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Agenda

Pedestrian and Bicycling Access and Safety Working Group

Wednesday, February 23rd, 7:30 pm

Via Zoom Video Conference

Zoom Meeting Recording (with chat history)

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Working Group Chairs: Nate Engle and Chris Zappi

Working Group Members and Participants: Alison Durland, Al Carr, Alan Simon, David Romeo, Jonathan Rogers, Melissa Joy, Devon Hahn (Mead & Hunt)

Notes:

1. Announcements and introductions
2. TLC grant presentation
 - Devon presented, interspersed with Q&A throughout. Key issues discussed included:
 - o Would SHA be receptive to installing more crosswalks on Connecticut? Likely yes.
 - o Suggestion that walk signals shouldn't require pressing the button (in other words, they should have a "pedestrian recall" phase).
 - o Discussion of the feasibility of implementing an all-pedestrian phase ("Barnes Dance") at Connecticut and Knowles. Would likely be challenging in practice.
 - o Interest in understanding additional detail regarding the greenway proposal for Lexington and Plyers Mill.
 - o Much discussion around the potential long-term proposal that would reroute University onto Decatur and Perry and create a pocket park on the existing University side of the University/Connecticut intersection, including the possible impact on surrounding areas and the Perry/Connecticut intersection, which is not pedestrian-friendly today.
 - **WG to send any additional feedback to Nate over email.**

3. TLC grant public engagement update
 - Melissa presented volunteer sign-up sheet to flyer and get the word out on the public workshop.
 - Reminder, workshop is Thursday, April 21st (evening at Town Hall). **WG to all please save the date.**
 - **WG to fill in where they will volunteer asap (link provided by Melissa in separate email).**

4. Kensington Parkway improvements update
 - Updated on Town decision to move forward with the detailed design analysis.
 - MCDOT/WSSC improvements to the south are experiencing some push-back from residents. Lessons to learn for our outreach and public engagement process.

5. AOB
 - [We did not get a chance to discuss it, but can someone volunteer to keep an eye on funding opportunities?]

Next meeting – Wednesday, March 23rd (last Wednesday meeting for now)