



MEETING NOTES

Project:	Upper Macungie Township Trail Connectivity & Walkability Plan	Project No.:	21036.00
Location:	UMT Municipal Building meeting Room & Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting	Meeting Date/ Time:	5.31.2022 7:00 – 9:00pm
Re:	Public Meeting #2	Issue Date:	6/1/2022

ATTENDEES: (See attached sign-in sheet and virtual attendance listing)

NOTES:

Presentation

- Geoff Creary and Anita Nardone of Simone Collins (SC) led the group through a presentation which included the following elements:
 - Introductions
 - Project Schedule & Scope
 - Review of Public Meeting 1 and Committee Meetings 1 and 2
 - Review WikiMapping & Public Survey Results
 - Current Survey Results: 168 (increased by 44 since early May)
 - Current Wikimap Inputs: 110 (increased by 21 since early May)
 - Improvement Toolbox
 - Discussion
 - Next Steps
- Anita explained the overall timeline of the data gathering, analysis, draft and final plan. She emphasized that tonight's meeting is looking at the analysis and proposed connections 'in progress'. Key person interviews, more public input and technical review by our engineering subconsultants will develop the plan through the summer. Tonight's meeting is to continue education about the process and to seek additional input. She thanked the Steering Committee for their efforts in promoting the survey and public meetings.

Discussion

- One Attendee showed support for the use of side paths over sidewalks due to their ability to move multiple user groups (Bikes, Pedestrians, etc.)
 - In response Geoff reiterated the importance of connecting these side paths by using sharrows, sidewalks, and signage.

- Another Attendee reiterated that some sidewalks have become hazardous due to tree growth.
- An Attendee was curious about the future of the old AIR PRODUCTS area. (Attendee noted that recently 'No Trespassing' signs have been added to the new campus.
 - Geoff responded, stating that we have upcoming KPIs (key person interviews) and will focus on determining how the goals of connectivity might be advanced on both the old and new campuses.
- In response to Anita's reporting of the high amount of survey responses noting the need for connections to the Grange and Lone Lane Parks—an attendee noted a gap between the Uline path and the Hamilton/SR 222 area.
- One Attendee asked about methods of lighting underpass sections of a trail. They used an underpass at 78 as an example.
 - Geoff explained that you can use delineators, jersey barriers, rumble strips, or even full bike lanes to minimize the visibility issues within underpasses.
- An Attendee was concerned with the safety of more winding rural roads like Schaeffer Run Road west to Trexler.
 - Geoff responded that most solutions in this circumstance would be expensive (smoothing bends, widening shoulders, etc.)
- An Attendee mentioned using utility right of ways
 - Geoff responded that ---while a utility like PECO owns their ROWs, PPL uses easements---which complicate the process greatly. SC will investigate these options as they may be important for connections.
- A member of the committee mentioned the need to connect to Lehigh Hills (NW quadrant of the SR 100/I78 intersection) and the future development growing near Glenlivet Drive.
- An Attendee asked about neighboring townships and their corresponding trail projects
 - Geoff Responded that Lower Macungie is actively working on connectivity, Berks is attempting to do the same, and Trexler, a more rural township, probably won't move towards a connectivity project unless further development occurs.
- An Attendee was concerned about the relationship between bikers and drivers.
 - Geoff emphasized the importance of educating user groups to respect adjacent transportation methods.

Next Steps

- **Next Meeting: Committee Meeting 3 (Discussion of Refined Concepts) - Hybrid Virtual/In-Person in Upper Macungie Twp. Building - July 12th, 2022 – 6:00pm**
- **Next Public Meeting: Public Meeting #3 (Discussion of Draft Plan) - Hybrid Virtual/In-Person in Upper Macungie Twp. Building – September 13th – 7:00pm**

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Sincerely,

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