

Pedestrian Advisory Committee

March 25, 2021 3:00 p.m.

Webex

Attendance: Jedidiah Remnitz, Chrissy Meyer, Joe Batcheller, Greg Boris, Wes Phillips, Sam Trebilcock, Jeff Schmitt

Topics:

Old business:

Pedestrian Policies – Jeff Schmitt

We reviewed the Existing and New Policies. Similar to last month; Goals and Objectives remain the same, but if there are additions, deletions or amendments to the priorities please communicate them.

Previous Pedestrian Plan from 2006 had the policies stated as “Maintain” and “Improve”. Since they can be subjective, we edited them to “Existing” and “New” – to more closely represent where we are at – while understanding that they can still be subjective, but these are our policies for pedestrians within our community. [Jedidiah]

In addition, in future meetings / discussions we will need to prioritize the policies like in the 2015 Bicycle Plan into Very High / High / Moderate to assist us as we move forward.

Policy discussions:

Goal 1 is too passive; consider editing [Joe] **Find methods to create a safe, accommodating, and attractive atmosphere for all pedestrians.**

Objective 1 - Policy 5. Not directing pedestrians into traffic, but squarely across. Make sure this is addressed [Greg] It's #5, #6 within Objective 2. More perpendicular [Joe]

Objective 2 – Policy 7. Expand the education of the various signals and how they operate. [Greg]

Objective 3 – Arterials should have side paths [Greg]. It's in New - Policy 4.

Objective 3 – Policy 5. All? [Joe] All transportation projects shall be designed with the pedestrian in mind [Complete Streets Resolution 53-15]. Wes described how the City works on street projects; and the intent is all.

Speeding is an issue with safety and concerns [Greg]

Consider a citizen led pedestrian oriented review on projects [Joe]

Objective 2 – Policy 1. Flashing signal warrants [Jedidiah] e.g. Hawks. Generally on retrofits with pedestrian issues.

Objective 2 – Policy 5. Median design and improvements. [Jedidiah; Greg] more consideration bump outs, extensions, cut throughs, refuge, ... for safety and efficiently crossing streets.

Objective 4 New site design – Walkability.

Angled parking in mixed use areas? [Joe] not conducive to outside seating.

Front parking (?) [Joe] parking between the pedestrian element and the front door is detrimental

Policy 2. Parking lot design standards. review parking ramps [Greg] should consider that uses are over parked [Joe]

Goal 2 – State funds for education ? [Greg]

New business:

All Saints – Heath Hoftiezer [Zachary] postponed

15th Street improvements – Sam Trebilcock. presented on the project; including Phase 1 being bid this spring. Includes crossings, bump outs and chicane

New Zealand delineation – Greg Boris. Presented on “right of way” he has visited and discussed the design information he has received. Able to accommodate pedestrians while vehicles are still able to approach. Maybe opportunities. Also showed suffrage walk signal.

Pedestrian Plan – Draft

Sidewalk inventory - Jeff Schmitt

Maintenance / Repair

Ped / Bicycle Improvements

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 22, 2021