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Notes

Pedestrian and Bicycling Access and Safety Working Group

March 22nd, 2023, 7:00 pm

Town Hall Map Room

Participants: Nate Engle (co-chair), Jonathan Rogers, Alan Simon, Michael Lyons, Chris Quay, Carole O'Toole, Jamie Keller

1. Walkability/bikeability audit progress and prioritization

- Jonathan updated on the prioritization process, which involved the scoring of the 108 segments against the four criteria previously agreed upon by the WG. Anything scoring 2.5 or higher was pulled out as prioritized segments. 16 in total. Mainly on State roads, and some Town roads near these State roads. Pulled the recommendations from the audit into these 16 segments and divided into maintenance and improvement categories. Resulted in approximately 30 recommendations
- ***Jonathan to share the list with the WG for feedback.***
- ***All to review the list and make sure it makes sense, and also flag any recommendations from the sections each person audited that were not from these 16 segments, that you feel are absolutely critical to include in the list of prioritized recommendations. Everyone to review and add any critical missing recommendations by April 7th.***

2. Communication and education – 1-pager and logo finalizing

- Chris and Carole walked through the flyer.
- ***Chris to share the final draft with the WG***
- ***Nate to send to Kariann and Alex for printing and uploading, and to use it to replace the current language on the website.***

3. Packaging as “campaigns”

- Discussed the idea of packaging priorities for the Town to work on in targeted campaigns.
- All supported the idea and agreed to wait for the prioritization recommendations to be finalized and then look for commonalities and priorities around which to package these.

4. BPPA public meeting – April 13th

- Nate informed the WG that the public work session for the BPPA Plan will be April 13th from 5:30-7:30pm at Town Hall.
- ***All to be on the lookout for the official e-blast announcing it and try to attend to show your support!***

5. AOB

- Pedestrian Master Plan. Nate thanked everyone for the comments and feedback. Will testify Marcy 23rd to the Planning Board.
- Train tracks crossing safety and improvements. Several are interested in tackling this issue and re-engaging with CSX in a new workstream. ***Carol, Michael, and Chris Z. (maybe) to take the lead in moving this forward.***
- Urban Land Institute, Technical Assistance Panel (TAP). Nate and Jonathan described the Council's decision to move ahead with a TAP for the University Boulevard/Connecticut Avenue Split and Summit Avenue Extended, which will likely take place in June. It will aim to address pedestrian and bicycling safety, traffic movement, and economic development in this part of Town, and will likely take place in mid-late June.
- A Cycling History of the National Mall: Why We Ride, Part 2 (Why We Don't Ride). Jamie will be leading a guided bike tour around the mall on Earth Day (April 22) at 10am. If you are able, come out to show your support and get in a nice 8-mile ride! <https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/event-details.htm?id=0936EE17-0119-C795-EBDAE8C415F1B4A8>

Next meeting: Proposed for Monday, April 24th, 7pm Town Hall (Proposed May meeting location = BabyCat).