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Notes

Pedestrian and Bicycling Access and Safety Working Group

January 16th, 2024, 7:30 pm

Zoom recording:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/H7a1dm8Ge5FRShvnFaNNRavw0XNPVLLpRUPX-2jd0ZHj9vgml5LetOXSQ8kQQtgY.SNj6BnkgTwkf-xif>

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Notes

Attending: Carole, Alison, Jonathan, Peter, Anne-Marie, Al, Jamie, Alan, Nate

Member bios.

- Discussed that the purpose is to give others on the WG an understanding of backgrounds and skill sets. May consider putting on the website at a later date, but that's not the main purpose.
- **Nate to circulate the current document so people can add directly in a shared file.**

Workstream updates.

Public art and PBAS – “Tactical Urbanism”

- Peter summarized the feedback from the January 10th Town Council meeting. Overall a lot of support, but some options presented could just be put into immediate longer-term/permanent solutions. Also, public engagement is key for any pilot or permanent solutions. We have the interest and buy-in, just need to find where the right options are to pursue.
- Budget to be added in FY25 for some piloting, particularly at crosswalks (existing). Jon indicated that crosswalk art can be frowned upon because of lack of standardization. The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) outlines guidelines for this, but in general curb bump outs are okay. Some decorative perimeter designs are permitted in the newest manual released. Staying within the curb extension space would be the best bet. **Nate to refer Matt to the new manual and schedule a meeting with him with this workstream and Jon and/or Anne-Marie to discuss follow ups.**
- High visibility options worth considering in these follow up discussions include Kensington Parkway and Metropolitan – can do that whole block, not just intersection – and Concord/Metropolitan/Plyers Mill.

CSX crossing (and Metropolitan Ave)

- Carole gave update on the CSX crossing meeting Nate attended with MTA/TOK/District 18 Delegates. Next steps are on-site meeting with them and CSX and MARC. **Nate to follow up with Matt for when the onsite meeting will be held, and Carole and Al to attend if possible.**
- **Carole to talk with Garret Park to understand how they got asphalt for their “access road”.**

- AI continuing to research under-tracks passes that provide evidence that this should be considered a viable option here in TOK. We may want to discuss with MTA to put in grant for railway crossing underpass, if we can convince them to consider it.
- Lights on Metropolitan – Matt working with County to get more lighting added.
- Lights at MARC station – AI spoke with them and they are reassessing the lights there.
- Ideas to rework footpath to train station from Metropolitan to improve safety. There is an implied speed hump material that can put on front side of a cross walk. Jon shared in the chat and the **workstream will discuss this issue over the coming weeks.**

Bicycling education and infrastructure

- **Jamie will follow up with County on learn to bike event potential for Town Hall.**
- Carole mentioned and Jon shared a link to a Washington Post article on closing off streets to play in – Play Streets.

Next meeting: Proposed for Wednesday, February 28th (Zoom or in-person TBD).

Meeting chat with links:

19:47:58 From Jonathan Rogers to Everyone: Here's the MUTCD document:

https://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/kno_11th_Edition.htm

19:48:24 From Jonathan Rogers to Everyone: Chapter 3 covers markings, including crosswalk markings.

https://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/pdfs/11th_Edition/part3.pdf

19:51:46 From Jonathan Rogers to Everyone: Figure 3H-1 on Pg 623 shows the allowable aesthetic treatments for crosswalks

19:53:37 From Alison Durland to Everyone: In the Part 3 link, thanks

19:54:38 From Anne-Marie Turner to Everyone: Figure 3J-6, page 640 - curb extensions

20:15:05 From AI Carr to Everyone: an example of a recent underpass <https://turn-keytunneling.com/project/pedestrian-tunnel-whiteoak-nc/>

20:15:42 From AI Carr to Everyone: and another <https://turn-keytunneling.com/?project=pedestrian-tunnel-delaware-pa>

20:16:18 From Jonathan Rogers to Everyone: Reacted to "an example of a rece..." with 👍

20:16:20 From Jonathan Rogers to Everyone: Reacted to "and another https://..." with 👍

20:21:05 From Jonathan Rogers to Everyone: There are a variety of applied speed humps:

<https://www.trafficsafetystore.com/speed-bumps-humps/rubber-speed-bump>

20:25:47 From Jonathan Rogers to Everyone: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2024/01/08/play-streets-children-safety-outdoors/>