

## Fairfield County TAG Meeting Notes 6/18/08

### **General Comments**

- Focus on greenway/recreational travel in rural areas, work/errand travel in developed areas.
- Ability to bicycle safely between communities – possibly use state highway system as main network.
- More emphasis on active living – easier and safer travel by human – powered means
- Beware of fears about trails next to homes.
- Opportunity to connect bikeways/trails to covered bridges.
- Make sure new facilities are placed where demand exists/is likely and that connect to destinations.
- Identify and pursue easy wins with state highway improvements to add pedestrian/bike.
- Address interest from businesses in recreational/quality of life aspects of county (esp. site selection, relocating businesses).
- Ensure infrastructure projects are known to other stakeholders to make sure design and environment review incorporates other needs. (e.g. rebuilding bridges to have bikeway on or under the bridge).

### **Bicycle and Pedestrian Themes**

- Recognize Amish population and travel needs – facilities to accommodate buggies
- Identify populations with special travel needs – seniors, children.
- Identify canal lands as potential parts of bike/pedestrian network.
- Examine need/feasibility of retrofitting older subdivisions w/ sidewalks
  - Consider maintenance and jurisdiction responsible
- Reexamine format of subdivisions related to possibilities for less travel
  - Mix of uses
  - Density
  - Size of subdivisions
- Consider purpose of trips
  - Shopping
  - Work
  - Recreation
- Possible concern from Township regarding maintenance of facilities along roadways – possible preference for greenway trails.

### **Parks/Recreation/Greenways/Open Space**

- Consider agricultural land as separate category of “open space”
- Be aware of potential concerns about riparian buffers/setbacks to protect waterways and water quality
  - Education necessary so property owners understand importance and maintenance of buffers
- Connect Metro Parks in/around county