

EASTGATE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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MINUTES

BUILD Partners Meeting, January 17, 2019 at
8:00 a.m. in Eastgate's office, City Centre
One Building, 100 East Federal Street, Suite
1000, Youngstown.

Present:

Kedar Bhide, City of Youngstown
Sara Daugherty, Eastgate
Dean Harris, WRTA
Mike Hripko, YSU
Jordan Karim, City of Youngstown
Jim Kinnick, Eastgate
Justin Mondok, Eastgate
Charlie Nelson, Nelson Development
Julius Oliver, City of Youngstown
Lisa Pompeo, Eastgate
Chad Root, ODOT District 4 (by phone)
Charles Shasho, City of Youngstown
Patrick Smith, DriveOhio (by phone)
Ken Sympson, Eastgate
Peter Voderburg, DriveOhio (by phone)
Stephen Zubyk, Eastgate

Welcome and Introductions

Jim Kinnick opened meeting and introductions were made by those in attendance. He then recapped the last meeting.

Project Status

Jim Kinnick reported that Eastgate worked with the City of Youngstown to prepare the Request for Qualifications, which will be posted on the Ohio Department of Transportation's website on Friday, January 18, 2019. The RFQ will be the City of Youngstown's contract since the City has the mechanisms in place to hold the contract. The review team will remain the same as discussed at the last meeting. The review team will be reviewing the RFQ's to choose a consultant to prepare the conceptual drawings for the project.

There has been no change or information in the funding of the award as the federal government remains in a shut down. Jim Kinnick asked DriveOhio if they have heard anything regarding FHWA holding the award as opposed to FTA. They will check to see what they can find out and report back to the group.

Project Identity

Charlie Nelson and Jim Kinnick met with a representative from Farris Marketing regarding the project identity. Farris Marketing offered to help with the brand including a logo and mission statement at no cost. They will meet with Farris again, and Mike Hripko will be included in that meeting.

Autonomous Shuttles/DriveOhio Subcommittee – General Discussion

Ken Sympson reported that Eastgate will be holding a conference call with DriveOhio in the next week regarding the proposed Vendor Day. He will bring any information from that call back to the Team at the next meeting. Eastgate looks to have the Vendor Day sometime in March 2019. He also reported that Eastgate spoke with representatives from NAVYA who offer autonomous shuttle service. He gave a brief update as to what they offer. Jim Kinnick mentioned that the route selection is a concern and needs to be looked at closely as the route being considered is 2.1 miles which is a longer route for autonomous shuttles. Ken Sympson will call an Autonomous Shuttle/DriveOhio Subcommittee meeting once more information is received.

Streetscape/Technology Subcommittee

Justin Mondok reported that the Streetscape/Technology Subcommittee met on Wednesday, January 17th to discuss some design concepts for Fifth Avenue. He reported that the committee made four recommendations: to continue the “Y” crosswalk design through the northern leg of Commerce/Fifth, separate transit waiting areas from multi-use path by using different materials, use grass rather than astro turf in the tree lawns, and to follow the design guide when applicable.

Open Discussion

Stephen Zubyk discussed the roles of the Team and the Subcommittees, and Jim Kinnick reminded the group to invite anyone they think needs to be included. Eastgate will rely on the Team members to include anyone from their agency/group that should be invited to the meetings.

Chuck Shasho initiated discussion on Youngstown City Council approving bids for the Fifth Avenue Waterline Project. With this project being a part of the local match to BUILD, the project management team will look further into if anything needs done prior to sale.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 8:00 am. at Eastgate.