



Columbus Advisory Committee on Disability Issues

## CACDI Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2024

---

### Meeting Information

**Location:** Hybrid, 1423 N High St. (Meeting Room #1)

**Date & Time:** April 24, 2024, 2:00–3:30 p.m.

**Facilitator:** Chair Jordan Ballinger

**Attendees:** Jordan Ballinger, Nathan Grizenko, Emma Strange, Preston Shepard, Bob Roehm, Nancy Pryor Sully, Shae Sherrick, Jennie Hanna, Trisha Kovacis, Aimie Rieder, Juliet Dorris-Williams, Sarah Bernholdt, Angie Wise, Bob Roehm, Janae Miller, Lauren Holly

---

### Agenda Items

- I. Welcome & Introductions
  - A. Chair Jordan Ballinger called a meeting to order at 2 p.m.
- II. BikePlus Presentation
  - A. BikePlus - a master plan for a map of where we want to put bike facilities (bike lanes, shared use paths)
  - B. Outcomes: policy and program recommendations for infrastructure changes and a comprehensive map of active transportation routes
  - C. Have not had a city plan since 2008

- 
- D. Goal is to ensure we have a network that is intentional and prioritizes connectivity of multiple paths and routes. Will also make it easier to go after funding and collaborate with other municipalities and stakeholders
  - E. BikePlus Vision: Columbus is a city where people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds are able to bike safely and comfortably for any transportation or recreation needs
  - F. Goals:
    - 1. To create safe streets
    - 2. More people biking
  - G. Who is BikePlus for?
    - 1. Interested but concerned about safety or ability to access paths
    - 2. VisionZero - City commitment to reducing pedestrian fatalities
    - 3. It is for EVERYONE!
  - H. Goal is to go to council with deliverables in the Fall of 2024 to gain final approval
  - I. Where are we heading?
    - 1. Vision network
    - 2. Near-term network
    - 3. Policy and program recommendations (education, maintenance, and support of infrastructure)
  - J. Discussion
    - 1. Are we talking about only standard bicycles or other types of bikes/ “vehicles” (scooters, motorized vs. non motorized, wheelchairs, etc.)?
      - a) The goal is to be all encompassing and inclusive of everyone’s preferred form of transportation

---

2. What are the most common ways you get around the City? Do you ever ride a bike, scooter, etc.? If not, why?

a) Common modalities:

- (1) Public bus/micro-transit/paratransit
- (2) Driving self
- (3) Rides from friends and family
- (4) Uber/lyft/yellow cab
- (5) Biking

b) Common challenges:

- (1) Lack of intact infrastructure, physical barriers in path of travel
- (2) Difficulty navigating and accessing pedestrian crossing activation
- (3) Safety in traffic
- (4) Drivers not kind to bike riders
- (5) Time of travel and meeting various obligations
- (6) Lack of sidewalks/poor conditions of sidewalks making it difficult to ride bike on East Side

3. What is one thing the City should be sure to do to make sure that the efforts to build more bikeways and get more people biking, scootering, etc. also improves your experience navigating the City?

a) Intercity transportation

b) Functional for a variety of adaptive bike types

- (1) Challenges include low ground clearance, tight turns, difficult transitions, intersections and access to pedestrian signal buttons, places to park different types of bikes

- 
- c) We need SME to review the plans that are developed. It is best that things are smooth for travel. The placement of amenities such as bike racks is a huge deal, and planners/designers must be mindful of the placement of such infrastructure
  - d) Having a wheelchair ramp that has truncated domes is ideal. Traffic/pedestrian signals need to provide visual and audible cues
  - e) Bus stops placed on “islands” are difficult to find, so it would be nice if wayfinding tactics were employed and if stops had shelters
4. What facilities in Columbus are easy to navigate? If you know of good examples of accessible infrastructure, please let the BikePlus team know.
- a) Center medians on multi-lane roads with high volume traffic
  - b) Crosswalk signals make it safer for pedestrian travel across 3rd. Increased walking time; prioritizing walking signal over green traffic signal
5. This plan is more focused on sight-seeing; there might be other initiatives to address traffic control and pedestrian safety (VisionZero specifically)
- K. Please reach out to BikePlus reps if you have additional points, thoughts, questions, etc.
- III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting
- A. Approved.
- IV. ADA Coordinator Update
- A. Scooter season is upon us - so complaints may or may not go up with the new contract starting - time will tell!
  - B. Affordable housing emphasis and discussions behind had through the ADA coordinator office
    - 1. Christine and Belinda will be discussing affordable housing with state senators.

---

## V. Old Business

### A. Debrief City Hall Meeting

1. Obviously there were some really big misses at our last meeting (especially for getting ASL interpreters and accessing the meeting space)
2. Post-Meeting Advocacy
  - a) Jordan has drafted a letter to send to City Hall
    - (1) Recommendations: keeping elevators unlocked in city hall; establishing new/secondary contract for virtual meetings (getting a platform that is more accessible such as Microsoft Teams); move contract for ASL interpretation services to the ADA coordinator's office
    - (2) Office on Disability, Dedicated ADA Coordinator, Independent City-wide commission on Disability Inclusion
    - (3) This will be sent to the staff of Council Members Wische and Day-Achauer
    - (4) Also sent to the Department of Finance and Management and the Director of IT.
  - b) City Hall facilities had indicated they would only keep the elevator unlocked to the second floor during the hours in which we needed the space for our City Hall meeting. The City needs to be responsible and have the proper training to handle situations in which accommodations must be met.

### B. Subcommittees

1. Discuss Roles and Chair Selections

### C. Strategic Plan

---

## VI. New Business

### A. Email communication

1. Please email the [ohioCACDI@gmail.com](mailto:ohioCACDI@gmail.com) account for all correspondence (internal and external communication)

### B. New Member Orientation

1. The Membership subcommittee will help develop this to help new folks know who CACDI is and what we do!
2. Accommodations will be discussed one-on-one with new folks to ensure they feel supported and are able to actively participate.

### C. Subcommittees

1. Chair - the role of chair is to report out the progress of each subcommittee; serve as a point person to foster collaboration and good communication
2. Leadership will serve on committees and continue to represent the subcommittee in all external facing communication and interaction
3. External Relations: Building relationships with City Leaders
4. Membership Engagement: Recruitment of new members and groups
5. Advocacy Coordination: Review advocacy objectives and drafting a policy plan; develop clear goals/actions that can be achieved over the next year or two.

### D. Accommodations Workshop

1. We want to establish a workgroup that puts pen to paper to outline the expectations for accommodations for our meetings.
2. This may mean the bylaws are modified or updated to enshrine these standards to ensure meetings are accessible.
3. An email will go out to see who is interested in participating in this kind of work.

---

VII. Announcements

VIII. Adjournment

A. Adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

B. Next Meeting: May 23rd, 2024 @ 2 p.m.

---

Submitted By:

Nathan Grizenko, Secretary