1. Introductions

MBAC members present:
Co-Chairs Rebekah Scheinfeld, CDOT Commissioner and Peter Skosey, Metropolitan Planning Council
AARP - Bob Gallo
Access Living - Mary Rosenberg
Active Transportation Alliance – Melody Geraci; Kyle Whitehead
Chicago Dept. of Family and Support Services - Joyce Gallagher
Chicago Dept. of Housing and Economic Development (DHED)
Chicago Dept. of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE)
Chicago Dept. of Public Health - Margarita Reina; Jennifer Herd

Chicago Dept. of Transportation – Katie Bowes; Lauren Crabtree; Rosanne Ferruggia; Luann Hamilton; Eric Hanss; Soledad Maristany; Angel Montalvo; Claire Roggeveen; Sean Wiedel; Amanda Woodall
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) - John O’Neal
Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago Children - Romona Castillo; Eric Goodwin
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) – Illinois Division - Greg Piland
Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) - Laurie Dittman
Metro Seniors in Action – Marcia Trawinski
Neighborspace: Ben Helphand
University of Chicago - Rudy Nimocks

Others present: Craig Kaiser (SOAR), Carol Maher, Allan Mellis

2. Approval of Minutes - The meeting minutes from August 6, 2015 were approved

3. Pedestrian Crash/Fatality Update – 5 fatalities since last meeting; 35 year-to-date, higher than the 5 year average; 4 of the fatalities were seniors

4. Safe Routes Ambassadors Update – Provided preview of final report; Final report available mid-November on Complete Streets website

5. Snow Removal Ordinance – ordinance updated to clarify existing regulations, boost compliance with higher fines, address egregious/repeat violators; enforcement priority is big properties and commercial businesses, not single-family homes
- Effective 11/28/2015; must remove snow 7 days/week.
- Snow that falls between 7 am – 7 pm must be cleared by 10 pm on the same day
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- New fine range $50-$500/day; fine set by administrative hearings judge
- Must clear 5-foot path on sidewalk and sidewalk ramps adjacent to property
- Prohibited: shoveling snow into public fixtures (bus stops, Divvy stations, bike racks) and/or public way (travel lanes, bikeways)
- No changes in process for reporting un-shoveled snow; call 311 for un-shoveled snow or for snow shoveling assistance
- Public communications will be updated including bus shelter ads, digital billboards, brochures, door hangers, and website
- Winter Wonder Award: nominations through 3/15/15
Q: If you are a senior and you call the alderman and you get a ticket because no one will come, are you still responsible?
A: Yes, tickets are still process tickets, contact 311 for specifics
Q: What does it mean to clear snow, a visible path?
A: 5 foot wide clear path along the sidewalk, must be able to see the sidewalk
Q: Will there be new digital billboards?
A: No, we will use existing digital billboards

Q: What is a repeat offender?
A: Up to professional discretion of the public right-of-way inspector; if a specific property gets many complaints, they're a repeat offender
Q: How many inspectors are there?
A: 26
Q: Who is responsible for clearing overpasses and viaducts?
A: Coordinated effort among city departments via internal task-force

6. Livability Chapter Update: 2015 Highlights: 20 Streetscape, Plaza and Bike Projects; Placemaking guidelines pre-final draft under internal review; People Plaza Initiative implemented under Make Way for People program; 21 Make Way for People sites activated

7. Argyle Project Update: Plan photos and diagrams available in November 2015 Presentation document
- Construction began July 2015; north side hardscape complete from Broadway to Sheridan
- South side hardscape in progress from Broadway to Kenmore; construction will continue until winter shutdown in November
- Construction will resume Spring 2016; anticipated completion July 2016

Q: Are all crossings designated and protected?
A: Yes, tiles change to signify a crosswalk, crosswalks isn’t eliminated
Q: Signage to notify drivers of pedestrians?
A: Notification devices: raised street, entry point signage, different pavement treatments, chicanes
Q: How do you measure the positive impact on businesses?
A: Challenging, have been working with the SSA and Chamber to do counts, working with businesses around economic data
Q: How do you choose the space for the project? What are the criteria?
A: Infrastructure, land use, overall traffic perspective, neighborhood activity, etc. Public input, elected official interest
Q: Who pays for the project?
A: TIF funds, water management funds, aldermanic MENU funds

8. Public Comment
Q: Re: Streeterville traffic, who do I talk to at CDOT to improve safety?
A: Luann Hamilton and her team

Loop Link construction on track to be complete by the end of the year
Concern about the intersection of Randolph and Green; traffic analysis in progress
Updates from Department of Family and Support Services about senior villages; the Surgeon General’s call for walking and walkable communities; the America Walks summit; AARP’s livability index tool at www.aarp.org/livability; CDC environmental audit tool; Active Trans on Playstreets, the Go Campaigns