

Committee Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

3/28/2023

Attendees

Nate, Skip, Dee, Highway reps (2), Nicole

Zoom - Jennifer, Erin R, Caitlyn, Steve R, Elizabeth

Action Items For Committee Members:

- **Volunteer Options for Committee Members:** Contact Skip to volunteer.
 - **Social Media:** Request for support on social media presence –Contact **Erin R.** directly. The responsibility includes posting pictures on social media –see below topic area “Social Media”
 - **Walk and Roll Fest:** contact Skip. Need volunteer for coordinating skills station – see below for details “Walk and Roll Update”
 - **Safe street campaign:** May be looking for volunteers to be in commercial
 - **Sidewalks comprehensive plan** - Skip distributed and looking for feedback - hasn't received any input. Priority sidewalk network and feedback map feedback
 - **Speed Hump:** review of policy that the Town might consider for a policy for the addition of speed humps.
 - **Highway Education:** Committee to discuss how to publicize what the Highway Dept has accomplished? So that residents understand the effort that goes into their work.
 - **Bike/Walk to School:** need new members to help coordinate with schools.

- Public Comment: Erin's daughter Maggie - comments on sidewalks and potholes

- Social Media: Request for support on social media presence - reach out to Erin R. directly -just post pictures on social media
 - Facebook and Instagram accounts - Erin R will get people connected/login/made admin rights
 - Anne P was one person previously involved, Laura.
 - Town representative can update so there is a town-based email for administration - then someone on committee can do the postings.

- Walk and Roll Update: Caitlyn Krage - update on Walk and Roll.
 - Yard signs just printed for event
 - Andy Krager - Slingerlands school. One man band/with friends he plays with
 - Requested ADA accessible porta potty
 - Flyers sent out to all vendors (not yet to schools)

- Spinney group looking to sponsor the senior contingent
 - Vendors -Spinney Group, Delmar EMS, Steiners, Parks and Rec, Flow Riders, Stewart shops, Library, CDPHP, YMCA, Albany Med Trauma Center, Harding & Mazzotti LLP - with Helmets - both youth and adults. And Bike lights
 - Walmart is going to do bike donations.
 - Looking for CDTA to show residents how to get a bike on a bus
 - Skills station - Bike and Ped committee, Idea of a longer ride for older kids - needs support organizing from Bike and Ped committee. Nicole C volunteers to brainstorm on ideas for longer ride (provide update at next meeting); part of flow riders, and can reach out to another band if musicians fall through.
 - High school contact - Holly- health teacher
- Introduction of new members
 - Elizabeth V - avid walker, healthy aging in place & walkability (professional life).
 - Update on Sidewalks:
 - Town Highway - meeting with state DOT - town to install sidewalks on state road (3 locations prioritized)
 - Maple Ave
 - Delaware from Cherry Ave to Library
 - Some sections of Kenwood
 - 10,000 ft of sidewalk planned (previously unheard of). Have good amount of funding. Waiting on quotes for concrete, are anticipating 15% increase from last year.
 - Bid on asphalt prices comes out next week for County, New paver purchased this year by Town
 - Kenwood Ave Study public meeting next week where residents can come and comment on maps
 - Update on Blessing Rd study - 10ft multi use path concept (MJ Engineering) - that is under review. Right of way acquisition, what it would cost. Hoping to get neighborhood feedback on concepts after Town review.
 - Speed hump update - Selkirk, Thatcher residents happy, but has transferred traffic to Hackett.
 - Jennifer shared draft policy document with committee and Robyn & Nate. Draft policy based on the Tarrytown policy. Also FAQ draft sent. Looking for input from town on future of program.
 - Town trying to determine where speed humps are placed. There are many requests.
 - Discussion on whether it would be prudent to get traffic count data of Selkirk streets around new hump to show how the traffic has redistributed and measure impact. 1500 cars a day prior to installation and speed reduction shortly before.
 - Traffic Safety committee met today - typical meeting, nothing that stands out of note.
 - Safe Street Campaign: may be looking for volunteers to be in commercial

- will be progressing- as of April 3- a new billboard is going to be posted as you enter Delmar from Delaware ave.
 - Lawn signs will come out soon
 - Social media roll out- Town will manage this, but will liaise with Bike & Ped social media folks.
- Glenmont Roundabout - times for CDTA buses distributed to committee members - afternoons for most buses. Stops right at price chopper. Not sure how well this correlates to how people travel in this area. Most people stay in the strip mall with Price Chopper. They don't tend to migrate across roundabout to other areas (Anecdotal observations). Some people go over to CVS or subway when they cross over.
 - Quite a number of employees for the local restaurants who have to cross the roundabout.
 - Will they put a bus stop across? Not sure
 - How will the state count - physically put a person out there at/near the peak time of day. Count how many pedestrians cross the crosswalk/elderly and children count for two. State has to approve the crosswalk flashers, Town will pay for them and sign agreement for installation/use of state right of way.
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- Sidewalk flags also subject to state requirements of placement - some locations taken down by state already.
- Sidewalks comprehensive plan - Skip distributed and looking for feedback -hasn't received any input
 - Nate - has comments - that plan reflects new and maintenance, ability to sort, project where existing sidewalk needs to be widened - this goes through similar process to building a new sidewalk. For something on town road - think through tree conflicts, ROW conflicts - getting a handle on what this takes, etc.
- Priority sidewalk network and feedback on map - brought up last month - what kind of feedback is needed from members?
 - where are gaps? Where is there high traffic? Look at with mindset that any new sidewalk is going to cost money to maintain after installed. Must be in a high value/needed location. For lower volume areas - could we do wider shoulders, better signage, etc. -that would be less costly over long term but still make things better.
- Highway Department Update:
 - Highway input - hard to maintain what we already have, widening ADA compliance. Need to bring those into compliance, sidewalk plows too wide for sidewalks, ruts, etc.
 - Every other year sidewalks /roads - for town focus
 - Maybe a better focus would be on locations that damage town equipment. Example Harrison Ave - has sidewalk on both sides of road. Is this a candidate for removal of sidewalk on one side of the road.
 - Rural place? Alden Ct, Euclid, Ridge Rd - bad condition, not ADA compliant. Would put back lawn instead of sidewalk

- Nate - could be a conversation during the upcoming Active Transportation Plan- could we show benefits of one side of street sidewalk removals - additional sidewalk elsewhere, more open space, other?
- Discussion on how the narrow streets get damaged/as well as plow equipment damaged when trying to plow streets that are older, in poor condition, narrower.
- Highway reps - always feel like they can't do enough. Limited time, money, staff, crews split up on different projects. Also get called for any misc work - ie storm comes through and take trees down, they are the ones that respond. Always short on time/staff. Picking up brush. The push for getting sidewalks for state roads has been a huge undertaking for the Town as well.
- Nate suggests - FAQ to be developed about highway work or other areas that get frequent calls/ complaints. (Looking for volunteers to help develop)
- How to publicize what the Highway Dept has accomplished? So that residents understand the effort that goes into their work.

Adjourn

Next meeting: April 25, 2023