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**NOTICE OF A MEETING
CENTRAL OHIO GREENWAYS
TRAIL DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP MEETING
REMOTE MEETING**

**February 16, 2023, 9:30 am – 10:30 am
AGENDA**

1. Introduction

2. Trail Count Data Review

Melinda Vonstein discussed the Trail Count Program, highlighting the pilot project with Eco Counters that differentiate between cyclists and pedestrians. The recommendation is to integrate these counters into new trail segments and connect them to MORPC's regional database. Five more counters will be installed along the Ohio to Erie Trail this year.

Members and staff discussed the granularity of the data and potential for identifying access points. Jordan Petrov explained the preliminary nature of the data and the challenges in month-by-month comparisons. Sam McLaughlin shared insights on the traffic data, noting increased trail usage during the pandemic and ongoing efforts to clean and validate the data.

3. Technical Assistance Program

Jordan presented the Technical Assistance Program, detailing the new project categories and the awarded projects for this cycle. The focus is on active transportation planning, safety, and trail access improvements. Specific projects include visioning studies for Brown Township, Berlin Township, Grove City, and Violet Township, as well as a Safety Action Plan for the City of Delaware.

4. COG Wayfinding

Melinda provided an update on the COG Wayfinding Project, which aims to create a cohesive signage strategy across different jurisdictions. The project will inventory destinations, assess existing signage, and install trail counters to study trail usage near major destinations.

5. Upper Arlington COG Vision changes

Melinda discussed potential changes to the COG Vision for the City of Upper Arlington, focusing on alternative routes for east-west connections. The discussion included the feasibility of using Guilford Road and Cambridge Road as low-stress routes. Members raised concerns about traffic near schools and the different feel of Cambridge Road. Suggestions included considering traffic calming measures and involving consultants in the planning process.

6. COG Board Retreat Discussion

This item was deferred to the next meeting due to time constraints.

7. Other Business

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Erik J. Janas
Chair

Chris Amorose Grooms
Vice Chair

Michelle Crandall
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Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Remote Meeting

Central Ohio Greenways Trail Development
Working Group Meeting

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Members Present

- Laura Ball, City of Westerville
- Elizabeth Ellman, City of Bexley
- Terry Fischer, Bike Buckeye Lake
- Justin Goodwin, City of Columbus
- Beth Hugh, Korda Nemeth Engineering
- Wayne Roberts, Friends of Madison County Parks & Trails
- Kelly Scocco, City of Columbus
- David Shipps, Toole Design Group
- Gary Wilfong, City of Upper Arlington

Staff Present

- Jon Hyder
- Lynn Kaufman
- Sam McLaughlin
- Jonathan Miller
- Jordan Petrov
- Adam Porr
- Melinda Vonstein