

Pedestrian Advisory Committee

September 24, 2020 3:00 p.m.

Webex

Introductions: Jedidiah Reimnitz, Koni Sims, Chrissy Meyer, Greg Boris, Joe Batcheller, Zach DoBoer, Megan Meyers, Ryan Groeneweg, Wes Phillips, Heath Hoftiezer, Sam Trebilcock, Jeff Schmitt

Topics

Old business:

Street and Traffic Design Discussion - Wes Phillips

Reminder to review the presentation from last month; and the options that Wes laid out within the slides. Feel free to bring ideas forward.

New business:

Crosswalks and Crosswalk timings – Heath Hoftiezer – gave an overview of markings and timing.

Pavement markings – 2 to 4 year rotation

High pedestrian areas

Crossing times – from off of curb to last traveled lane

2009 vs 2013 - City revised to new standard; 72% increase in crossing time

Greg – Any problematic areas? Downtown. 8 am and 5 pm; due to the concentration of users.

■ Request to do more regarding right turning vehicles

Greg – Flashing mid block ped crossings [Lifescape, Sanford, Avera, Midco] – if they do equipment, we will install. Are showing high volume of crossings.

Greg – What about S. Southeastern, where there's a crosswalk and a school crossing; without either? Old standard.

Koni – ASP, LPI at 37th and Minnesota - audible signal adjusted?

9 sec vs 7 sec min. City was just out doing walk signal change, and will review.

Decibels above ambient noise is how the signal is adjusted

Koni – 28th and Grange crossing – based upon Augie and Edison students
We can review.

Zach – Downtown and adjacent area

No Right on Red overlay? It can be discussed and see if accepted.

Zach – Ped Buttons – immediate response to push? [Coordinated]

All different arterials, free operation

Falls into place; count down, clear out flow

“wave” vs “push” Test site at 77th and Cliff – eye detect, Bluetooth

Zach – Crosswalk signal – all in “recall”

Would need new calculation method, do vehicles wait 40+ seconds when no peds

Sam – 57th and Bahnson intersection visibility is an issue

Greg – Fast moving vehicles, wide arterials; safer crossings?

¼ mile crossings; Constructing arterials now with underground utilities in place for signalization

Koni – White Canes; Right turns are a safety concern, based upon WC relying upon audible signals and warnings

- Any safety policies ?
- Considerable amount of time on neighborhood speeding
- Addressing high volume areas and intersections with crashes
- Next week – reflective borders around signals (90 locations)

Stoney Creek roadway / pedestrian improvements – not all stakeholders were receptive to the changes

17th and Phillips – bump out – more positive response, and more changes coming

Sidewalk inventory - Jeff Schmitt

Greg – with Use [H, M, L]; use potential

- Costco; midblock location

Jeff – Rice St. example of a “cow path” showing current heavy use

Sidewalk curb ramps – duals are preference vs. corners, but ROW and retrofits have impacts

Maintenance / Repair

Ped / Bicycle Improvements

- Truncated domes?

Koni – advertisement for White Cane Day

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 22, 2020