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Dayton
Election 2020**

**Bicyclist's Guide to Voting
in Clark, Greene, Miami
& Montgomery Counties**

VOTER INFORMATION

**General election voter registration
deadline: Oct. 5, 2020**

**Early voting and mail-in voting begins:
Oct. 6, 2020**

**Deadline to request absentee ballot:
Oct. 31, 2020 at 12pm**

**Early voting and mail-in voting ends:
Nov. 2, 2020**

**General election: Nov. 3, 2020 polls are
open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.**

How "Bicyclist's Guide to Voting" is compiled:
The Bike Miami Valley Regional Advocacy Committee compiles the voter guide to provide a forum for candidates to discuss issues of walking, bicycling and street or trail use that are important to our members. Bicycling is a legal form of transportation in Ohio and has the same rules and rights to the roads as other vehicles. Letters with three questions were mailed to candidates in races within the Miami Valley area (counties that are represented in Bike Miami Valley's regional membership base). Candidate responses have been printed to fit formatting. Candidates who did not respond or did not meet the stated deadline are listed at the end. Asterisks (*) notes the incumbent candidates, underneath how many candidates a voter can select at the polls. Bike Miami Valley does not endorse or support views of any candidate or political party. Nor does Bike Miami Valley assume responsibility for the content of any candidate's reply.



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Question 1: Distracted driving and Ohio Senate Bill 285

On a typical day, more than 700 people are injured in distracted driving crashes, according to the National Safety Council. In a 2019 survey, AAA found that 74 percent of Ohioans strongly agree that the dangers of using a smartphone for texting, emailing, and social media can be as serious as drinking and driving. This is a constant worry for bicyclists and other vulnerable road users.

Today, distracted driving is a primary offense in Ohio only for drivers less than 18 years of age. SB 285 would make distracted driving a primary offense for all ages.

Do you support allowing officers to pull over and possibly cite anyone they see using a wireless communication device, as Ohio SB 285 would allow?

How would you work to make it happen?

40th Ohio House Candidates

Vote for 1

*Indicates incumbent

Leronda Jackson- No Reply
Phil Plummer

Phil Plummer* – I support allowing officers to pull over and cited for distracted driving. This is a serious problem and needs to be addressed.

41st Ohio House Candidates

Vote for 1

*Indicates incumbent

Cate Berger

Andrea White- No Reply

Cate Berger – I am a proponent of this Senate Bill, and its efforts to curb distracted driving and further codify this statute across Ohio. I would vote to pass this measure in the House as an elected Representative and would work on the behalf of the constituents of the 41st to rally others to do so as well.

73rd Ohio House Candidates

Vote for 1

*Indicates incumbent

Brian Lampton- No Reply

Kim McCarthy

Kim McCarthy – We already have adequate laws against distracted driving (forbidding texting while driving [ORC 4511.204 as well as ORC 4511.991]). I'm not a lawyer, but a reading of SB 285 seems to indicate that using my GPS while driving could also be considered an offense. How is that reasonable? I would suggest that rather than adding yet another law to the mix, we should direct our focus on better educating drivers—especially teens and new drivers—about the dangers of cellphone use, and on enforcing those existing laws that are available to address this problem.

Clark County Commission Term Candidates

Vote for 1

*Indicates incumbent

Melanie Wilt*

Melanie Wilt* – I would support law enforcement officers enforcing the law created in SB 285 to improve public safety. As a county commissioner, I can serve as a resource to law enforcement in the sense that we provide budgetary dollars for patrols from the county general fund. By making economic development a priority, this helps support a healthy general fund, which in turn supports healthy law enforcement resources in our community.

Clark County Commission Candidates

Vote for 1

*Indicates incumbent

David Hartley- No Reply

Lowell McGlothlin*

Lowell McGlothlin* – Yes, I would support SB 285. With this being a State

Bill, it does not follow in our jurisdiction, but I would speak with state representatives to endorse and support this bill.

Greene County Commission Candidates Term

Vote for 1

Rick Perales- No Reply

Colin Morrow

Colin Morrow – I support allowing officers to pull over and possibly cite anyone of any age that they see using a communication device that is near the driver's face. So, devices mounted in the car being used for GPS or other uses would be exempt. I do believe smart devices in the car can lead to distracted driving and resulting in accidents. Distracted driving should be a primary offense for any age. I would advocate for and support Ohio Senate Bill 285.

