

MAYOR'S PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL

November 13, 2013
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

1. INTRODUCTIONS

MPAC Members Present:

Co-chair, Peter Skosey – Metropolitan Planning Council
Ron Burke, Melody Geraci – Active Transportation Alliance
Laurie Dittman - Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities
John O'Neal - Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Marcia Trawinski – Metro Seniors in Action
Greg Piland – Federal Highway Administration
Mary Lopez – Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Committee
Grant Vitale – CLOCC
John O'Neal – Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
Randy Neufeld – National Complete Streets Coalition
Marcia Trawinski -- Metro Seniors in Action
Dennis Embree – Illinois Department of Transportation

Others Present:

Demond Drummer – Teamwork Englewood
Josh Sikich, Gina Trimarco – TranSystems
Allan Mellis – Private Citizen
Marcus De La Fleur – De La Fleur, LLC
Andres Alvear – Active Transportation Alliance

Chicago Department of Transportation Representatives Present:

Luann Hamilton, Suzanne Carlson, Carlin Thomas

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The meeting minutes from 8/21/2013 were approved.

3. PEDESTRIAN FATALITIES - OCTOBER

- 21 pedestrian fatalities reported for 2013 through October; 31 total pedestrian fatalities for 2012.

4. SAFETY ZONES AND SPEED ENFORCEMENT CAMERAS UPDATE

- David Pulsipher presented an update on Safety Zones and Speed Enforcement Cameras.
- 9 cameras are issuing citations; 12 cameras are operating under the warning phase.
- 94 cameras to be installed by end of 2013.
- 18/20 speed feedback signs have been purchased; installation in Safety Zones TBD.
- Gompers Park (Foster/Pulaski) issuing 200-250 “events” [violations] a day; infractions are recorded and then manually reviewed; 90% of events turn into citations.

- No conclusive trends until a year's worth of baseline data, although a month and a half prior to the Gomper's Park camera, 56,000 events were recorded; with the new camera installation, speeding events have dropped 50%.
- DMV data shows that of the speeding offenders, 50% were not registered Chicago drivers.
- Locations of new speed cameras and red light cameras can be viewed on the City traffic tracker website
- Speed feedback signs have the capability to provide pedestrian safety messaging, as inquired by a Council member.

5. PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ENFORCEMENT

- Carlin Thomas presented on pedestrian safety enforcement program.
- Chicago Police Department Traffic Unit leads pedestrian safety enforcement events funded through an IDOT traffic safety grant. Enforcement efforts include crosswalk enforcement (targeting drivers who fail to stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk) and pedestrian safety missions (targeting drivers who violate traffic laws such as speeding, red light violations, crosswalk laws).
- CDOT identifies enforcement locations from crash data and aldermanic requests.
- FY13 enforcement results include additional events with funding by NHTSA:
 - 80 pedestrian enforcement events: 69 crosswalk events, 11 pedestrian safety missions
 - 1,680 citations issued: 1,294 for crosswalk violations, 386 for other
 - Additional 1,100 citations issued during targeted outreach by the CPD Traffic Unit during weekly patrols in target police districts with high pedestrian crash rates
 - 15% of total crosswalk events were aldermanic requests
- Additional patrols in target police districts were a direct result of on-going CDOT/CPD coordinating meetings, requiring no additional grant funds.
- Funds currently do not cover robust evaluation of the pedestrian safety enforcement program; Council members inquired about the availability of additional funds for evaluation.
- Council members inquired about the role of media with enforcement events; more media could be a tool for a city-wide driver's education awareness campaign.

6. CHICAGO PEDESTRIAN PLAN

- Suzanne Carlson presented on current pedestrian infrastructure projects
- Pedestrian grant funded projects and status include:
 - Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) funding:
 - Safe Routes to School/ High Schools \$2M- 30% design
 - Walk to Transit I-II \$2M – 30% design
 - Walk to Transit III \$3.8M – design bid upcoming
 - Safe Routes to School Federal Funding:
 - Safe Routes to School \$1.5M – in design
 - Safe Routes to School – Crosswalks West Side \$750,000 –design contract being awarded
- SRTS Funds: 10 total Safe Routes Schools and High Schools selected by crash data and the Pedestrian Plan implantation tool. Locations will feature new refuge

islands, bump outs, countdown timers, speed feedback signs, school signage & pavement stencils, street trees. Projects by Jacobs design team.

- CMAQ Funds:
 - Walk to Transit I-II project locations selected by crash data, the Ped Plan implementation tool, ridership, and CTA/CDOT review. Sample project improvements include new: pedestrian plaza, adjustment to signal timing, curb extensions, curb ramps and crosswalks and pedestrian signage. Projects by TranSystems design team.
 - Safe Routes to Schools improvements around 14 elementary schools and two closed locations where students are still crossing. K-8 only. Projects include refuge islands, bump outs, speed humps, speed feedback signs, school signage & pavement stencils, rapid flash beacon; additional crosswalk improvements will be made on the West Side at high crash locations with frequent student crossings.
- SRTS FY14 Funding is also available; Council member Randy Neufeld suggested MPAC write a letter to Governor Quinn requesting additional SRTS funds be made available to Chicago.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

8. ADJOURNMENT