



## Project Status Reports



ORT Project Report May 23, 2012

Tom,

Project Activities:

1. As you know, the Mackin Team rode the entire alignment: field notes, photographed, and reviewed alternatives alignments in the field.
2. Attended and presented at municipal meeting with Committee and County Executive - May 2, 2012
3. Received GIS data from the County
4. Received Preston Bridge email report from Dave Wright
5. Received SGA plan files for Corapolis Alignment
6. Received digital plans from Riverlife. Shows access under RR, pad and ramp to bridge crossing. Most of their work was on North Shore. It looks like they are using the existing barge access underpass to get to the other side of the RR tracks- which is currently posted as No Trespassing- used for barge tie-off and access. **Attached is scanned image of what was sent.**
7. JMT is sending the Rt 51 plans after their June 7 meeting with the City. It will show pedestrian access routes, walks and crossings; and a share the road sign for bikes on a 14' wide lane. The new road is to be 14' lane west, center turning lane to Corliss Tunnel, 14' lane east. I questioned JMT why not 'sharrows' and Lisa Cooper said Bike Pgh didn't want them; they wanted a 4' bike lane. DOT said no bike lane.
8. We requested traffic signal permit plans from PennDOT for appropriate intersections- not received yet
9. I met with Kim Perl of AGF in McKees Rocks- Bottoms. They own a 4 ac. parcel and a supply business adjacent to RR and were interested in the project. AGF has two railroad trail engines and a car and is interested in opportunities for their reuse.

Next- we will be meeting with:

- Trinity Commercial Development- McKees Rocks developer
- Neville Green for coordination of alignments on island

**Can the committee provide the following?**

1. **List of Key Stakeholders (20 person max) with contact information**
2. **Kick Off Meeting Date?** (We would like to begin discussion with Key Stakeholders prior to Kick Off)
3. **Tentative dates for 3 public meetings**
4. **We requested SPC GIS data for the pedbike map alignments along SR 51- did not receive any yet (pdf is on web- can not use in GIS mapping system).**

Also, we want to have a discussion with Committee (City, RR, SPC,?) about Land Ownership between RR and Ohio River. What are your thoughts for organizing a meeting?

Are you attending PennDOT Rt 51 project meeting on June 7?

Thanks,  
Bob

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**From:** Bob Genter  
**Sent:** Friday, May 04, 2012 11:17 AM  
**To:** Thomas Baxter  
**Subject:** Re: FOR - Ohio

Thank you  
Sent on the Sprint® Now Network from my BlackBerry®

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**From:** "Thomas Baxter" <[thomas@friendsoftheriverfront.org](mailto:thomas@friendsoftheriverfront.org)>  
**Date:** Fri, 4 May 2012 10:04:18 -0400  
**To:** 'Bob Genter' <[rwg@mackinengineering.com](mailto:rwg@mackinengineering.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: FOR - Ohio

Let me know if you don't get what you need by Tuesday. I called and they said it shouldn't be an issue.

Tom

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**From:** Bob Genter [mailto:rwg@mackinengineering.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 03, 2012 12:18 PM  
**To:** Thomas Baxter  
**Subject:** RE: FOR - Ohio

Yes I will

Can you contact PennDOT (JMT) to get their plans for the **bikeway along SR 51**? I think this request would be better first coming you- I can follow up once they agree to sending info/maps to Friends of the Riverfront.

We want their improvements plans; and the following data: ADT's, average speed analysis, and crash data if available.