Miami County Commission Candidates

Jack R. Bastian- No Reply

Wade Westfall*

Wade Westfall* – Yes, I support further advancing the safety of cyclists. I would support Ohio SB 258. I would work with the sheriff to implement the enforcement and further education of cyclists and drivers.

Montgomery County Commission Candidates Term

Vote for 1

Judy Dodge*

Arlene Setzer

Judy Dodge* – Yes, it would be necessary to reach out to our local law enforcement to ensure their support, as well as state legislators to encourage the passage of SB 285.

Arlene Setzer – While a State Representative for Ohio, I sponsored 2 supporting biking bills, HB 389, the Speed Transition Bill and HB 176, the Share the Road both signed into law by the Governor. I believe driver awareness of the laws were accomplished with road signs and social media spots.

Additionally, I suggest supplemental communication to drivers by asking:

- My State Representative and Senator to include an article in their communications with their constituents.
- My local government officials to

include an article in their communications.

- Local service clubs to mention at their meetings and in their bulletin.
- My email contacts to share my article to others.

I will continue to work with the biking community to promote bike safety.

Montgomery County Commission

Vote for 1

Debbie Lieberman*

Bob Matthews- No Reply

Debbie Lieberman* – We hear about accidents and deaths caused by distracted drivers all too often. I believe that SB 285 would act as a much-needed additional deterrent to keep our roadways safe for anybody who may be using them, whether you are in a car, on a bike, or going for a jog. SB 285 would modernize existing state legislation to keep up with current technology.

Montgomery County Engineer

Vote for 1

Paul Gruner*

Paul Gruner* – Yes, I have asked the County Engineers Association of Ohio to support SB 285. They will work with the association and their lobbyist when the bill has committee hearings, which is the most effective time to take action. While there may need to be some edits to the bill, I think the CEO will be supportive. I also presented the issue to the Ohio Council of County Officials, where I represent CEO, and the OCCO passed a resolution of support.

Question 2 (for state candidates): Active Transportation Policy

The Ohio Department of Transportation has determined that Active Transportation (walking or biking) are “essential transportation options in Ohio communities.” ODOT’s Active Transportation Program has been created to address “the needs of people walking and biking while helping build local, regional and state-level capacity to ensure that walking and biking are safe, comfortable and convenient transportation options.”

Do you support this program, and what would you do to promote its use?

Would you support appropriating funds to promote Active Transportation and build facilities to allow it to happen?

40th Ohio House Candidates

Vote for 1

*Indicates incumbent

Leronda Jackson- No Reply

Phil Plummer*

Phil Plummer*– I support active transportation policy. Walking and biking are both good for personal health and safety reasons.

41st Ohio House Candidates

Vote for 1

*Indicates incumbent

Cate Berger

Andrea White- No Reply

Cate Berger – I absolutely support this program for the mental health, physical health, transportation, and economic benefits it provides. Promoting it would be a great opportunity to communicate with our schools, with our businesses and community partners, as well as with other members of the state legislature on the multiple benefits of this type of investment in our communities. I would absolutely support the appropriation of funds for this type of community building project.

73rd Ohio House Candidates

Vote for 1

*Indicates incumbent

Brian Lampton- No Reply

Kim McCarthy

Kim McCarthy – Encouraging walking and biking – and providing the infrastructure improvements to do so safely – would benefit everyone individually and the community as a whole. I’m sure I speak for many of us when I say we need more exercise! With the benefits of better physical and mental health, fewer problems with traffic congestion, and a cleaner environment, walking and biking need to become a larger part of our everyday lives. The Active Transportation Program can help that happen. It deserves our support and funding.

Question 2 (for county candidates): Complete Streets

Complete Streets policies are based on the belief that everyone – regardless of age, ability, income, race, or ethnicity – ought to have safe, comfortable, and convenient access to community destinations and public places, whether they are walking, driving, bicycling, or taking public transportation. The policies are necessary because too many of our streets are designed only for speeding cars or creeping traffic jams.

By adopting a Complete Streets policy, communities direct their transportation planners and engineers to routinely design the entire right of way to enable safe access for all users, regardless of age, ability, or mode of transportation.

Would you support such a policy for the engineering and planning departments in your jurisdiction?

And what would you do to make that happen?

