

**ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY  
BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**March 12, 2018**

The Athens-Clarke County Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan Committee met at a public meeting on Monday, March 12, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at 780 Barber Street, Athens, Georgia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mary Cook, Tyler Dewey, Robert Holden, Daisy Mathis, Carol Myers, Eric Nesmith, David Oygunsanya, Mark Ralston, Ken Sherman

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tony Eubanks, Dodd Ferrelle, Julius Thomas

**STAFF PRESENT:** Sandy Beasley, Tim Griffeth, Drew Raessler

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Cook moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2018 meeting as written.

Ms. Myers seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Firefly Trail Ticket to Ride, March 24, 2018: Mr. Sherman offered a reminder of the upcoming community bike ride event. Ms. Cook provided an update on the progress of planning the event.

Toole Design Group – CAC Prioritization Survey:

Mr. Boughman pointed out that only four of the Committee members completed the on-line prioritization survey. Other Committee members completed the survey during the meeting. Mr. Sherman also invited attending non-Committee members to participate in the survey. There are eight potential criteria. Each one is to be rated from zero to ten in importance, with ten being the highest priority. There is an opportunity to include other items that should be considered on the survey.

Mr. Boughman and staff have provided a refined primary network map using comments provided by the Committee. There is money in TSPLOST to provide for sidewalks. Toole is working closely with Transportation and Public Works in developing a sidewalk inventory. It will be used to identify the gaps along the primary network. All of the cross-sections discussed at prior meetings show bike and pedestrian improvements. If the investment is made in bike improvements, any sidewalk gaps on that street will be filled as well. Those gaps will be highlighted. Another layer is the primary network – there will some other pedestrian network needs. Toole will use that up-to-date sidewalk layer to create a supplemental map showing specifically the sidewalk improvements needed throughout the region. The project is broken down into three tiers: bike/ped projects, road way bike improvement on existing bike lanes and the supplemental map

that will be pedestrian only projects identifying not only the gaps but also the new connections needed. The finalized map focusing on the primary network and gaps for pedestrians on that network will be forwarded to the Committee for review. Other monies would come for projects such as from the West Broad neighborhood projects with their own tiers.

Mr. Draper said that the map displayed at the Mayor & Commission meeting represented complete bike and pedestrian improvements along the primary network; however, the map does not show the nuances on the primary network line where there could already be a sidewalk or bike lane where one or the other or both could be needed. The supplemental map will highlight those tiers of projects and their needs.

Toole also provided some draft best practices design standards gleaned from around the country – including the Federal Highway Administration, AASHTO Bike Guide and Pedestrian Guide and NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide. Toole will work with Transportation and Public Works to integrate them with existing local design standards. Mr. Boughman discussed the numerous elements taken into consideration. Once these guidelines are adopted by the Mayor and Commission, developers are urged to abide by them as much as possible.

Ms. Myers expressed concern regarding geographical and socio-economic equity as a factor. Mr. Boughman noted that equality is everyone gets the same thing; equity is everyone gets what they need, which could be very different. He continued that very often, everyone gets the same thing. Several Committee members brought up various areas in Athens that may lack equity. The Transit Master Plan is currently being updated and demographic information is being considered in the update. Information from the Transit MP will be incorporated as a layer in the Bike / Pedestrian Master Plan.

The Committee began refining the primary network maps at 6:48. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

The next meeting of this Committee will be Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at 780 Barber Street.