

APPENDIX 4

FIRST ROUND PUBLIC MEETING COMMENTS

(COMMENTS SORTED BY TOPIC)

- Northern Kentucky (NKAPC) Monday, April 10, 2000 Attendance: 30
- **Cincinnati (OKI) Tuesday, April 4, 2000 Attendance: 40**
- Warren County (Lebanon) Wednesday, April 5, 2000 Attendance: 50

1. Existing Conditions

Bridges CWB is bike war zone Suspension Bridge has metal deck. Taylor Southgate is better but narrow lanes.

Driver attitude towards bikes (hostile)

Include off-road trails in Hueston Woods including Four-Mile Creek covered bridge.

Debris needs to be cleaned from the outer lanes on the bridges.

Maintenance of existing trails (LMST - ODNR) pavement breaks.

Hostility of drivers

Maintenance of the Lunken Bike Trail – pavement is rough

Need for emergency phones along trails to report accidents (LMST)

Cards to report problems – potholes, trees, leaves (Seattle spot repair program)

Westwood – need a route to downtown – Cincinnati Plans

Driver education training needs to teach motorist to share the roads with cyclists. The state driver's manuals and driver Ed classes should teach this.

Trail users need to be educated in proper use of trails re side to ride on, stopping on the trail, unsupervised children, and unleashed dogs. Rules need to be published and enforced.

2. Needs / New Projects

Houston Road (Florence) lane only 1 mile (will be extended)

Any improvements of KY 8 should acquire enough space to add space for bike facilities

La Farge project will get some improvements along Rt. 8 near Silver Grove

"Share Road" signs

Bus racks for TANK buses? Not yet – no requests (Lisa)

Put bikes on (in) buses – securing them

When a new road is built or improved in Kenton Co. will they have bike lanes? - Yes for routes shown on plan – Turkeyfoot

Bike Racks on the existing trails (Morrow).

What can be done to promote improvements in other jurisdictions?

Demonstrate biking activity participation

Exposure of public to bike issues, publicity

Restroom facilities on bike trails

Extension of the Lunken Bike Trail – Access to both (Responses from Sally and Jim)

Downtown Cinti to Lunken on RR

East End Neighborhood, Peace Park, easement for River Walk

Comment program "Write the Chief" of ODNR to provide comments (compliments) re state parks.

Bike trail network lack of overnight facilities – Motels, B & B's, Campgrounds –

Directional or info signs on trails

Need a central location to send cards and e-mail for fixing trouble spots

Set up an e-mail list to notify cyclists of important events

Finish Little Miami Scenic Trail to Cincinnati; extend the Ohio River Trail to Anderson Ferry, the Great Miami Bikeway to Mitchell Memorial Forest and Shawnee Lookout Park.

Roads already wide enough (Central Pkwy) should have wide outer lanes, especially if signed bike routes.

Will there be connection of Lebanon to LMST – City has an approved grant for this

Additional crossings of Little Miami River – Scenic River (Environ. Impact)

Use of existing bridges for bike improvements when re-decked

ODNR closed area along Little Miami River at Kings Mill to mountain biking. Now under a conservation easement public land (donated for conservation easement agreement) ODNR/owner (614) 265-6460

Development of Rivers Bend with access to the LMST trail – contradiction

Phil Miller (ODNR) – explanation of ODNR divisions

ODNR corridor property- file ownership, scenic assessments, and conservation easements – past (?) owners have any in easement conditions

Need for connections between parks and to LMST

Need for shoulders along SR48 to Grandin Road (from Miamiville) for access to LMST

Priority for smaller towns off main trails for funding and for minor connections and park to park

Signage of existing roads for destinations and getting through towns

Consideration of conversion of L & N Bridge to foot & bike bridge connector to Ohio facilities

Improvements to KY 8, KYTC priorities – “not biking”

Connection over Foster Bridge to LMST – is open for bikes

Re Terrace Park – 1) establish credibility as to who is building trail, 2) a valid project need to have them on board

Funding for abandoned line (?) from Morrow to Clarksville – (Clinton Co.)

3. Planning

When a new river crossing is built, put bike lanes

Favor striped lanes

Lack of lane stripes may help keep debris blown back from lane

KY widening lanes to 14 ft + 2 ft gutter (?) – potential longitudinal seam a problem

Bike lanes or wide right lane? Group favors lanes where possible and wider lane where not

Bike Plans should be adopted by local communities (Bob H)

Normal lane width for Motor Vehicle is 12ft (expense in widening is taking land) bike lane is 5' + 12 = 17

Wider streets encourage faster travel; parking slows them down (Bob Z)

Identify where cyclists want to ride

Kenton Co. Plan designates mountain bike areas, provides greater local detail than regional plan

A Co. or city plan is very important for KYTC funds

What (or why?) do bicycle friendly cities have to be so? (West Coast)

Planning activities, local plans implementation.

Coordinate work in governmentally fragmented areas

Use of sidewalk for bikers where on road facilities don't exist and roads are sub-standard. There are some special conditions where this would work such as connectors or wider walks. Generally poor policy

There should be one agency to keep track of all active bike projects

ODNR problem areas (Don R, ODNR) re trails, urban sprawl in sensitive areas along LMST corridor – developments at edges of Deerfield gorge (SR48-Foster) Quantifying cost vs. benefit of keeping a natural corridor vs. home development

What can cycling interests do to influence land use development that is more environmentally and cyclist friendly?

How can subdivision developments be required to include sidewalks and bikeways and at what jurisdictional level would this be addressed?

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County thoroughfare plans and bike facilities (Oxford)
Ohio to Erie Trail part of LMST connections around Columbus and in Cinti
Balance between aesthetic aspects protecting scenic corridors (Mike B) from development - River views on RT8 & ORT
Regional planning – contacting all interested groups, agencies, individuals – focus on environmentally sensitive areas
Lebanon Bike Route Plan – access to planning process and information – notification problem around YMCA – routing of Lebanon Connector
Process for carrying out a project – TIP w/ public meeting.

4. Shared Use Trails

Why is there a lack of unused rail corridors in northern Kentucky – still in use
More activity in Central & Southern KY – KY Rails to Trails

Little Miami Scenic Trail is world class according to European visitors

LMST is major attraction to Warren Co. (Visitor's Bureau)

5. Funding

Have bike project applications been initiated in N. KY

KY 18 bike lanes – not funded by Fed – done by the State which decided not to stripe it

Beadres project in Dayton

Not many good projects proposed

KYTC: Liability Issues: Aspect of legal challenge to any project & resources drained from projects for legal fees – Bob Z

Kentucky TE funds haven't gone to cycling projects – part due to lack of projects and part due to politics of TE Program Committee

Funding – ODNR's LMST as a State Park

Upcoming OH state referendum bond issue for brown-fields and trail development

Workshop for TE applications by OKI

6. Miscellaneous

Need for a fast communication to notify cyclists of issues to get out – maybe list serve