Clark County Commission Term Candidates

Vote for 1

*Indicates incumbent

Melanie Wilt*

Melanie Wilt * – There are no engineering departments in our jurisdiction. The Clark County planning office is part of the County Commission departments, and as such works hard to manage planning according to a county comprehensive plan, known as Connect Clark County. This was updated in the last couple years with the help of the Transportation Coordinating Committee and accepted by the Commission. We use it as a guide for decisions in County Planning Commission particularly for planning and zoning guidance. I would support conversation about how a complete streets policy could be developed for future road construction projects.

Clark County Commission Candidates

Vote for 1

*Indicates incumbent

David Hartley- No Reply

Lowell McGlothlin*

Lowell McGlothlin * –Yes, I would support a complete streets policy. I am on the Clark County Transportation Coordinating Committee and I value the multi-use trails throughout our community.

I would continue to be a board member and help to bring more bike friendly transportation roads in the County by looking for Grant money and promoting the safe transportation options for our citizens. I enjoy biking with my family and grandkids and believe it is a great transportation option and exercise for all.

Greene County Commission **Candidates Term**

Vote for 1

Colin Morrow

Rick Perales- No Reply

Colin Morrow –I support Complete Streets to the degree it makes sense to do so and the cost does not outweigh the benefit. In Fairborn we have started adding bike lanes to our streets and have received positive feedback and have noticed the City of Xenia did the same. I would advocate that county and municipal engineers consider complete streets in their planning. If they do not include components of Complete Streets plans in their planning, then they would need to explain why they did not.

Miami County Commission **Candidates**

Jack R. Bastian- No Reply

Wade Westfall*

Wade Westfall * – Yes, I support the county adopting Complete Street Policies. I would investigate opportunities to widen county roads for bike lanes. We need additional ‘Share the Road’ signage.

Montgomery County Commission **Candidates Term**

Vote for 1

Judy Dodge *

Arlene Setzer

Judy Dodge * – Yes, I support a Complete Street policy. When a roadway is due for renovation or reconstruction, I would advocate for ensuring the budget for new street design accommodates all modes of transportation, whenever possible.

Arlene Setzer – As the recent past mayor of Vandalia, I was instrumental in planning for a safe bicycle route with

signage and designated bike lanes from the west boundary of the city to the east side. At the eastside point (Taylorsville Dam and bikeway from Tipp City) work is in progress to easily connect the bikeway trail. This point of access has the Vandalia Golf Course (Cassel Hills Golf Course) has use for parking, if necessary, and rest facilities with food available. As development occurs, other amenities are planned. I did support the engineering and planning and Vandalia is on our way to make it happen.

Montgomery County Commission

Vote for 1

Debbie Lieberman*

Bob Matthew- No Reply

Debbie Lieberman* – I believe in and advocate for ‘shared streets’. I believe in investing in people and that means all people. I believe that personal travel, commerce and recreation can co-exist. To the extent possible, as a County Commissioner, I work to make sure we look at all of the ways that we make sure our resources address ‘shared streets’ concepts.

I know that local jurisdictions and the Montgomery County Engineer are committed to creating safe travel environments that support multiple types of travel.

Montgomery County Engineer

Vote for 1

Paul Gruner*

Paul Gruner* – We essentially have that policy in the County Engineer’s Office. Projects that we do that involve improving sections of road always involve federal funds, so we follow the MVRPC Complete Streets Policy. One example is our Third Street Bridge project, which will have a 10’ walk on the north side and a 17’ trail on the south side. In addition, we are re-connecting the trails under the bridge and providing a new connection in cooperation with the MCD. We are also providing bas reliefs on the walls on each side of both projects commemorating local history and peace. On small projects that don’t involve federal funds, we always consider whether there are needs for connections that can be incorporated. Our rural county roads are not bike friendly but would require significant investments to widen that we just don’t have. Only experienced riders should use them. In most areas of the county, the off-road trails system (which I brag about to

people in other regions and states whenever I get the chance) provides preferable options.

The Montgomery County Planning Commission has standards for roads in new developments. Their standards provide for sidewalks but could certainly be updated to reflect bike needs. We work for the MCPC in implementing their standards in new subdivisions, but do not have a seat on their commission. Your organization should probably work with individual planning commission members regarding this item. I will talk with Erik Collins to get his take on this.

