
FW: WSEC memo and letter from West Seneca Bikes

From: Scott Robertson (srobertson@twsny.org)

To: amadonr@yahoo.com

Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 09:34 AM EDT

Robert,

Here is some clarification on the Bike issues that were brought up at the last EC meeting. It appears to be satisfied and closed but we can share this letter with the committee on the 18th.

Thanks,

From: Gary Dickson <gdickson@TWSNY.org>

Sent: Friday, February 9, 2024 3:11 PM

To: Scott Robertson <Srobertson@TWSNY.ORG>; Amelia Greenan <agreenan@TWSNY.org>

Subject: FW: WSEC memo and letter from West Seneca Bikes

Scott,

The memo they are referring to is attached. I invited Chris Holmes to my meeting with GBNRTC in March/April, which he attended. He may have also attended meetings with the county. As I've explained to him, and as Jeff said in his email, the road construction rules don't allow actual bike lanes to be built without dedicated sidewalks (dedicated, not combined). Sidewalks plus bike lanes means adding many feet on either side of the roadway. None of our streets have that much room, so implementing bike lanes would require the purchase of private property, assuming all of the property owners would be willing to sell. Plus the streets we are talking about are all owned by the state or county and would cost the town millions. When the county repaved Center Road we worked out with them to make the shoulders a foot wider (reducing the lane width by a foot on each side) and call it a "bike route" not a "bike path." A bike route does not need sidewalks. This would not work with Seneca Street in most places because the lanes are already narrow and there is no shoulder in many places and DOT does not plan to add bike lanes to Union Road. I believe DOT will add them and sidewalks to Transit Road and OP Road when those projects are built.

Chris is aware of all of this so I considered the issue raised by the letter to be closed.

Gary Dickson

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From: Christopher Holmes <westsenecabikes@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 9:21 AM

To: Gary Dickson <gdickson@TWSNY.org>

Subject: Fwd: WSEC memo and letter from West Seneca Bikes

Hello Gary

Thank you for the call last night! Sorry I was a little distracted. I was just getting the kids out of the car to go to target.

In regards to the letter and your questions I understand what wasn't able to be completed on Center Rd due to the restrictions on the sidewalks not being in place. The shoulders do provide adequate space for cyclists and are a vast improvement from what was there.

The reason we had this meeting was to discuss some of the features we felt were important and not implemented, for example the intersection at Union and Center. In our discussions we talked about how to address these concerns and where possible funding sources would come from. Patrick Burke's office has the information on the Active Mobility Plan which will collect information from neighborhoods for bike and pedestrian transit. With that information we can take that to the GBNRTC and tap them for the funds associated with the Regional Bike Master Plan. Once we have that we can use GO Bike Buffalo's resources for the Town of West Seneca to use.

What I am requesting is the Town of West Seneca to have an updated amendment to the comprehensive plan to highlight multimodal transportation, bike friendly infrastructure that has a benefit to healthy activities, air quality with less exhaust. Safety is key in the design to create better drivers and safer communities that are more accessible to our residents. Once we have the comp plan updated and have a active mobility plan, designs funds, etc. all decided on and lined up we can then be ready to use the resources when projects arise. We need these plans concreted before any funding agency will give the town money. Also small changes to the comp plan show progression and real interest on the towns behalf as we discussed at the skatepark meeting.

Thank you again!

Chris Holmes

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From: **Christopher Holmes** <westsenecabikes@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Mar 29, 2023 at 1:39 PM
Subject: Fwd: WSEC memo and letter from West Seneca Bikes
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From: **Cynnie Gaasch** <cynnie@buffalomoosigroup.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 7:12 PM
Subject: WSEC memo and letter from West Seneca Bikes
To: Amelia Greenan <agreenan@twyny.org>, Amy Kobler <akobler@twyny.org>, Gary Dickson <gdickson@twyny.org>
CC: Christopher Holmes <westsenecabikes@gmail.com>, Tracy Skalski <tracyskalski@yahoo.com>

Amelia,

Please see the attached memo and letter to the Town Board.

Thank you.

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