

Gap Committee 2018 4th Quarter Update

The Gap Committee consists of Deb Frawley, Courtney Mahronich Vita, Kim Harris, Mike Baker, and Chairman Ron Steffey. The report covers all sections of the Main Spine Alignment, including sections that are improved. Sections that do not have an update are frequently combined into a longer section to reduce that there is nothing to report.

The following update is an update of the Gap Committee work.

- City of Erie to Corry
 - Nothing reported to or by the Gap Committee
- Corry to Centerville
 - The Gap committee provided the Oil Region Alliance of Business, Industry, and Tourism (ORA) with gap priorities for an ORA Project involving a Gaps on the Main Spine of the EPT network of trails. All three chosen are areas where there has been a request for assistance and are in the area near the ORA. Two of the Three are the Gaps from Corry to Centerville. The Gap Committee was notified that Steffey Trail Connections was selected for the project.
- Centerville to Titusville
 - A meeting with Titusville Area Trail Association is be scheduled with the Crawford County Planning Office to discuss trails in the eastern part of Crawford County, ORA has been invited to attend this meeting.
- Titusville to Emlenton
 - Nothing to report from the Gap committee
- Emlenton to Foxburg
 - This is the 3rd gap in the scope of work for the ORA Project. An engineering firm is looking at a culvert/bridge on the corridor just outside of Emlenton heading to Foxburg.
- Foxburg to Rosston
 - Nothing to report to or from the Gap Committee
- Rosston to Freeport
 - Gap Committee members have been in conversations with other trail groups, planning departments, and municipalities. The focus has been on developing an awareness of how vital this link is to the region. Communications include the Southwest Planning Commission, PennDOT, and counties. The gap committee has also received requests for help concerning the Kiski River/Norfolk Southern Crossing near Kiski Junction.
- Freeport to the Point in Pittsburgh
 - Met with a representative of the SPC to discuss Allegheny Corridor Projects as well as the EPTA. The representative would like to meet with EPTA trail groups that fall within their region so they can be better advocates for projects and inform funding that is available. Also, the representative connected us with a contact to help us with having Road Safety Audits completed.
 - Both Springdale Borough (Design) and Brackenridge Borough (Design & Engineering) received \$20,000 each from Active Allegheny. Those will begin early 2019.
 - A meeting is set Jan 11th with Westmoreland County to discuss the Wynn and Clara Tredway River Trail connection and EPTA.

- The Wynn and Clara Tredway Trail is being advertised for construction on PennDOT's ECMS website
- On Road Designation

The Gap Committee is requesting EPTA Quarterly Meeting time to discuss On- Road Designations, possible grant applications before the Spring Quarterly Meeting, TIP Projects, RPOs and MPOs.

Conflict of Interest noted.

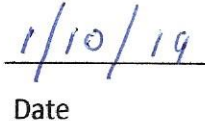
- It is being noted that the Chairman of the Gap Committee, Ron Steffey, is also the sole proprietor of Steffey Trail Connections. The ORA Project, mentioned above, advertised for Request for Proposals and had a selection process that did not involve Gap Committee members; DCNR has reviewed and approved this selection.

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This report is submitted by Chairman Ron Steffey and was open to suggested edits by the committee. The final edit is approved by the majority of the Gap Committee.



Ron Steffey



Date