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Notes

Pedestrian and Bicycling Access and Safety Working Group

November 10th, 2022, 7:00 pm

Town Hall – Map Room

Working Group Co-Chairs: Nate Engle and Chris Zappi

Working Group participants: Jonathan Rogers, Leslie Olson, Alan Simon, Marla, Phyllis Knight, Jamie Keller, Davina Finn

Meeting:

1. Welcome and introductions
 - New participants, Leslie Olson, Phyllis Knight, and Davina Finn
2. Walktober event recap
 - Chris Z. gave brief recap. Congrats and thanks to everyone for their support in implementing the event. A lot to build from for next year.
3. Walkability/Bikeability audit – divvying up segments and responsibilities
 - Alan walked through the proposed audit process. WG discussed how to complete each segment (64 in total, spread generally evenly across the 14-15 volunteers) and reflect in the spreadsheet.
 - Agreed on the following general process:
 - o Print out rows for the segments/blocks for which you're responsible and carry it and the audit checklist with and as you go. Note where changes or additions should be made in comparison to the 2020 audit.
 - o Take photos and measurements!
 - o When entering the data in the shared spreadsheet, leave 2020 tab alone. Just change the 2022 tab. 2022 tab will start with the same information from 2020 to serve as the baseline. Any changes or additions should be highlighted in **bright blue**. You can amend, but do not erase the original data. In the recommendations section, make sure to include any key 2022 recommendations. Make sure to also upload folders into the shared site. *[Note, we still need create the shared site for photos – for now just take them on your phone and we will have a process mapped out for uploading them in the coming days]*. **Nate to reach out work with Alex to set up a shared site with the Town or he will set up a shared folder on Google Drive.** Naming process for the photos should be: "2022_Segment_Description". E.g., "2022_NE1011_broken sidewalk closeup 1244".

- **Alan will share the spreadsheet link and materials (including audit checklist and node map), as well as agreed assignments.** *[The exact segments will likely look slightly different than what was agreed when divvying these up on the map during the meeting. Please be flexible and stick to the segments you're ultimately assigned – and remember to do both sides of the street for a given segment!].*
- **Volunteers to complete audit of assigned streets by December 15th and to reach out to Alan and Nate if there are any questions whatsoever.**

4. Other work team updates

- a. Communication and education – 1-pager and slogan
 - Will update next time. **Chris Q. to reach out to Nate to identify highlights for 1-pager.**
- b. Prioritization – fleshing out a vision
 - Feedback was very positive. **Jon to make suggested edits to the document and share one more time for feedback before posting to the Town website. Working Group to send final inputs by November 21st.**

5. Tactical urbanism – visualizing options

- Marla gave brief overview of concepts.
- Will require careful thought if we're to consider this, as it could actually increase safety challenges if not done in close coordination with transportation implementing partners, traffic engineers, etc.
- Important to clarify the terms associated with tactical urbanism. We may be able to work on issues with respect to 'demonstration' and 'tactical' conceptualizations, but most certainly not those associated with 'guerilla' concepts.
- Basic premise is to test ideas and visualize possibilities to educate around what could be done from low cost, high speed, and low commitment perspectives.
- Could focus on the Town-owned areas. Identify 5-10 demo projects, possibly through the walkability/bikeability audit process and other areas previously identified via WG related activities (e.g., TLC grant). Marla will research examples where these approaches were done in close coordination with Town governments and also which grants we might pursue.

6. AOB

- Acknowledged with gratitude David Romeo, who will be stepping off of the WG, for his work and participation over the past two years.
- **Next meeting in person on Tuesday, December 20th, 7pm** in the Town Hall Map Room.

Adjourn