

APPENDIX A:
PRELIMINARY CORRIDORS AND STAKEHOLDER'S MEETING #1



Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: August 10, 2017 **Re:** WAS-Devola Multi Use Trail Field Visit

Location: ODOT District 10 **Issue Date:** August 23, 2017

Submitted By: Matthew Keating **Conference Call:**

In Attendance: See Sign in Sheet n/a

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

Introductions:

Ron Mattox kicked off the meeting with introductions and an overview of the project area. The trail will extend from the existing trail in Marietta up to Devola. We will be looking at different routes and we will ultimately identify red flag issues along four different alignments.

Project Description:

All previous concepts that have been discussed were presented. These conceptual alignments presented are simply ideas on paper to facilitate the discussion and look for input on the destinations this route should include.

Destinations and connectivity are an important aspect of this project. Destinations identified included the Farmers Market on SR 60, the IGA on SR 60, the hospital, the WASCO facility on SR 60, the House of Wines, the residential community in Devola, and the elementary school in Devola.

Destinations are critical for CMAQ funding and the hospital is a potential funding source. The hospital has been tearing down houses and might support the path connecting to their facility. Kevin Malcomb is the vice president and a good point of contact. The hospital is the biggest employer in the county.

Having Devola Park as a destination may help get park funds for the project. They have provided \$150k for sections of the multi-use path. Carolyn Dempsey will get contact information for Ron Mattox.

The river route is a possibility, cleaning up the bank like what was done in Zanesville. A main river trail route with spurs connecting the destinations will be developed. The drainage easements that connect River Road to the residential areas in Devola could be used to make the connection from a trail along River Road to the community.

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Going up to the hospital might be too much for pedestrians and bicyclists as a main route. We might want to run a spur up to it.

The dam and lock shouldn't be considered the northern destination for the project. The bike path destinations should be Devola and Marietta.

The Interurban Rail line has been abandoned, but is a potential route if ROW allows.

The Marietta Bible Center Church has traditionally allowed bicyclists to park in their lot for events.

The sanitary force main was recently constructed and the easement could be used for the trail. Joe Tucker to provide plans to Ron Mattox.

Mountain bike trails are shown on REI's website on land owned by Broughton and Rudolph. Vick Rudolph owns 600 acres across from Broughton and would probably be open to the concept. He lives in Colorado and would like to develop the land.

Obstacles:

Despite all of the destinations and possible trails, several obstacles exist that will shape the trails. Ensuring there is R/W available or the owner of the property supports the trail is necessary. If there is no R/W or the owner doesn't support the idea it simply will not work.

The intersection of Route 821 and SR 60 was redesigned in the 1980's with no consideration to pedestrians. This is a heavily trafficked area and will be difficult to cross. SR 821 is a critical crossing and may require a grade separation.

Existing culverts under SR 60 would need to be extended if the bike path was constructed along the Muskingum River bank, which would increase costs.

The House of Wine's patio extends to the river bank, leaving no room for the trail there.

Crossing SR 60 near the intersection of SR 60 and Front St could be problematic due to geometrics and vehicle speed. There was discussion of a roadway improvement project to help clean up this intersection.

The owner of the farm field along River Road would like to develop the property into a commercial area and has tried (unsuccessfully) to get it zoned. Potential routes should avoid dividing this property in the event future development is planned.

Chamberlain Drive is a heavily traveled route. Eastbound Chamberlain to southbound SR 60 is the predominant maneuver at this intersection, so a path crossing SR 60 north of this intersection might be better.

The Magnusen Hotel is for sale, and does not support the trail. Trails may need to avoid if possible.

Following the AEP transmission line could be a potential route. This project is in design stages now and we could coordinate incorporating this trail into their project if possible. Joe Tucker to provide contact info to Ron Mattox.

The Muskingum River Crossing project is on the long range plan for ODOT, and preliminary engineering plans have been developed. This project would extend SR 821 across the river. There should be some environmental information on the area from this project.

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Maintaining the bike path is the biggest obstacle for the township due to the cost associated with it. The township would prefer the path utilize County ROW since the County would be responsible for maintenance.

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