Question 3. Clean Ohio Funds

Clean Ohio Recreational Trails Funds have created more than 600 miles of multi-purpose, recreation trails in the state. With trail use increasing by up to 200 percent, the COVID-19 crisis has demonstrated how important these trails are for Ohioans’ physical and mental health. Trails also benefit nearby businesses and provide needed transportation options for those without cars. Unfortunately, continuing funding for the Clean Ohio Recreational Trails program is not assured.

Do you support full funding of the Clean Ohio Recreational Trails Fund? How would you work to provide that?

40th Ohio House Candidates

Vote for 1

*Indicates incumbent

Leronda Jackson- No Reply

Phil Plummer*

Phil Plummer* – I support full funding of the Clean Ohio Recreational Trails Fund. I am an avid user of the trails and I see the value they bring to our community. I would be a strong advocate for this funding.

41st Ohio House Candidates

Vote for 1

*Indicates incumbent

Cate Berger

Andrea White- No Reply

Cate Berger – I support the mission of the Clean Ohio Recreational Trails Fun and its full funding. In 2021, we will have the opportunity to create a new budget for the biennium. An important goal of my

candidacy is being a voice for the constituents of the 41st district. I will be an active voice for the overall health and development that comes from our robust trails system being maintained and expanded. This is an issue which I will work to garner bi-partisan support in the Ohio House.

73rd Ohio House Candidates

Vote for 1

*Indicates incumbent

Brian Lampton- No Reply

Kim McCarthy

Kim McCarthy – The Clean Ohio Recreational Trails Fund is an important and useful program that encourages Ohioans to walk and bike more. Not only has it increased the availability of safe trails in our communities, but by reducing motor vehicle traffic when people can walk or bike to school and work, it helps the environment as well. More trails serve to help lead to a healthier life for us all. Because of the many varied benefits, funding should be available from a number of different sources—health and safety, infrastructure, clean-air initiatives—and I would support efforts that worked to ensure that funding remains secure.

Clark County Commission Term Candidates

Vote for 1

*Indicates incumbent

Melanie Wilt*

Melanie Wilt * – I support funding of the Clean Ohio Recreational Trails Fund. I would support a statewide ballot initiative to again fund this effort like when it was originally established.

Clark County Commission Candidates

Vote for 1

*Indicates incumbent

David Hartley- No Reply

Lowell McGlothlin*

Lowell McGlothlin * – Yes, I strongly support the Clean Ohio Funds. I would work directly with Louis Agresta through the Transportation Coordinating Committee.

He is who applies for many of the Grants and funding that provide the bike trails in the County. It is very important that we have this type of transportation and recreation available for many generations to come.

Greene County Commission Candidates Term

Vote for 1

Colin Morrow

Rick Perales- No Reply

Colin Morrow – I support the full funding of the Clean Ohio Recreational Trail Funds. I would advocate to the Ohio State Legislature to fully fund the Clean Ohio Recreational Trail Funds. This is especially important during this time of COVID-19 epidemic and more people are outside exercising on their bikes and expect to be able to use the bike trails.

Miami County Commission Candidates

Jack R. Bastian- No Reply

Wade Westfall*

Wade Westfall * – Yes, I support the State fully funding the Clean Ohio Recreational Trails Fund. Additional funding would implement the potential expansion and maintenance our trail systems in Miami County and throughout the state. I would encourage/lobby our state legislature to pass such funding with the economic impact that it has had in our local economy.

Montgomery County Commission Candidates Term

Vote for 1

Judy Dodge*

Arlene Setzer

Judy Dodge * – I definitely support the Clean Ohio Recreational Trails Fund. I think the Centerville-Washington Township Park District's Grant Park Barn Trailside restoration project is a great recent example of the program. I think we could work with the County Commissioners Association of Ohio to advocate for the continued funding.

Arlene Setzer – Having worked both at the state and local level, I completely understand the need and importance of funding. I agree these outdoor trails support the physical and mental health of individuals and also are an economic benefit to businesses and communities. For these reasons, I would do my best to support full funding of the Clean Ohio Recreational Trails Fund.

Montgomery County Commission

Vote for 1

Debbie Lieberman*

Bob Matthews- No Reply

Debbie Lieberman* – I do support the full funding of the Clean Ohio Recreational Trails Fund.

Recreational trails are a significant quality of life resource in our community through Fiver Rivers Metro Parks and other community resources. I believe our region is perfect for additional trail development and to continue connecting our communities.

I am and will continue to be a strong advocate as a board member and officer with the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) and through productive conversations with policy makers at the Statehouse and with officials at ODNR and other administration officials.

