

Jackson City ⊕ County Nonmotorized Plan

Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Friday, August 23, 2019
Time: 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Location: 1 Jackson Square

The purpose of the meeting was to review the proposed preliminary plan and discuss the upcoming public outreach meetings.

Meeting Notes

Below is a summary of key points from the meeting.

Springport

- Old railroad depot owned by village, add connection to it along road. Look into other connections going north.

Parma

- School is crazy with drop-off and pick-up, no place to walk. Kids walk in street with cars parked.
- JCDOT works with schools on SRTS
- Plans for Michigan Ave bridge reconstruction in Winter 2020

Spring Arbor

- County looking at resurfacing roads -
 - King under construction with gravel shoulder – option to add paved shoulder later, need funding
 - McCain reconstructed soon

Concord

- Kick-off meeting in next few weeks for feasibility on connection to Homer/Calhoun County

Hanover

- Add crosswalk in Hanover on Main Street for sidewalk

Blackman Township

- Just partnered with county to have study done on County Farm Road and Springport road
- Meijer property is very hilly
- Sewer easement follows line behind Meijer property
- Grand River path very feasible, sewer easement behind all of the neighborhoods
- Remove trail connection along north side of consumers across river
- Cross-county team runs between schools on Lansing to School on Van Horn
- There is currently interim approval from Federal Highway on Bicycle head and signal use, but not by the State – local agencies need to write letter to get permission of use
 - State is supportive but on a case-by-case
- MDOT has new sidepath document

- Michigan Ave – no counts recently, no one has talked about a study (similar to Michigan Ave in Lansing)
 - MDOT stance - conversion must be locally driven, can't participate financially in all improvements, can do analysis- for example if the City wants protected bike lane, MDOT will not participate in the cost of curbing
 - 3 Jurisdiction and 5 agencies involved– the plan should provide a vision, talk about need for further plan and talk about what is possible
 - Benefit of study for current and future funding – feasibility options help with grant applications
 - Use “POTENTIAL” in plan – helpful to get funds to do feasibility study
 - Corridor could become TIFF district – recent street revival with new businesses going in; DDA extends to Hospital
 - On the meeting map label Michigan Ave as “further study” - discuss ideas in report
 - Put links in report on safety about conversion

Grass Lake

- Railroad crossings – notes in report or on map
- List Mount Hop Road as priority in plan so MDOT can build into future plans
- Add connection from Wolf Lake to detail map

Brooklyn

- Want to reassemble abandoned railroad to Watkins Lake
- Sportsman Club amenable to trail through property
- National Parks moral support for Watkins Lake connection - underground railroad ties

Roles and Responsibilities

- Summit Township Trails – Day-to-day Maintenance Agreements with City and County to maintain
- Blackman – County lead on trail
- County recently pass parks and rec millage – tax payers want county to oversee parks and trails
- MDOT and County – when moving earth, they can spread it along future trail if in the area
- How do county departments work on trails?
 - Road agency does not maintain any trails; they plow paved shoulders
 - Agreements require townships to maintain life of path
 - In the future agreements could go to county with funding from townships
 - Maybe sidewalk under city/township – partner with county option
 - Long off-road trail under parks
- Consumers
 - Trail management addressed in contract with Consumers
 - There are a lot of private contracts with consumers
 - In Jackson, Trail North to Monroe – consumers annual fee \$1000 per mile

Outreach Meetings

- Next week TGC will send out info to stakeholders to spread the word across the county