

GoBike Buffalo Meeting - 11/1/2022

Attendance: Justin Booth, GoBike, Kevin Heffernan, GoBike, Chris Holmes, West Seneca Bikes, Danielle Bagley, West Seneca Bikes/WSEC, Tracy Skalski, WSEC

Takeaways and Next Steps (in red):

- Governmental best practice to update comprehensive plans every 5 years
- Town should create and adopt a complete streets policy
- Assemblyman Pat Burke
 - Funding available to assist in creation of an Active Mobility Plan
 - Collects info from town
 - Neighbors to neighborhoods - active plan around walking, biking, access to transit
 - WSEC should follow up with Pat Burkes office
- Greater Buffalo Nlagara Regional Transportation Council (GBNRTC)
 - Funding available to assist municipalities with design of corridors
 - If on Bike Master Plan
 - GoBike is the design consultant
 - WSEC should tap GBNRTC for this support
- Supervisor/Town Board
 - Needs to be on board
 - WSEC and West Seneca Bikes should write letters to Supervisor/Town Board on the need for the above actions
- Center Road
 - This corridor is on the regional bike master plan
 - Bike lanes should have been included in repaving
 - WSEC should reach out to Bill Geary and Bill Bauer with following questions:
 - Why didn't the project follow the Bike Master Plan?
 - Was there funding for bike lanes on Center Road?
 - If yes, where is it now?
 - What is the difference between 'bike route' and 'bike lane'?
 - Signs on Center say bike route - If we have a designated bike route, why not add a reflective stripe?
 - Chris Holmes will reach out to Erie County Department of Public Works Commissioner Bill Geary and former Town Councilman and construction manager Bill Bauer to see what funding was given to contractor and for what services
 - Chris Holmes to send GoBike pictures and videos of work completed (signage and shoulder width)
 - Kevin Heffernan will begin a social media splash / public outreach campaign on the work not done
 - Will face opposition
 - Need to message appropriately
 - Bike lanes = safety, better drivers, economic development