Montgomery County Engineer

Vote for 1

Paul Gruner*

Paul Gruner – Yes, I do. As I mentioned above, these trails provide a better option than rural county roads. I'm not sure where their funding stands. Unfortunately, we have a legislature that is averse to any new funding, including a state rep in our region who is now running for state senator and is the most fiscally conservative person in the legislature. Please update me on the status and the appropriate time for action.

Questionnaires were issued to, but not received from the following candidate races:

U.S. House Ohio District 10
Candidates

Vote for 1

*Indicates incumbent

Charles Ballard – No Reply

Robert Hackett* – No Reply

U.S. House Ohio District 8
Candidates

Vote for 1

*Indicates incumbent

Warren Davidson* – No Reply

Vanessa Enoch – No Reply

5th Ohio Senate Candidates

Vote for 1

*Indicates incumbent

Niraj Antani – No Reply

Mark Fogel – No Reply

39th Ohio House Candidates

Vote for 1

*Indicates incumbent

Willis Blackshear Jr. – No Reply

John Ferrell Mullins III – No Reply

42nd Ohio House Candidates

Vote for 1

*Indicates incumbent

Tom Young – No Reply

43rd Ohio House Candidates

Vote for 1

Amy Cox – No Reply

Rodney Creech – No Reply

74th Ohio House Candidates

Vote for 1

Bill Dean* – No Reply

79th Ohio House Candidates

Vote for 1

*Indicates incumbent

Cynthia Richards – No Reply

Kyle Koehler* – No Reply

80th Ohio House Candidates

Vote for 1

*Indicates incumbent

Ted Jones – No Reply

Jena Powell* – No Reply

Clark County Engineer

Vote for 1

Johnathan A. Burr – No Reply

Greene County Commission
Candidates

Vote for 1

Tom Koogle – No Reply

Greene County Engineer

Vote for 1

Stephanie Goff* – No Reply

Miami County Commissioner Term
Candidates

Vote for 1

Gregory Simmons* – No Reply

Miami County Engineer

Vote for 1

Paul P. Huelskamp – No Reply



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Bike Miami Valley drafted one of the nation's first regional bikeway plans, which was adopted by Dayton's regional planning commission in 1973. This proved instrumental in the development of much of the recreational trail system that is celebrated today as The Nation's Largest Paved Trail Network.

Today, Bike Miami Valley is the founding organization of the Miami Valley Cycling Summit, an event held biennially around the region. The organization serves as the umbrella organization for five local chapters in Centerville, Kettering, Piqua, Springfield and Yellow Springs. Bike Miami Valley also co-manages the Link: Dayton Bike Share system in downtown Dayton with Greater Dayton RTA. The program keeps more than 3,500 users rolling annually.

Bike Miami Valley is recognized as a Platinum Level Bicycle Friendly BusinessSM by the League of American Bicyclists.



Starting October 6th, early voters can vote at their county board of elections weekdays between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. In the final two weeks leading up to Election Day, hours extend later during the week, and the boards open for limited hours on the weekends.

Check your county Board of Elections for details. Mail in ballots can also be dropped off at your county board of elections. Miami County is the only county in our region that does not early vote at the board of elections, see address details below.

The final day to vote early in person is Monday, Nov. 2 before 2p.m.

Board of Elections Addresses by County:

Clark County
3130 E. Main St.
Springfield, OH 45505

Greene County
551 Ledbetter Rd.
Xenia, OH 45385

Miami County
215 West Main Street
Troy Ohio 45373

Montgomery County
451 W. Third St.
Dayton, OH 45422

Absentee Voting Information:

The deadline to request an absentee ballot this fall is Oct. 31 at 12 p.m.

The Secretary of State's Office recommends getting your absentee ballot in one of the following ways:

- Go online and print your own absentee ballot request form.
- Fill out the required information by hand on a blank sheet of paper.
- Call your local board of elections and ask them to send you a form.
- Or, if you're one of 8 million Ohioans already registered to vote, you may receive an absentee ballot request form in the mail from the Ohio Secretary of State's Office.

Become a Bike Advocate

Please consider joining Bike Miami Valley and help us write the next 30 years of our history.

Your investment makes you a card-carrying member of Bike Miami Valley – and strengthens our voice to work for a more bike-friendly region. If we want to get the attention of our elected officials, we need to show them our numbers. By becoming a member, you become a part of our regional cycling force.

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