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**Agenda**

**Pedestrian and Bicycling Access and Safety Working Group**

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, 7:30 pm**

**Zoom Recording**

**Participants:** Alan, Nate, Marla, Tracey, Alison, Peter, Michael, Anne-Marie, Jonathan, Al

Day of the Book Festival

- Overall, a very successful event with good turnout at our combined table. Michael, Alan, Marla, Anne-Marie, and Nate worked the table at some point during the event.
- Most interest in PBAS seemed to be with Walktober and people expressed appreciation with recent improvements (e.g., flashing beacon at Wheatly and Metropolitan).
- Lessons: In prep for future tabling events, think about the goal of each specific event; make sure this is clear from the get-go; consider a more integrated flyer that talks about all of the different committees/efforts. **Marla to create a event spreadsheet to help with the prioritization via shared link.**
- Specific future events to consider: Juneteenth, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Bike Parade; Labor Day Parade; and Walktober. Consider handing out a bike-related safety item to kids at the Bike Parade, such as a bicycling bell or light, and place the PBAS logo on it. **Tracey to order the bells and Marla to create a planning document for events and goals and we can decide which to pursue.**

Workstream updates

*a. Public art and PBAS – “Tactical Urbanism”*

- No update from Matt yet on overall design – Nate emailed him yesterday and hoping to receive more information soon. Once we get it, workstream will meet to discuss how to implement it. Also need to engage the community, especially in that specific project area.

*b. CSX crossing (and Metropolitan Ave)*

- Michael had an informal discussion with a bridge engineer about general costs for a pedestrian bridge.
- Al is continuing to monitor for grants. Connecting communities. Planning grants. WG discussed the need to strategically decide which to target and when, and to help the Town staff with writing it. **Al, Alison, and Anne-Marie to help with this when we are ready to move on one or two opportunities.**

*c. Bicycling education and infrastructure*

- o No update

Summit Avenue Sidewalk

- Nate updated on the possibility of reengaging with MCDOT on the sidewalk improvements along Summit between Knowles and Brookfield. **Nate to reinitiate discussion with MCDOT on the sidewalk**

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**improvements/widening.** The time is right as it is in line with the pre-K likely coming into the HOC Building and improvements being done for the Town at the terminus of Warner street next to the new town houses.

- Marla has been looking into how to maintain and keep the trees while still putting in sidewalks, and will keep the WG informed.
- Jonathan noted several funding options that would be good for this concept planning, such as COG TLC, or TAP through SHA. The Knowles corridor between Connecticut and Rockville Pike would also be a good candidate for the TAP.

2. Baltimore Street & Connecticut Issues

- Nate informed the WG of two Town residents who were hit by a car crossing Connecticut last week, and discussed how we want to address this intersection in our work moving forward.
- WG discussed that Washington remains challenging too. Driver/pedestrian confusion.
- **Nate to bring up in next discussions with SHA in context of MD185 corridor study, BPPA Plan, and TLC grant study.**
- Request for harmonization in pedestrian crossing lights to avoid confusion.

3. Other

a. Community Budget Forum

- o May 1, 4-6pm at Town Hall. Alan will lead on PBAS WG related items.

b. Jamie event

- o Jamie hosting a ride around the Mall in DC about the benefits (and challenges) of cycling. Meeting at Lincoln Memorial at 10am.

**Next meeting:** June 10<sup>th</sup> (1.5-2 hours in person) - To emphasize WalkTober event, priorities for next year.

**Chat:**

19:34:18 From Michael Lyons to Everyone:

It was indeed huge.

19:40:30 From Michael Lyons to Everyone:

Maybe solicit sidewalk/etc. improvements to note down for the survey later this year?

19:54:49 From Peter Kosogof to Everyone:

I can also support the grant writing if needed

19:58:45 From Michael Lyons to Everyone:

Years and years ago. 😊

20:00:37 From Michael Lyons to Everyone:

Happy birthday, Jamie.

20:00:46 From Jk to Everyone:

Reacted to Happy birthday, Jami... with "👍"

20:08:07 From Jonathan Rogers to Everyone:

TAP is open now. Closes May 15. That's probably too soon to apply given that MCDOT is not on board yet.

But TAP call for projects happens annually. <https://roads.maryland.gov/mdotsha/pages/index.aspx?PageId=144>

20:08:23 From Al Carr to Everyone:

Reacted to "TAP is open now. Clo..." with "👍"

20:19:46 From Michael Lyons to Everyone:

Is there a MUTCD standard?

20:20:12 From Anne-Marie Turner to Everyone:

Yes - HAWK signal

20:20:27 From Anne-Marie Turner to Everyone:

The signal at Washington is an older signal

20:20:44 From Michael Lyons to Everyone:

Reacted to "The signal at Washin..." with 👍

20:22:05 From Jk to Everyone:

Look at crash data for Knowles & CT. Lots of crashes , many involving peds

20:22:16 From Michael Lyons to Everyone:

Reacted to "Look at crash data f..." with 😞

20:22:18 From Jk to Everyone:

<https://mcplanning.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=3bec8ba90fca4cc182cc042ed38af0>

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20:23:56 From Jonathan Rogers to Everyone:

Yeah, agree with Jamie. That intersection may have the most pedestrian crossing infrastructure in town, but it certainly does not feel safe as a pedestrian. Poor sightlines, failure to yield to peds, missing crosswalks...it's pretty bad.

20:26:14 From Alison Durland to Everyone:

Thanks Alan, for leading that breakout!

20:26:51 From Alan Simon to Everyone:

Reacted to "Thanks Alan, for lea..." with 👍

20:27:05 From Jk to Everyone:

<https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/event-details.htm?id=3E115C06-0128-2940-C79643DF29389316>

20:30:06 From Michael Lyons to Everyone:

Jamie, can I bring a kid trailer to the Mall ride?

20:30:42 From Jk to Everyone:

Yeah- it's a slow ride- more talking than riding

20:33:53 From Peter Kosogof to Everyone:

going back to the 4th of July SWAG items for kids, we could look into bike lights.

20:33:54 From Peter Kosogof to Everyone:

<https://www.4allpromos.com/product/led-silicone-bike-light>