

Pedestrian Advisory Committee

June 24, 2021 3:00 p.m.

Webex

Introductions: Chrissy Myer, Wes Phillips, Jedidiah Remnitz, Sam Trebilcock, Joe Batcheller, Koni Sims, Greg Boris, Jeff Schmitt

Topics:

Old business:

Committee members should continue to review the revised Pedestrian Plan draft and let Jeff know comments.

Jeff sent out a revised / condensed version of the objectives prior to this meeting. Suggested that committee members prioritize the objectives into very high (2 years), high (3-7 years), moderate (8-12 years), and low (13-17 years). Didn't see many submitted lists come back by this meeting (thanks Chrissy and Koni).

Chrissy – Tried to come up with the five – eight items to accomplish first.
Koni – worked through all the objectives and renumbered them within the goals.

Joe suggested developing a survey monkey poll in order to assist in the rankings.

Jeff will reach out to Zach and see if he has had a chance to condense the objectives; a revised version will be developed into the poll.

New business:

Greg – scooters ordinance – Pedestrian safety being supreme on sidewalks. Along sidewalks, when considering speed of pedestrian versus other forms of transportation.

Joe – DTSF considered and reviewed the proposal (businesses were opposed). “no wheels” on Phillips [unless needed to achieve mobility...] .

Would like to consider stencil on sidewalks about safety, operation of devices.

Koni / Sam mentioned the geofence aspect for scooters.

Sam advocated for additional lanes for the variety of transportation forms [e.g. 3 lanes for 3 speeds (peds, wheels, vehicles)]

Stakeholders outreach

Sam - Any thoughts about how public involvement is going, how outreach can be achieved on priorities?

Jeff – did others see the article about the increasing size of vehicles being hazardous to pedestrians (they aren't seeing what's around them)?

Greg – there should be a differential – type of sidewalk, “speed” limit
Curbside sidewalk; boulevard separated; sidepath; ...
Closer pedestrian to street and “speed”; safety and perception

Greg – other pedestrian plans / elements? Items to consider ?

Jeff – a number of individualized subarea plans

Greg – missing pedestrian elements from Airport into community

Follow up with what's been proposed

Joe – Checklist to implement pedestrian elements with construction or redevelopment projects

Sam – “Complete Streets” checklist could be used with PAC as well as others to improve this issue

Maintenance / Repair

Koni had submitted some concerns about pedestrian areas, for staff to look into.

Chrissy – 12th & LeMesa, improvements to intersection. Wes / Sam – Sertoma to LeMesa is the long term plan for road improvements; and signals are planned to construction at this intersection.

Sam highlighted the Cherry Creek Trail – information sent out.

Koni – obstacles within walkway. Low hanging flag along Phillips at 11th.

33rd and Duluth – bushes encroaching sidewalk.

Greg – 41st and Southeastern - bushes encroaching sidewalk

Greg – bicyclist hit by vehicle at 22nd and Minnesota – mentioned crosswalk, when there is no crosswalk

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 22, 2021