Millersville at Fall Creek Valley
Village and Corridor Plan
Connectivity Work Group
May 24, 2011

Approximately 16 people attended the Connectivity Work Group meeting at St. Matthews School.

Gina Bush Hayes welcomed the attendees and summarized the proceedings of the previous meeting.

Ms. Hayes introduced Jeremy Moore, a planner with the Metropolitan Planning Organization who is working on a bicycle route plan for Central Indiana.

The Central Indiana Regional Bikeways Plan is intended to establish priorities for both regional and local bikeways and lay out a plan for investment through 2035. The plan’s goals are to increase the number and safety of people riding bikes.

The Indianapolis Regional Transportation Council (IRTC) has a goal of directing 7% of the region’s total transportation funding to bicycling and pedestrian facilities. In the plan, proposed bike facilities will be scored against a list of criteria and then given a funding priority.

A public opinion survey is being conducted as part of the planning effort. The survey was distributed at the meeting and can also be found at [www.indyconnect.org](http://www.indyconnect.org).

Several types of bikeways are proposed in the plan including bike trails, bike lanes and side paths. Bike trails are separated from traffic and are not located in a street right-of-way. A bike lane is part of the street but striped off for the use of cyclists. A side path is much like a sidewalk in that it is not part of the street but is within a street right-of-way.

A draft of the bikeways plan is anticipated in October and will be available for public comment. Adoption of the plan by the IRTC is anticipated for November 2011.

Mr. Moore concluded his presentation by showing proposed bikeways in or near the study area and taking comments. The proposed bikeways include a side path on 62nd Street between Keystone Avenue and Allisonville Road, bike lanes on Arlington Avenue, 56th Street, Fall Creek Road and Graham Road, a cross-county bikeway on Franklin Road/Hague Road and a trail bridging the gap in the Fall Creek Greenway Trail between I-465 and Fort Harrison State Park.

The group proposed extending the proposed 62nd Street bikeway route from Allisonville Road to Graham Road to better link the neighborhood to Glendale and Broad Ripple. 56th Street was suggested as an alternative route to 62nd Street. A bike lane along Fall Creek Parkway was also suggested.
Mr. Moore was questioned if bike routes and pedestrian facilities are in competition with each other for funding and how that competition might be influenced. He responded that the MPO is currently working that issue.

It was noted that using pervious pavement on bike paths and lanes would alleviate some drainage problems.

It was suggested that the expansion of bicycle facilities could be faster and more comprehensive if they were made a part of the development codes. It was also recommended that bridges could be better designed to accommodate pedestrians by widening the walking space and providing a physical separation between the traffic and the pedestrians.

Mr. Moore noted that Andy Lutz in the Department of Public Works would be the best person to contact with concerns or recommendations about transportation projects and funding.

Mr. Moore was asked about upcoming transportation projects in the study area and he offered to provide a map showing them.

Ms. Hayes concluded the meeting with the announcement that the next meeting will be in late June at St. Matthews School. Notifications will be mailed when a definite day is confirmed. Streets and transit will be the topics of discussion.