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Notes

Pedestrian and Bicycling Access and Safety Working Group

February 23rd, 2023, 7:00 pm

Town Hall Map Room

Chairs present: Nate Engle

Working group members present: Leslie Olson, Alan Simon, Jamie Keller, Erl Houston, Carole O'Toole, Jonathan Rodgers, Michael Lyons, Davina Finn, Al Carr, Alison Durland

Notes:

1. Introductions
2. Walkability/bikeability audit progress and prioritization
 - Alan updated on the segments and thanked everyone for their efforts. All 108 are done (which is several dozen more than the first audit), as of February 23.
 - NE3032 segment: St. Paul between Plyers Mill and Oberon. Seems to be extra information in addition to what Marla did. **All, anyone know who did this segment? If not, Leslie will look at and reconcile them.**
 - Jon updated on prioritization quantification process he conducted to provide a decision support tool, based on the recently adopted vision statement. Scored each of the segments, based on several metrics: repairing barriers, locations with vulnerable users (parks, schools, older adults), existing and planned retail areas, and high crash locations. He did it for all segments across three of the metrics. **Jon to add the high crash locations to the list.**
 - **Jon, Alan, and Nate to discuss and provide clear guidance for the WG on how to finalize this quantification process by combining it with several other factors for filtering out the priorities** (i.e., 2-3 priority actions each WG member who audited streets wants to flag, but might not have been captured in a high-scoring street from Jon's quantification process, as well as "simple fixes" that could be provided to the Town for regular maintenance schedules).
 - Next audit in two years could already include these prioritization categories from the get-go so it's more streamlined when we do the audits.

3. Communication and education – 1-pager and slogan
 - Discussed the eight options printed on the poster board. Agreed on E and G, with some additions marked on the papers. **Nate to convey to Kariann and Tracey so they know the final two designs, and so that tweaks can be made for final review at the March meeting.**
 - 1-pager was not discussed. **Chris Q. to send around the draft for final review amongst the WG before placing on website.**
 - Discussed possible ideas for changing the name of the group. PBAS-WG and “Kensington At your Feet” were mentioned. **All members to send ideas for potential name changes of the WG.**

4. County Pedestrian Master Plan feedback/testimony
 - Requested for everyone to have a quick review if possible, and flag high level issues that resonate, as well as specific points pertinent to Kensington, and/or anything missed that we want to have them prioritize that may not be in there. **Everyone to share with Nate by March 10th.**

5. Packaging as “campaigns”
 - Did not discuss. Will have on the agenda for the March meeting.

6. AOB (All)
 - Nate testified on behalf of the Town for Senator Waldstreicher’s SAFE Roads Act (SB16) earlier in the month. The legislation will codify MDOT SHA’s Context Driven Design guidelines.
 - **Next meeting proposed for March 22nd (Wednesday) at 7:00pm at Town Hall.**