



**ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2018 – 10:30 A.M.
MEETING MINUTES
MEETING # **ATS0218****

ATTENDANCE

- City of DeKalb (1 votes): *Patrick DiDiana*
- City of Sycamore (1 votes): **Adam Orton**
- DeKalb County (1 vote): *Nathan Schwartz*
- NIU (1 vote): not present
- NIU SA (1 vote): not present
- VAC (1 vote): **Paul LaLonde**
- DeKalb Park District (1 vote): not present
- Sycamore Park District (1 vote): **Daniel Gibble**
- DeKalb School District (1 vote): not present
- Sycamore School District (1 vote): not present
- Live Healthy DeKalb County (1 vote): **Joel Maurer**, Lisseth Cuevas
- DSATS Staff: Brian Dickson
- Others Present:

(BOLD indicates main voting member. Italics indicates proxy voting member.)

1. Introductions

Mr. LaLonde opened the meeting at 10:37 am and asked those present to introduce themselves.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion #ATS0218-01: A motion was made by Mr. Gibble to approve the February 20, 2018 meeting agenda. Second by Mr. Orton and approved by voice vote.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion #ATS0118-02: A motion was made by Mr. Maurer to approve the January 16, 2018 meeting minutes. Second by Mr. Gibble and approved by voice vote.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Status of Active Transportation Plan and Subcommittee

Mr. Lalonde said that there should be a discussion on next steps as Ms. Hyink was the driving force behind the development of the Active Transportation Plan and with her departure, the next steps need to be looked at again. Mr. LaLonde said that at the last meeting, there seemed to be some momentum on the plan and it would be too bad to lose that. Mr. Maurer said the committee could look at hiring a consultant to complete the plan or the members could review and tweak the existing plan.

Mr. Schwartz suggested that prior to hiring any consultant, each member organization should review the 2011 document and review and update each section of the document as needed. This should include what construction projects happened since the last plan and what are planned in the near future, what trails have been completed, and what trail expansions are in the works. Staff should send out the survey report to members so that they can review it again. The bike counter data should be gathered and reported. Once this is completed, then members can decide if a consultant needs to be hired or if the plan can just be updated. Mr. Schwartz said that members should also decide if sections need to be updated. Members should also identify if they have ADA transition plans for which identify a schedule of improving all sidewalks and intersections to become ADA compliant. Members should also identify short, medium, and long-term active transportation projects.

Mr. Schwartz said the TAC is awaiting the ATS recommendation on how to proceed. Mr. Schwartz said the FHWA just released a Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Action Plan that members can use as guidance. Mr. DiDiana asked if the Goals and Objectives which each of the member organizations have been reviewed to see where there are commonalities. Mr. Schwartz mention that members should also identify if their comprehensive plans have been updated since the last active transportation plan and provide an overview of their active transportation updates in those plans.

The consensus of members was to send out a copy of the 2011 Plan and survey information, have the member organizations update the plan and send staff a listing of completed, implanted, and future projects. Once that is completed, members can decide whether to update the existing plan in-house or hire a consultant to complete it.

6. Additional Business

Mr. Gibble said the construction of the extension of the Great Western Trail will be bid in April with construction starting in July.

Mr. DiDiana said the NIU-Kishwaukee-Prairie Park trail construction will continue once the weather stabilizes in the spring.

Mr. Schwartz said the Barber Greene widening project will include the repaving of the trail along Barber Greene Road and the addition of a sidewalk from IL-23 to the beginning of the trail.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #ATS0218-03: A motion was made to adjourn at 11:02 a.m. by Mr. Schwartz. Second by Mr. Gibble and approved by voice vote.

Submitted By: Brian Dickson & Paul LaLonde

Date Approved: 3/20/2018