

## **Committee for Safe Bicycle and Pedestrian Transport Meeting Minutes**

Thursday November 22, 2024 8:30am

Attendees: Kelly Estes, Carrie Schloss, John Buda, Mara Thrush, Emilie Gottsegen, Suzanne Moloney, Matt Hanculak, John Wahl

### **Intros**

Everyone introduced themselves including where they lived and what their interest was in attending. Interests included: biker/runners, increased connections, safe trail connection to CF, children who want to bike/walk to friends houses and are not allowed because Bell is not safe, lower speed limits on 306, safer routes along Bell.

### **Survey**

Covered survey status so far:

- 202 household responses;
- discussed goal of wider representation and responses
- Group decided a goal of 500 households would be sufficient;
- group signed up for places to distribute flyers, to reach out to
- communities through phone or email, and social media
- Sign up sheet and sign ups
- [here](#)

We talked about survey use:

- to provide information to South Russell Village Council and Mayor
- Koons on the desire of community members to walk/bike/run in South Russell and the safety barriers the community perceives to doing so,
- to support the development of a phased action plan for pedestrian
- and bicycle transport through understanding the level of community support or opposition to different types of projects in different locations,
- to provide insights from the survey to identify projects to propose
- for existing funding sources and future funding opportunities that have community support,
- to provide information on the community's needs to be used in grant
- applications for future funding opportunities.

Additional ideas to get the survey out included school grade facebook groups, flyers for houses on Bell and in neighborhoods, calling HOA presidents, print additional copies for putting at individual houses

SR Village agreed to print 360 copies for the attendees who volunteered to deliver the flyers to houses in their neighborhoods.

### **Master Plan**

We provided an update on the Mayor's proposal for consultants to develop a master plan for trails which council would need to approve a budget for. We provided an update on the NOACA funding that is to be used for pedestrian/bike infrastructure and the need for the village to propose how it will be spent by Dec 31 2024.

### **Logistics**

8:30 on Friday's works for this group, but others may need times outside of the 8-5 workday

The next meeting is Friday Dec 20th at 8:30am, but we did not set 2025 dates

### **Additional questions that arose**

What are the recently raised taxes being used for?

If trails were to be implemented would it be on land that is already SR? Or would it be on private land?

How many households are in SR?

Can we explore existing partners - like the Solon trail is working with metroparks?