

## Pedestrian Advisory Committee

July 22, 2021 3:00 p.m.

Webex

Introductions: Jedidiah Remnitz, Sam Trebilcock, Zach Deboer, Megan, Wes Phillips, Greg Boris, Jeff Schmitt

Topics:

Old business:

Pedestrian Plan – revised Draft

Pedestrian Plan Priorities – Jeff Schmitt  
Survey drafted

Stakeholders outreach  
Survey drafted

“facilities” use a more common phrase recognized by the public  
Pedestrian – use walking. While more common, concerned about tone  
it sets.

With question 1. Add third option – for fun

With question 2. Add option – more than one a day.

With question 9. Add option – Mall walking

For 9. “Busy Street” – multi lane, high posted speed limit

Add question; shopping, parking areas – connections between parking  
areas and doors, between public sidewalks and doors,

Add question; transit – stop, and destination

New business:

Any projects, areas, items you have “stumbled” upon this season?

Zach – Phillips Ave. is completing construction around 17<sup>th</sup>.

All Saints neighborhood is look towards improvements.

Therefore, more thoughts to bump outs and cross walks with reconstruction projects. Understand that they could be expensive, and that we need to consider the expense, however, there is value in redoing the intersections and improving the levels of walkability. Would like to see enhanced design standards, leading to proactive work in reconstruction.

Wes – since you mentioned 26<sup>th</sup> and Minnesota; any thoughts on the improvements?  
Turning lane at Walgreens? > benefits vs. impacts to pedestrians  
Diagonals vs. horizontal / directional crossings ?  
Used to be street first designs; now, push buttons dictate location and grades

Jedidiah – NEC parking lane. Could a bump out have been added; prior to the on street parking?

Wes – Minnesota Ave. Russell to Second is being reconstructed.

Greg – Wants to get it understand that “ with time and resources” statement made by Jeff; the default value should be to plan and design with the pedestrian in mind.  
Corridors with fast speeds – traffic controls at ½ mile for crossings  
In addition to places where there are natural crossings, stripped & signage

Jeff – Discussion regarding Ben Reifel Middle School pedestrian access, and suggested need for overpass. Have underpasses constructed at 33<sup>rd</sup> and 49<sup>th</sup>  
Comments... Students will not walk north or south to underpass to go to school (or destination)  
Need to do better job with design (and placement of destinations)

Jeff – Discussion regarding Jefferson High School; I-29 overpass, BSR bike trail to McGovern Middle School pedestrian system

Maintenance / Repair  
Ped / Bicycle Improvements

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 26, 2021 tentative