Thank you,  
Bob

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**From:** Thomas Baxter [mailto:thomas@friendsoftheriverfront.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 03, 2012 12:12 PM  
**To:** Bob Genter  
**Subject:** FOR - Ohio

Bob, just spoke with Lisa Schroeder, Director, of Riverlife. They have done some work around the West End Bridge that may plan into our Ohio Trail Plan. Will you reach out to Ed Patton to discuss. He knows you are contacting him concerning this project. Thanks

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Ohio River Trail (ORT) Feasibility Study  
Project Report July 10, 2012

ORT Committee:

Listed below are activities that have been completed and Next activities:

1. Mackin Team rode the entire alignment: field notes, photographed, and reviewed alternatives alignments in the field.
2. May 2, 2012- Municipal Meeting with Committee and County Executive
3. June 18, 2012- Committee Steering Meeting Kick-Off
4. Revised alignment maps based on field reviews and interviews to date
5. Received the following data:
  - Traffic signal plans from PennDOT
  - GIS data from the County
  - Preston Bridge email report from Dave Wright
  - SGA plan files for Coraopolis alignment
  - Route 51 PennDOT plans
  - Riverlife plans- the plan show access to subject alignment under existing RR; it looks like they are using the existing barge access underpass to get to the other side (land side) of the RR tracks- underpass is currently posted as No Trespassing and used for barge tie-off and access operation. **Current Riverlife Plans will not connect to this alignment.**
  - Received CSX easement from Craig Rippole for RR property
6. Issued Key Person list & interview questions to committee for review and comment. Have not received any formal comments on interview questions. Have received finalize list of contact persons- Sam is completing 2-contact phone numbers.

Next:

- Continue phone interviews
- Set field meeting times with communities- (following phone interviews)
- Meet with PennDOT to review West End alignment- Committee to organize the meeting.
- Begin Draft Report

Thank you,  
Bob

Robert W. Genter, RLA, ASLA  
Director- Land Development Services  
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## Ohio River Trail (ORT) Feasibility Study Project Report August 7, 2012

### ORT Committee:

Listed below are activities that have been completed:

1. Continue to complete Key Person phone interviews
  - 11 of the 20 interviews have been completed; some emails have been returned; we will have to follow up with phone calls.
2. Alignment mapping has been updated with details for the ORT main line, local loops, bus stops, ADT, and posted MPH.
  - Alignment maps will indicate type of proposed bicycle facility
    1. BIKE ROUTE
    2. BIKE 'SHARROW'
    3. BIKE LANE
3. Received the Preston Bridge report from Dave Wright. A **Second alternative alignment has been delineated using McKee's Rocks Bridge to access 'Bottoms'**.
4. An alternative (low volume) route under the McKees Rock Bridge has been delineated to avoid high speed and high volume traffic from Bridge to Tunnel Way.
5. Received Route SR 51 PennDOT plans- **SR 51 plans allow for 3-14' wide lanes from West End Bridge to Corliss Tunnel and continuing from Corliss to McKees Rocks**; there are no bike lanes, routes or sharrows marked. We did not receive signing or pavement marking plans.
6. Received Riverlife plans- **Current Riverlife Plans will not connect to this alignment.**
7. *The proposed alignment uses State & Local Road ROW's. These alignments are all on-street facilities; there are no off-street trails proposed due to the existing conditions of hillside, roads, railroads, private property and river.*

### Next Activities:

- Complete phone interviews
- Set field meeting times with communities- (following phone interviews)
- Meet with PennDOT to review West End alignment- Committee to organize the meeting.
- Committee to set tentative dates for 2 public meetings
- Begin Draft Report

Thank you,  
Robert W. Genter, RLA, ASLA  
Director- Land Development Services  
**Mackin Engineering Company**



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Three Rivers Heritage Trail (3RHT) Feasibility Study  
Ohio River Section

**Project Report October 19, 2012**

ORT Committee:

**Listed below are activities that have been completed:**

1. Completed Key Person phone interviews
2. Alignment mapping has been updated with details for municipal names, 3RHT main line, alternative routes, local loops, bus stops, ADT, and posted MPH. Alignment maps will indicate an on-road bicycle facility including:
  - a. BIKE ROUTES
  - b. 'SHARROWS'- BIKE SHARED LANE MARKINGS (SLM)
  - c. BIKE LANES
3. Completed Neville, Coraopolis, Stowe and McKees Rocks field reviews with project sponsor, municipal and neighborhood representatives
4. Draft Report is approx. 75% complete, less committee review & edits

