**TCBA Advocacy Committee**

**August 11, 2021 Meeting**

**Zoom Meeting**

Present: Dean Brailey, Dale Freeman, Dave Goodman, Tom Hardenbergh, Dave Mansfield, Tim Potter, Art Slabosky, Diana Twede, Mike Unsworth, Phil Wells, and Jeanne Wright

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda

Tom moved to approve the agenda with Jeanne seconding; all were in favor.

1. Review and Approval of July Minutes

Mike moved to approve the agenda with Tom seconding; all were in favor.

1. Lansing East-West Connector – Tom Hardenbergh

Tom began this topic by reporting that he had tried to find this trail with no success. Diana said that it starts at Pennsylvania Avenue and extends to the Marshall Stree Armory. Dave Mansfield said that he would get it added to the online TCBA Map.

This led to a discussion of the Red Cedar Development and the Montgomery Drain. Mike shared his map showing where the paths would be laid out. This allowed the group to see how the Lansing East-West Connector would cross over into Frandor through the paths and connect to East Lansing via Ranney Park. Tim expressed his concern that these paths meander a bit and are therefore more suited to recreation than transportation.

1. THE Intersection (Lake Lansing/Towar Intersection)

Mike shared that the letter providing TCBA feedback went out to the Ingham County Road Department. This has led to Dan Troia Assistant Director of Engineering at the ICRD to reach out wanting to meet with us to cover the proposal prior to an October 4th meeting.

1. ELi (East Lansing Insider) Article – Tom Hardenbergh

ELi is interested in doing an article on what cyclists want from the convergence of trails in the area of the Red Cedar Development and the East-West Connector and is seeking to meet with us regarding our list of bicycling issues. Tom is interested in a meeting to identify what those issues should be and wanted to know who else was interested in being a part of it. Tim, Mike, and Diana are interested.

1. Bath Township News – Tom Hardenbergh

Tom attended a recent road committee meeting and reports that Webster Rd is in poor shape but won’t be resurfaced until 2024. A separate project calls for bike lanes along Chandler road.

1. DALMAC Crossing of US-127 – Tom Hardenbergh

Tom shared his frustration with so many of the US-127 crossings being changed to J turns and expressed concerns about how this would impact DALMAC. Dave Mansfield was confident that their route would still be okay.

1. Meridian Township – Tim Potter

Tim shared how he has been working with local middle schools regarding Safe Routes to Schools and it is possible that the can get $220,000 in funding to support these upgrades.

1. Chip and Seal Roads in Ingham County

Dale shared concerns that the TCBA board has with Ingham County Road Department’s use of chip and seal. It is resulting in surfaces that pose safety issues for cyclists with loose gravel and washboarding. Tim shared that he has a good friend who crashed on a newly chip and sealed road that resulted in a clavicle fracture and two broken ribs. Art suggested contacting Bryan Waldman about a “notification of deficit”.

1. Next Meeting – September 15, 2021

Please note: The last topic, Ingham County Trail Names by Dave Goodman could not be discussed due to connection issues. Immediately following the meeting, Dave shared part of what he intended to say, particularly that he spoke to Lansing Parks Director, Brett Kaschinske, who was opposed to Dave’s proposal to provide more distinctive names for the various part of the Lansing River Trail.