

# Five Rivers MetroPark Stakeholder Discussion

Thursday, May 5th, from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

Via Google Meet

## In Attendance:

- Amy Dingle, Five Rivers MetroPark
- Carrie Scarff, Five Rivers MetroPark
- Susan Vincent, City of Dayton
- Keeghan White, City of Dayton
- Norm Cox, The Greenway Collaborative
- Carolyn Prudhomme, The Greenway Collaborative

The meeting started with the Stakeholder Meeting Presentation which can be downloaded from the [project website](#).

## General:

- Greater Downtown Dayton Plan called for Dayton to become bike friendly city – worth noting. Update to this plan is coming next year.
- Livable Streets Policy should be included in preceding planning efforts
- Carrie will send new MetroParks Plan. The trail plan identifies trail heads and amenities such as fix-it stations, trail information and wayfinding, parking, trail head access.
- Potential locations for Pop-up Events
  - Running shops and bike shops
  - Passport to MetroParks May 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Bike to Work Day on May 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Lot of events going on and are happy to participate
  - Incorporating RiverScape events would be great
  - Contact shelly on all public engagement and promotion
  - Create Poster with QR code to hang at events

## Hopes:

- Prioritize low hanging fruit – realistic projects
- Community needs more collected and aligned education.
  - Education needed with motorists - parking in bike lanes, understanding 3-foot rule
  - Would like to see more large bike ride events
  - Educate bicyclists on how to use new infrastructure such as bike box or shared lane marking
- Like the connectivity of on-street to trails to give people the feeling of a safe travel experience.
- Tremendous opportunity to elevate, codify and improve the greenway networks along waterways to improve the arterial bike network.
- Need to be considering protected bike lanes so all people feel more comfortable.

- Focus on elevating the Bike Friendly City status to silver.
- Consistent wayfinding is needed between the different partners and landowners along the trail network.
- Would like to see street trees to make roads more comfortable and friendly space for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Humanizing the experience is important and enhances safety, such as lights and artwork.

**Concerns:**

- West neighborhoods lack access to trails even though looking at a map it seems like a trail serves the neighborhood.
- Unique challenge in Dayton – we have waterway focused trails that may be difficult for some to navigate and physically get to.
- We need to make people friendly areas under freeway so people can easily navigate and feel comfortable.
- Educate staff on maintaining bike lanes and keeping them swept and patched for bicycle safety.
- Snow removal on sidewalks and bike lanes is an issue that needs to be addressed.
- Programs to improve access to bicycles and other micromobility devices for underserved populations.

**Places or Corridors**

Comments were recorded on the [Stakeholder Google Map](#)