**Next Items:**

1. Submit Draft for committee review
2. Meet with PennDOT to review West End alignment- Committee to organize the meeting
3. Committee to set tentative dates for public meeting
4. Complete Report

Thank you,  
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Director- Land Development Services  
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Three Rivers Heritage Trail (3RHT) Feasibility Study  
Ohio River Section  
Project Report November 6, 2012

ORT Committee:

Listed below are activities that have been completed:

1. Completed the following meetings:
  - a. Kick-Off Meeting with 7-Municipalities at Father Ryan Arts Center- May 2, 2012
  - b. Stakeholder Meeting at St. Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church- June 18, 2012
  - c. Municipal Field Meetings
    - i. August 29, 2012 with Neville and Coraopolis
    - ii. September 21, 2012 with McKee's Rocks and Stowe Township
  - d. Direct Steering Committee Meeting- Draft Review at Friends of Riverfront Office- November 5, 2012
2. Completed 20-Key Persons phone interviews
3. Alignment mapping has been updated with details for municipal names, 3RHT connector route, alternative routes, local loops, bus stops, ADT, and posted MPH. Alignment maps will indicate an on-road walking & bicycle facility including:
  - a. BIKE ROUTES
  - b. 'SHARROWS'- BIKE SHARED LANE MARKINGS (SLM)
  - c. BIKE LANES
  - D. WALK AND CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS AT KEY INTERSECTIONS
4. Draft Report is approx. 75% complete, less committee review & edits

Next Items:

1. Project Steering Committee Meeting to be held December 3, 2012- Committee to set final arrangements (review recommended routes and draft report findings).
2. Submit Final Draft to committee for review
3. Public Meeting (open house forum)- Committee to finalize arrangements; tentative date in January 2013
4. Mackin to send aerial image maps of West End to Tom; Tom to set meeting with PennDOT to review West End alignment (Steering Committee to organize the meeting)
5. Complete and Submit Final Report

Thank you,  
Robert W. Genter, RLA, ASLA  
Director- Land Development Services  
Mackin Engineering Company



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Three Rivers Heritage Trail (3RHT) Feasibility Study  
Pittsburgh to Coraopolis  
Project Report December 31, 2012

Ohio River Trail (ORT) Committee:

Listed below are activities that have been completed:

1. Completed the following meetings:
  - a. May 2, 2012- Kick-Off Meeting with 7-Municipalities at Father Ryan Arts Center
  - b. June 18, 2012- Stakeholder Meeting at St. Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church
  - c. Municipal Field Meetings
    - i. August 29, 2012 with Neville and Coraopolis
    - ii. September 21, 2012 with McKee's Rocks and Stowe Township
  - d. November 5, 2012- Direct Steering Committee Meeting; Draft Review at Friends of Riverfront (F.O.R.) Office
  - e. December 11, 2012- Project Steering Committee Meeting; Review of Draft Plans at McKeesport Borough Office
2. Completed 20-Key Persons phone interviews
3. Alignment mapping has been updated with details for municipal names, 3RHT connector route, alternative routes, local loops, bus stops, ADT, and posted MPH. Alignment maps will indicate an on-road walking & bicycle facility including:
  - a. BIKE ROUTES
  - b. 'SHARROWS'- BIKE SHARED LANE MARKINGS (SLM)
  - c. BIKE LANES
  - D. WALK AND CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS AT KEY INTERSECTIONS
4. Draft Report is approx. 90% complete, less committee review & edits. The executive summary, maps, & improvement images were posted on project FTP site and a hard copy mailed to F.O.R.
5. Draft letters were sent to F.O.R. for submission to City and County notifying each about project specifics; Route 51 proposed improvements and Fleming Park Bridge respectively.

