

Committee for Safe Bicycle and Pedestrian Transport Meeting

Friday June 27th, 2025 8:30am

Attendees: Carrie Schloss, John Buda, Anthony Ivancic

Agenda:

1. Timeline and steps for a council motion to ask for approval to use NOACA funds, to get RFPs, and implement phase 1 (August?) !!!!!
2. Council elections in November (4 of 6 council seats on Nov ballot)
3. Rescheduling meeting with Rich to review drafts and costs (early July?)
4. Committee Co-Chair

Timeline and steps for a council motion to ask for approval to use NOACA funds, to get RFPs, and implement phase 1 (August?) !!!!!

- Aim for motion in August
- Motion could ask for Council to approve up to 400k of NOACA FUNDS (or just above the cost estimate) and ask to put out an RFP for Phase 1.
- Need to better understand what is in the Phase 1 estimate - would like it to go from Chagrin lakes to spring drive.
- When we use the term Phase 1 always put parenthesis and the segment so it creates a shared understanding) since committees recommended phase 1 could differ from Verdantas designed phase 1.
- In July, idea to reach out to council members individually for advice on how to move this forward, the ask of council members would be:
 - Our goal is to initiate construction of the path between phase 1 (between X and Y) by spring 2026
 - We believe we have enough info to move forward:
 - to support the reasons for this section as phase 1 (survey results)
 - To show that this is feasible - trail designed by Verdantas
 - No objections from Bell residents at this point
 - Cost estimates within the realm of the grant funding we have available
 - NOACA funding determined to be able to be used for this design
 - Given this goal, and this info, what are your recommended steps to accomplish this? How could this process be initiated?
 - We are hoping to move a motion forward early in August because many steps of the construction need to occur between October and March (tree removal, brush clearing, grading)
 - Do you have any concerns?
- First Carrie needs to find out from Danielle if committee members individually can speak with council members individually? Are we allowed to ask how they would vote would a motion be put forward?

Note: we followed up with Danielle and we are NOT allowed to meet with council members individually, we can ask for a council working session with all council members

- Question on how phase 1 was decided: survey results and feasibility
- Timeline for all this is ASAP to get the process moving

- Get community out on to share reasons for why this is so important for public comment at council meeting in which motion will be put forward - knowing that date as soon as possible - for Danielle to put it on the agenda a report out
- Action item: follow up with letter - to residents on Bell
- Now we have more info with the plan, width, substrate etc.
- Safety is the main reason, need to get kids off Bell
- Lots of soft benefits, these types of pathways are proven to increase home values
- From a community standpoint increases the value of home and likelihood of a resale
- Boosting sense of community corner stone of social interaction and community
- Help with longevity, health benefits and social interactions.
- Residents may want it but not on their property
- What will this do to my driveway are we maintaining is it all season cost to maintain these in the future -
- Will it be 3 or 4 season? Clear snow?
- With additional phases how much do we have now and how much are we lacking - can we get additional funding
- Typically people who are against this would have filled out the survey, complacent middle might not have filled it out
- 306 may be an urban/rural divide for desire for a path and money, sense from some that there is not a desire to spend more village money- even with the bathrooms at the park

Council elections:

- Council - 4 seats are up for reelection this November
- Ultimately council needs to approve path, how much we can do and how far we can get will depend on their support
- If any committee members are interested in running for SR Village council the process is simple
- Fill out a single form with 3-0 valid signatures and submit \$30 payment by August 6
- This is the form: <https://www.ohiosos.gov/globalassets/elections/forms/3-o.pdf>
- Please let Carrie know if anyone is interested in running, we have over 60 people on our committee email list and can help get signatures to get your name on the ballot

Reschedule with Rich

- Mornings generally good
- JB out between July 12-22

Co-chair

- Group approved John Wahl as co-chair
- Carrie will pass this info on to mayor