

February 5, 2015 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Election of Officers

During the March meeting, we will elect MVRPC officers for 2015-2016. The nominating committee has a **deadline of tomorrow 2/6/15 for applications**. Please send your application to Ann Burns (aburns@mvrpc.org) so that we can provide the committee all applications for their review. Prior to our March meeting, the nominating committee will provide their officer candidate recommendations.

2. Executive Committee Caucuses

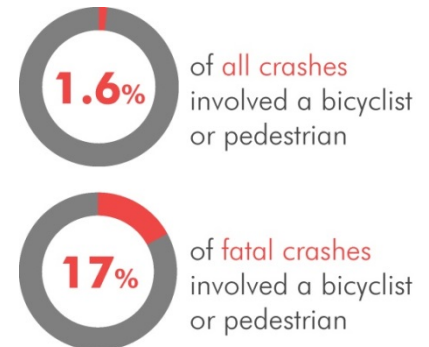
City/village, townships, and non-government member caucuses will be held after the March Board meeting to elect the Executive Committee members. Since the city/villages caucus has the most participants, this year a list of candidates will be developed prior to the March meeting. An email will be sent out next week to the city/village members. Board members who wish to be a candidate for city/village caucus can respond to our email and we will build a "ballot" list of names plus additional blank spaces for write-in names. This additional step should improve the caucus process. It is not required that you have your name on this list to be a candidate because anyone can request to be a candidate during the caucus.

3. Mayors' Challenge for Safer People and Safer Streets

While overall highway fatalities have been declining, the percentage of pedestrian and bicycle fatalities in proportion has been increasing and now represent 17% of total fatalities. In January, U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx launched the "Mayors' Challenge for Safer People and Safer Streets." This challenge encourages local officials and mayors to attend the Safer People, Safer Streets Summit and develop a plan to vastly improve their own communities Pedestrian and Bicycle safety. The Safer People, Safer Streets Summit will be held on March 12, 2015, in Washington D.C. A webinar will be held on February 10, 2015 at 3 p.m. to answer questions about attending the Summit. Secretary Foxx said, "The Challenge will help Mayors to use what we know about how to reduce pedestrian and bicycle fatalities to make a real difference and save lives in their communities."

Bicycle and pedestrian crash trends in the Miami Valley Region reflect the national average. From 2011 to 2013, 1.6% of all reported crashes on the Region's major roads involved a bicyclist or pedestrian. However, 17% of fatal crashes were a bicycle or pedestrian crash. Accurate reporting of crashes is critical to identify safety issues and access state and federal safety funds for enforcement/education grants and engineering improvements.

Mayors and other elected city officials can participate by leading a call to action and helping their cities take on the Challenge activities outlined below.



Call to Action:

1. Issue a public statement about the importance of bicycle and pedestrian safety
2. Form a local action team to advance safety and accessibility goals (for example, City of Dayton Bike Committee)
3. Take local action through the Challenge activities (listed below)

Mayors' Challenge Activities:

1. Take a Complete Streets approach (for example, Piqua and Riverside);
2. Identify and address barriers to make streets safe and convenient for all road users, including people of all ages and abilities and those using assistive mobility devices;
3. Gather and track biking and walking data (for example, Xenia Walk/Bike Audit);
4. Use designs that are appropriate to the context of the street and its uses;
5. Capture opportunities to build on-road bike networks during routine resurfacing;
6. Improve walking and biking safety laws and regulations; and
7. Educate and enforce proper road use behavior by all.

Full article from U.S. Department of Transportation

<http://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOT/bulletins/eb91f1/>

More information visit: www.mvrpc.org

Upcoming MVRPC meetings:

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| 2/10/15 | 6:00-8:00 p.m. Bikeways Public Input Workshop – Greene Co. Parks – 575 Ledbetter Rd. |
| 2/16/15 | Presidents Day – MVRPC OFFICES CLOSED |
| 2/18/15 | 4:00-6:00 p.m .Bikeways Public Input Workshop –Five Rivers Metroparks–409 E. Monument |
| 2/19/15 | 9:30 a.m. Technical Advisory Committee, 10 N. Ludlow Suite 700 |
| 2/23/15 | 4:00-6:00 p.m. Bikeways Public Input Workshop –Springboro City Hall – 320 W. Central |
| 2/24/15 | 9:00–12:00 Reg. Transp. Coordination Council – Goodwill Easter Seals 660 S. Main St. |
| 2/26/15 | 4:00-6:00 p.m. Bikeways Public Input Workshop–Troy/Miami Co. Library
419 W. Main Street, Troy |
| 3/05/15 | 8:30 a.m. Executive Committee 9:00 a.m. Board of Directors – 1515 S. Main St. |