



MEETING DATE:  
TIME:  
PLACE:

September 30, 2015  
5:00 PM  
Fishers City Hall  
1 Municipal Drive  
Fishers, Indiana 46038  
City Hall Auditorium

## TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

**Members Present:** David George, Kimberly Mills, Todd Zimmerman, Jim White, Jim Moffitt, Amy Ahlersmeyer, Jimmy Cerone

**Members Not Present:** David Becker, Doug True, Yaw Aning

**Others Present:** Dale Davis, Rachel Johnson, Leah McGrath, Steve Fehribach, Connie Nimmo, Nathan Marshall, Chase Cannon, Mia Heibrunn, Jason Taylor, Sean O'Grady, Dan Hall, Gary Moon, Gail Moon, Doug Stout

### KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- How can we create innovative infrastructure that creates place and identity within our community?
  - There are concerns over maintaining and supporting infrastructures after it's built.
  - Some issues can be mitigated through building requirements and standards.
- Bike and pedestrian trails should be more accessible, safe and visible.
  - An app, as suggested by the Parks and Open Spaces Task Force, can provide information and education regarding routes, safe practices and ordinances. Engagement can be increased through route mapping, bike share locating, and virtual way finding and data collection capabilities.
  - Bike-share and incentive programs will encourage more activity within the city.
  - Minor changes such as the timing of traffic lights and stopping point for bicycles could relieve road congestion and make bikes more visible to motorists.
  - There is not a lot of traffic enforcement currently for bicyclists. Some officers ride bikes and address concerns through conversation and education.
  - The Monom Trail, Hilton Head and Boulder are great examples of successful trails.
  - The community needs more connectivity between city and county trails.
- Thoroughfare plans identify five types of roadways and indicate appropriate right-of-ways and levels of service. They will indicate whether a road needs a sidewalk or other feature. Creating a plan depends on what level of service (traffic flow) a community wants.
  - Gridlock traffic could be viewed as an economic opportunity as drivers are looking at businesses while they are stopped. However, the standard has been to avoid gridlock.
  - Public safety becomes a concern for pedestrian crossing in congested areas.
- Changes on Highway 37 will affect the community.
  - The infrastructure on Keystone and 31 allows for traffic to flow over and along the area. It is difficult to see businesses from the higher grade, which may result in missed business opportunities.
  - 37 divides the city and connectivity is lacking.
  - It is a major concern for pedestrian crossing.
- Access to businesses and other areas of interest is crucial to economic growth and sustainability.
- Traffic congestion during rush hour can dramatically elongate drive times.
  - Access to I-69 creates congestion on 116<sup>th</sup> Street, however plans to move the traffic light should alleviate some of it.
  - The Land Use Task Force will look at how and why people travel from place to place. For example, placing schools by neighborhoods could lessen cross-city traffic.

- Any data needed to make decisions, such as projections, etc., can be produced for the Task Force by the consultant.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

- Provide Task Force with traffic counts and service levels of roads at the October 28 meeting – Steve Fehribach
- **Collect pictures of ideal bike paths before next meeting – All Members**
- **Review goals of draft Transportation and Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan before next meeting – All Members**

#### **ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

- [Draft Transportation Plan](#)
- [Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan](#) and [Appendix](#)