Next Items:

1. F.O.R. to set meeting with City to review trail proposal at Rt 51 between Pgh and McKees Rocks
2. Mackin to submit completed Draft to committee for Final Review
3. Public Meeting (open house forum)- Committee to finalize arrangements; tentative date in January 2013
4. Complete and Submit Final Report

Thank you,  
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Three Rivers Heritage Trail (3RHT) Feasibility Study  
Pittsburgh to Coraopolis  
Project Report APRIL 2013

Ohio River Trail (ORT) Committee:

Listed below are activities that have been completed:

1. Completed 20-Key Persons phone interviews
2. Completed the following meetings:
  - a. May 2, 2012- Kick-Off Meeting with 7-Municipalities at Father Ryan Arts Center
  - b. June 18, 2012- Stakeholder Meeting at St. Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church
  - c. Municipal Field Meetings
    - i. August 29, 2012 with Neville and Coraopolis
    - ii. September 21, 2012 with McKee's Rocks and Stowe Township
  - d. November 5, 2012- Direct Steering Committee Meeting; Draft Review at Friends of Riverfront (F.O.R.) Office
  - e. December 11, 2012- Project Steering Committee Meeting; Review of Draft Plans at McKeesport Borough Office
  - f. *April 4, 2013- Direct Steering Committee Meeting Friends of Riverfront (F.O.R.) to review changes to alignment by Stowe/McKees Rocks and review the project status.*
3. Completed and posted the feasibility study- executive summary, graphics, maps, costs in November 2012; updated FTP in Dec, Jan, March & April.
4. Completed and submitted a draft copy of the report and provided hard copy plans, graphics, costs to F.O.R., Tom Baxter, for submission to Patrick Hassett at City of Pittsburgh; December 18, 2012.
5. Extra draft letters were sent to F.O.R. for submission to City and County notifying each about project specifics; Route 51 proposed improvements and Fleming Park Bridge respectively. Extra letter were sent to Taris Vrcek & Trish Lavander at McKees Rocks to notify planning commission for a 'complete streets' approach when approving developments, and for additional route reviews respectively.
6. The project was scheduled for completion in January 2013- Additional meetings, correspondence, project management, and map printing requests will be invoiced as additional costs under billing code -002.
7. *After this April meeting, the report is to be amended for the Stowe-McKees Rocks alignment and then posted on FTP site for F.O.R. distribution and final review.*

Next Items:

1. Extra meeting was requested- to meet with Steve Shanley at County on April 23, 2013.
2. Public Meeting (open house forum)- Committee to complete arrangements for final meeting
3. Edit and submit final report

Thank you,  
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Director- Land Development Services  
Mackin Engineering Company



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Three Rivers Heritage Trail (3RHT) Feasibility Study  
Pittsburgh to Coraopolis  
**Project Report MAY 2013**

To: Ohio River Trail (ORT) Committee

Status:

Completed- same as April Report with below additions

Recently completed:

1. Attended extra meeting with McKees Rocks Borough representatives; met with T. Levander, C. Rippole, and T. Vrcek on May 29, 2013 to again review route.
  - a. Agreement was reached to show the 'Rocks' local loop route stopped at the intersection of Chartiers, Linden, Furnace; and to just write about future extension of the route into central business district.
  - b. Agreement was reached to show preferred route in 'Bottoms' along Helen to the green space-parklet at McKees Rocks Bridge ramp and cross to Munson, George and enter bridge sidewalk system. The Bottom's local loop was submitted by Craig Rippole and approved by others.
2. Attended extra meeting with Steve Shanley, et.al at County on April 23, 2013.
3. Report completion was pending review and comments from City- Pat Hassett (April).
4. Executive Summary was completed and posted on FTP site (April).

Next Items:

1. Public Meeting (open house forum) to be held at the Stowe Municipal Bldg at 6pm on Wednesday, June 19, 2013.
2. Post final report on FTP for review and comment.

Thank you,  
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