

MAYOR'S PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL

August 21, 2013
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

1. INTRODUCTIONS

MPAC Members Present:

Co-chair, Gabe Klein – Commissioner, Chicago Department of Transportation
Co-chair, Peter Skosey – Metropolitan Planning Council
Melody Geraci – Active Transportation Alliance
Laurie Dittman - Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities
Benet Haller – Department of Housing and Economic Development
Jennifer Herd - Chicago Department of Public Health
John O'Neal - Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Marcia Trawinski – Metro Seniors in Action
Adam Becker - CLOCC

Others Present:

Craig Williams – Alta Planning & Design
Stacey Meekins – Sam Schwartz Engineering
Kristin Maddox – Streetsblog Chicago
Allan Mellis – Private Citizen
Anthony Betuca – Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection
Robert Gordon – RG Architecture
Marcus De La Fleur – De La Fleur, LLC
Andrew Kudelka – Martha Gonzalez Memorial Committee

Chicago Department of Transportation Representatives Present:

Suzanne Carlson, Carlin Thomas

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The meeting minutes from 5/1/2013 were approved.

3. PEDESTRIAN FATALITIES - JULY

- 16 pedestrian fatalities reported for 2013 through July; 20 total pedestrian fatalities for 2012.

4. SAFETY ZONES AND SPEED ENFORCEMENT CAMERAS

- David Pulsipher presented on Safety Zones and Speed Enforcement Cameras
- 12 Child Safety Zones identified throughout Chicago; zones were scored and geographically distributed. Site selection methodology based on weighted crash data.
- Camera locations identified by crash clusters and speed studies during daytime hours; camera placement intended to alleviate area problems with speeding and to allow people to access parks and schools.
- First twelve cameras installed to date (including 3 schools, 9 parks); 50 sites will see cameras this year.
- Additional speed countermeasures include digital speed feedback camera; leading pedestrian intervals; pedestrian refuge islands.

5. CHICAGO PEDESTRIAN PLAN

- Suzanne Carlson reviewed highlights from year one of the Chicago Pedestrian Plan.
- Reiterated the Plan's goal of "zero in ten": zero pedestrian crashes in ten years; crash hot spots identified and being used to target funding for projects
- "Safety Zones" in implementation phase
- "Improve signalized intersections" includes the pilot Jackson pedestrian scramble, allowing more opportunities to cross with traffic. Data collection being improved to effectively evaluate this treatment.
- New Citywide crosswalk policy requires continental striping at all new and refreshed crosswalks.
- Implementation of Complete Streets guidelines balances streets between vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists. Includes street re-striping, road diets and additional bikes lanes that will serve as a pedestrian buffer to motorized traffic.
- New LOOK! dooring awareness stickers installed in 7,000 cabs and in all city fleet vehicles
- CDOT staff trained 1,500 CPS Safe Passages staff

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

- CLOCC is building a cloud-based repository for walkability audits and consulting with CDOT on their utility for city efforts
- MPC Placemaking contest winners for Activate Union Station showcase their projects from 8/24-9/2
- Active Trans, World Sport and Blue Cross Blue Shield led 50+ Play Streets in 2012 at repeat locations with 100 Play Streets over two years.
- Open Streets is on 9/15 from 10am-3pm with on Milwaukee from Ashland to Logan (3 miles)
- Car Free Week is 9/22-9/28, sign-up at drivelesslivemore.com to learn more
- CDOT Streetscapes presenting on BRT in the Loop at 8:30 a.m. on 10/24

7. ADJOURNMENT