

Town of Mansfield Transportation Advisory Committee
Minutes of the Meeting – April 14, 2016, Conference Room B

Present: Hultgren (chair), Gupta, Millman, Taylor, Aho, Dilaj (Assistant Town Engineer).

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm and introductions were made. The minutes of the January 14, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion by Aho/Taylor.

Dilaj reported that the draft sidewalk ordinance was still with the Town attorney and the complete streets policy had been referred to the appropriate advisory committees.

Hultgren reported on his recent conversation with the Town Manager about WRTD. The request to DOT for a study of the service area may be delayed due to state budget constraints. Other ways of expanding service in the area are being explored.

Dilaj reported that the Town had sent a letter commenting on the “Northeast Corridor (NEC) Rail Futures” Environmental Impact Study. He said he would forward this letter to the Hultgren who would then forward it to TAC members. Dilaj also said that the DOT permits to sign 3 sections of 195 and 1 section of 89 with “share the road” signs had been applied for, but not yet approved or erected.

Hultgren said that he was working with Dilaj and the Town’s Engineering Office to get base mapping for the Town Bike/Ped Master Plan. When he gets the maps he will meet with people who attended the first meeting about the plan to discuss what should be in the plan.

Dilaj updated members on ongoing transportation projects. He said that a grant application to CROG to fund the walkway connection between Separatist Road and Maple Road had made the “short list” of projects being considered for funding. He said a grant request had also been submitted to complete the sidewalk on Eastwood Road (to South Eagleville Road). He said that road projects per the recommendations of the pavement management study were planned for this construction season including milling and resurfacing Riverview Road, reclaiming Candide Lane and reconstructing parts of Mansfield City Road. He said crack sealing would be done this summer as well.

Hultgren reported that the Fast-Track East bus service to UConn will likely be delayed because of the state budget shortfalls (this was later confirmed in the local papers). He also reported on the recent greenways study kick-off meeting sponsored by CROG to evaluate a multi-use greenway path from Bolton to UConn.

Under other business, parking in downtown Storrs was discussed again. Concern was expressed that the shared parking study update/revision which is supposed to take place to reevaluate the parking demands in the later phase Storrs Center development areas is being delayed and may not be done in a timely manner (or at the developer’s expense). While the study’s timing is a manner for the Town’s Planning Office, Hultgren said he would make inquiries as to its status.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday July 14th at 7 PM. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm on a motion by Gupta/Aho.

Respectfully submitted,

Lon Hultgren, Chair