

**Mayor Tracey Furman**

**Council Member Darin Bartram  
Council Member Nate Engle**



**Council Member Conor Crimmins  
Council Member Ann Lichter**

**Agenda**

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

**August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 7:30 pm**

**Town Hall**

**Participants:** Ann-Marie Turner, Leslie Olson, Alan Simon, Jamie Keller, Al Carr, Michael Lyons, Marla Hollander, Gunther Stern, Nate Engle

**Notes:**

1. MTC and PBAS merge
  - Nate highlighted the recent decision by Town Council to merge Mobility and Traffic Committee (MTC) and Pedestrian and Bicycling Access and Safety Working Group (PBAS WG). Not much would change in practice, other than non-Town resident participants needing to abstain from any group decisions related to issues like speed humps and other decisions that MTC typically advises Council on.
  - Nate to inform current MTC members who are not already active PBAS WG participants of the change and start holding joint meetings moving forward. If need be, we could hold additional meetings to discuss matters typically decided/advised on during MTC meetings, when necessary.
  
2. Walktober planning
  - Marla walked through what has been done (a lot) in the past few weeks, and what has to be done in the weeks ahead, leading up to the event (see attached annex for update). Immediate issues to work on include:
    - o Help with getting the word out – Around the Town Journal, Kensington Neighbors magazine, listserv blasts (Kensington and other neighborhoods), facebook and Instagram, flyering at businesses and bus stops.
    - o Tabling at Labor Day - ideas for what do when we're tabling:
      - Pin board to engage people - Where are you coming from and how did you get here? Map and pins.
      - PBAS Flyer/Walktober flyer
      - How to get involved – Kensington Information Sheet
      - Newest plans – BPPA study, CT Ave Corridor Study, ULI TAP report (for display only)
      - Audit – print out copy of it
      - Sign-up sheet (name, address, email, in what way are you interested in participating in PBAS)
    - o Shifts for tabling:
      - 10:15-11:00 (set-up):
      - 11:00-11:45:
      - 11:45-12:30:
      - 12:30-1:15:

- 1:15-2:00 (break-down):
  - **Marla and Alison to follow up with Alex and Michael for getting materials for the table** (noted above)
  - **All PBAS to sign up for a shift or two during the parade – Please sign up against one of the times above, letting Marla and Alison know as soon as possible.**
  - Discussed the route for this year. Start at Reinhardt Park, Armory and Howard improvements, CT/CSX side paths, Plyers Mill/CT Ave/Metropolitan intersection challenges with new development, Metropolitan and Wheatly flashing beacon, CSX grant with MTA, Kensington Parkway sidepath, end at Carmen's.
  - **Nate to reach out to Carmen's to see if they would sponsor and/or offer a discount to participants.**
3. CSX grant application(s)
- AI Updated on the concept paper, which has catalyzed the discussion around track crossing improvements, including most importantly to shore up support from MTA to lead on the proposal for a grade crossing elimination grant. Town Council still needs to vote on the match/contribution during September Council meeting, but MTA would submit it by late September deadline.
  - Looking less likely that MTA would support leading a proposal for the reconnecting communities grant.
  - Safe Streets for All grant - Town will be submitting a proposal for second attempt in spring '25 regarding CSX separated side path crossing along Connecticut Avenue (both sides).
  - **Nate will look into whether the grant could explore connecting the two bridges with an elevated walking path that would come just under CT Ave on both sides.**
4. Brief updates from other workstreams - plans for the year
- No updates really for the other workstreams. Focus more on these after Walktober.
5. Other
- Audio of the Metropolitan and Wheatly flashing beacon is intermittent, often not working
  - **Nate to raise during next SHA meeting. Anne-Marie and Alan to join Nate during that meeting, when it happens later in the fall.**

**Next meeting:** October 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm Town Hall