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Notes

Pedestrian and Bicycling Access and Safety Working Group

Tuesday, September 6th, 7:00 pm

Town Hall – Map Room

Working Group Chairs present: Nate Engle and Chris Zappi

Working Group Members present: Jon Rogers, Jamie Keller, Alan Simon, Alison Durland, Chris Quay, Erl Houston (new participant)

Moment of silence for Sarah Langenkamp and family

Announcements and introductions

Work team updates

- Prioritization
 - Important to craft a vision of guiding principles for the WG to help prioritize and move forward with various recommendations and improvement opportunities. Will also help with articulating the 1-pager on messaging/accomplishments (*see below in Communication and Education section*).
 - Vision could be:
 - What? Equitable and inclusive safety, accessibility, and connectivity
 - Where? Focused on areas of smart growth and expected development, and high usage problem areas.
 - How? Working with Town of Kensington, transportation implementation partners, political officials, and neighboring jurisdictions.

Work Team Thematic Group (Jon, Chris Z., Carole) to work on fleshing this out and proposing back to the full WG.

- Walkability/Bikeability Audit
 - **Alan updated prioritization spreadsheet to include a new tab for this round of data collection. Alan to share spreadsheet with WG and basic instructions. Will also include the questionnaire for feedback.**
 - After Walktober event training (*see Events and Outreach section*), WG to decide how to divvy up sections for the auditing for November/December.

- Events and Outreach
 - o Walktober Event. October 29, with October 30 rain date. Focus on three interlinked events:
 1. Walking tour of Connecticut Avenue improvements flagged in the TLC grant report.
 2. Training on the walkability audit process.
 3. Walking taste of Kensington tour. End at Baby Cat (if they'll open for us). **Alan will reach out to Baby Cat. Alison to work with Art to propose a few points and the plan for Nate to get feedback during the September Town Council Meeting.** Need to determine how to prioritize (e.g., consider giving a small snack, taking the first "yes's", or soliciting interest through Kensington CAN!).

- Communication and Education
 - o 1-pager, including vision statement and examples of results
 - o Community campaign and increasing awareness – communication efforts
 - o Distribution plan on listserv, etc.
 - o Table at events
 - o Slogan: "Where the trains still run and the people still walk (and bike)"
 - o Artist community
 - o Map of bike-friendly infrastructure and bike paths
 - o Skills building session and bike and/or walking food tour

Chris, Carole, and Marla to work on 1-pager and slogan as an initial priority, and also help with the walking food tour during Walktober event(s).

Tactical urbanism – visualizing options

WG to review the links and Marla to present during next meeting.

Next meeting – November 10 (Thursday). Work in teams in the meantime, and may propose a zoom meeting on Walktober events if need be. Nate to send invite.

Adjourn