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Staff Profile

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Nick Rogers has been with the Council for the past 3 years, and is currently the Council’s Transportation Program Director. He works on transportation planning, design, and development plans of transit services, multimodal trips to anywhere in the greater Philadelphia region, using GoPhillyGo. This summer, the Council is excited to approach the official launch of a brand new website for green commuters in the Philadelphia region. After several years of work, GoPhillyGo.org is almost ready for its public debut. GoPhillyGo will not only help users discover new environmental and cultural resources in the region, but it will also show the greenest routes to get there. Many of these destinations fall on or near the Circuit (the regional trail network) or near SEPTA routes. The goal of the website is to help users reach these destinations without a car – instead traveling by foot, bicycle, public transportation, or a combination of them.

Think about it this way: you can pick a less hilly bicycle route, or a public transportation route that allows you to incorporate equal parts on the bus and walking. With more trip planners, you have to pick one mode of transportation and stick with it. The options for how the route is picked also tend to be based on hard-headed efficiency – quickest route, least mills, etc. You can’t pick the scenic route, or select precise levels of difficulty for their your option. Oftentimes, the route you’re forced to take is the one most environmentally minded people give up and use a car.

Through this new website, the Council aims to make connecting these trips easier without a car, in addition to helping people discover new and beautiful places in the region. Cyclists planning new trips will have plenty of dependable information about route safety and difficulty. New users of bikes, public transit, or combining the two can learn from how-to’s and other users’ recommended itineraries. While users can use GoPhillyGo to plan multimodal trips to anywhere in the greater Philadelphia region, using GoPhillyGo doesn’t require having a destination in mind. Have a couple hours and want to see how far you can go? The website will show you your options, including upcoming events at featured destinations. GoPhillyGo comes at a perfect time with Philadelphia launching its bikeshare program. These short, last-mile and connecting trips are the perfect way to use bikeshare, and our website can help with the planning.

More bicycling and public transit use means less traffic congestion and better air quality for everyone. And cyclists and public transit users get extra rewards: besides improved physical fitness from biking, studies show that biking and taking public transit instead of driving have mental health and cognitive benefits. I hope you will make use of GoPhillyGo when it launches. When you do, be sure to tell us about your favorite routes and destinations, as well as your positive and negative feedback so we can make this website a valuable tool for our region.

Joe Minarto is the Executive Director of Clean Air Council

Protect Our Children Gains Steam

Just over a year ago, the Clean Air Council helped form the Protect Our Children coalition to keep fracking away from children. In that short time, residents from 8 townships have asked for help to stop projects proposed to be sited near to schools, playgrounds, daycares, and other spots where children gather. The coalition itself has also grown to include over 50 groups.

The coalition’s growth is due in large part to its success. In Middle Township, Ryan Energy Energy (a drilling company) attempted to allow fracking just half a mile away from area schools, and less than 1,000 feet from people’s homes. The coalition and Delaware Riverkeeper Network, local opposition, and the POC coalition for information about local land use issues.

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