

Pedestrian Advisory Committee

May 27, 2021 3:00 p.m.

Webex

Attendance: Megan Myers, Chrissy Meyer, Sam Trebilcock, Greg Boris, Ryan Groeneweg, Koni Sims, Zach Deboer, Wes Phillips, Jeff Schmitt

Koni – What’s the guidance / policy regarding manholes along sidewalks – when lids are off?

Recently, a visually impaired gentleman fell in; and a female “worker” was nearby assisted. But there were no barriers.

- would require protective measures that are consistent with the MUTCD. City Ordinance 96.238 Right-Of-Way Permits
 - *(3) The city may impose reasonable conditions upon the issuance of the permit to protect the public health, safety and welfare, to ensure the structural integrity of the right-of-way, to protect the property and safety of other users of the right-of-way, and to minimize the disruption and inconvenience to the traveling public. Protective measures and devices will be employed which are consistent with the Uniform Manual of Traffic Control Devices.*

What about private sidewalks in front of businesses? With signs, or hanging objects?
[p. 36 protruding objects]

Zach – also referenced this as an issue that we need to continue to address. Construction areas; detours; blockages...

Jeff brought up the recent detour at the southeast corner of 10th and Main [vacated EarSay] – constructed ramp.

Topics:

Old business:

Pedestrian Plan – revised Draft

Comments –

Greg – pp.9 -10 Work through Dept. of Public Safety to improve upon the record keeping; so that accidents are accurately addressing pedestrian issues

Zach - This is really important and maybe should be its own stand-alone report.

Greg – p. 14 #6 Jaywalking. crossing, crosswalk, not at intersection
What's "highway"?

- SDCL 31-1-1. Highway defined.
- Title VII in City Ordinance defines highway as:
STREET or HIGHWAY. The entire width between the boundary lines of every way publicly maintained when any part thereof is open to the use of the public as a matter of right for purposes of vehicular travel.

Ryan – p. 17 check links

Koni – Minnesota & 37th sidewalk

On 37th from Summit to Duluth there are some bad sidewalks on the South side of road. Starting at 37th and Summit the West side of street is bad from corner for first house or so.

37th and Grange - sidewalk along south side needs repair

From 33rd to 37th on Summit on East side of road most of the sidewalk are bad.

Greg – maintenance / replacement of truncated domes

Koni – Could APS be enhanced to include vibrating domes?

Pedestrian Policies – Jeff Schmitt

Existing

New

Greg – p. 32 #1 crosswalks to the "sidewalks are expected on both sides of an arterial urban street"

Greg – p. 33 #16 discussion around private sidewalks and trails

Sidewalks are required on public streets.

Create a safe, accommodating, and attractive atmosphere for all pedestrians; is this accomplished?

Greg – p. 33 #14 high walk scores do not mean that they are accessible

Koni – 33rd and Grange - pedestrian scramble – need enhanced APS

Priorities – we need to prioritize the objectives with the plan; in order to efficiently accomplish the objectives over time. If specific objectives need to be accomplished prior to a subsequent objective... as well as, our goal is to get to them all, however, not all at once. Therefore, please select the four objectives that should be done in 2 years [Very High] the next 10 objectives that should be done in years 3-7 [High]; the next 10 objectives that should be done in years 8-12 [Moderate]; the next 10 objectives that should be done in years 13-17 [Low]

Sidewalk inventory - Jeff Schmitt

New business:

Stakeholders outreach

Internet; open house

Events; Downtown

Simple survey – plus notice to get more information

Maintenance / Repair

Ped / Bicycle Improvements

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 24, 2021