggested that panelists include Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Ohio Transportation Director Jack Marchbanks, a couple of City Council people, someone from the Police Department to discuss how a community can achieve the goals of vision zero and assure social justice. Committee members discussed the recent report on traffic stops in Cleveland Heights and determined that this topic is being discussed by the Public Safety Committee.

Eric Zamft, Gale Lewin, and Laura Marks are working on the complete and green policy implementation checklist. They will try to have a draft to share with the full committee in the next few weeks.

The next TAC meeting will be on July 30, 2021. The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.



Sam Bell, Chairperson