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Notes

**Mobility and Traffic Committee &
Pedestrian and Bicycling Access and Safety Working Group
November 18th, 2024, 7:30 pm
Town Hall**

In attendance: Leslie, Jamie, Peter, Marla, Alison, Al, Michael, David, Alan, Tracey, Nate, Rebecca (new participant), and Maria (new participant)

Discussion:

MTC & PBAS – introductions – Several new participants joined after having attended the WALKtober event.

WALKtober recap – Shared reflections on a very successful WALKtober event. Lessons learned included:

- Rethink how to include businesses – it was a lot of work. People still really liked having this though. Consider ways to promote “walkable businesses”. Brainstorm with Tyler and Kensington CAN! ***Alison and Marla to reach out to Tyler to set up a debrief and brainstorming meeting.***
- Consider a walking tour of businesses to change it up next year.
- The early start was helpful, with preparations beginning in late spring/early summer.
- Including Carmen’s at the end was a huge hit.

Walkability audit – Alan walked through the plan for this year’s process on the monitor. Key points of discussion included:

- 108 blocks in total. Each person will have between 6-8 sections.
- Read “2024 Instructions” tab in the spreadsheet for how to do it.
- Once you’re done a section/row, put it in green background (see sample on spreadsheet).
- You can update the rating, without having to keep the previous one. However, don’t delete previous entries’ text (qualitative data). Rather, if adding an update, make sure to indicate this is “2024:” (see sample on spreadsheet).
- Confirm or add sidewalk and buffer widths.
- Add photos, especially if no photos yet exist for these sections.
- ***All to reach out Alan and Nate if you have any questions.***
- ***Alan will reach out to those not present to confirm participation, and share final assignments over email (goal to wrap up auditing by end of CY 2024).***

AOB

Grants – Al flagged a few grants

- Raise Grant – Federal grants. January 30th deadline. Could be the Connecticut Ave crossing of CSX tracks. Could be also the separated side paths. Matching grant – 20%.
- State grant on Energy – streetlights. January 8th deadline. No matching funds.
- ***Anyone interested in putting concrete ideas forward please email Al, copying Nate and Alan.***

Next meeting: Early January over Zoom (January 13, TBC), with Town Manager, primarily MTC-related issues (including enforcement of traffic restrictions). Have two separate starts.

- MTC first 45 minutes (traffic restrictions enforcement, stop sign at Wheatly and Plyers Mill). **Nate to flag to Matt**
- PBAS second 45 minutes (audit, grants, etc.)