

Mayor's Pedestrian Advisory Council Meeting Agenda

August 3, 2016, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

1. Introductions

MPAC members present:

Co-Chair Rebekah Scheinfeld, CDOT
Co-Chair Peter Skosey, MPC
Active Transportation Alliance – Kyle Whitehead
Access Living – Mary Rosenberg
CMAP – John O'Neal
Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago Children (CLOCC) – Adam Becker, Romina Castillo
Department of Planning & Development – Todd Wyatt
Department of Public Health – Margarita Reina, Jose Abonce, Saaniya Farhan, Jennifer Herd

FHWA – Greg Piland
Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) – Laurie Dittman
Pedestrian and Traffic Safety – Mary Lopez

Chicago Dept. of Transportation: Mike Amsden, Lubica Benak, Katie Bowes, Lauren Crabtree, Rosanne Ferruggia, Luann Hamilton, Eric Hanss, Vanessa Irizarry, Angel Montalvo, Sean Weidel, Amanda Woodall

Others present: Alan Mellis, Marcia Trawinski, Debbie Liu, Steven Luker, Susan Krueger-Barber, Lynn Basa, S. Rucker, Michael Ashkenasi, Stanley Daniel, Angelo Hatter, Tristan Hummel, Deloris Lucas

2. Approval of Minutes - The meeting minutes from May 2016 were approved

3. Pedestrian Crash/Fatality Update – 22 fatalities year-to-date as reported by the Chicago Police Department, down from 34 in 2015 (CPD); the five-year average between 2010 to 2014 based on data provided by the Illinois Department of Transportation is 19.2

4. Vision Zero Update – Throughout the spring and early summer, staff-level working groups developed the engineering, enforcement, education, and data strategies to meet overarching Action Plan goals previously set by the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee, made up of Commissioners and Department Heads, will review draft Action Plan content based on these strategies at their next meeting.

5. Livability Highlights:

- Update City Guidelines: Rules and Regulations for Construction in the Public Way updated in early 2016; Street and Site Plan Design Guidelines in the update process
- Integrate art into pedestrian spaces: Art incorporated into CTA bus stations as a part of Loop Link; Collaborating with DCASE on art in the public way and streetscape projects
- Encourage Community Placemaking: Guidelines are under development, expected by the end of 2016; CDOT's 2015 Placemaking Survey showed 80% of participants agreed that a well-designed street can create more inviting public spaces; complete survey results will be available soon on www.chicagocompletestreets.org
- Argyle Shared Street: New ordinance approved designating Argyle a "Shared Street;" Night Market events taking place on completed section of project. Other communities can work with their aldermen, local businesses, chambers of commerce to create similar spaces in their neighborhoods.

6. Make Way for People: Creates spaces that cultivate community and culture, increases property values, benefits local merchants, improves street safety, encourages pedestrian activity

- People Spots: parklets on platforms in the parking lanes of streets
 - * 10 in 2016: Grand Boulevard, Kenwood, Lakeview, Lakeview East, Andersonville, Portage Park, and Logan Square (awaiting approval)
- People Streets: pedestrian zones extended into "excess" asphalt areas; public neighborhood events or temporary solutions to urban design problems
 - * Lincoln Hub in Lakeview, Lakeview Sunday Spots, DePaul People Streets
- People Alleys: art walks, seating, and events to support placemaking
- People Plazas: activate existing CDOT malls, plazas, and triangles with new programming and retail opportunities; initiated by the public outside of the Activation and Maintenance of People Plazas program or through the Activate! Plaza Program
 - * Gateway to the Loop, Woodard Plaza, Fireman's Memorial, Jackson-Homan-Fifth Plaza
 - * 20 activated plazas in 16 city neighborhoods featuring Final Fridays, community sponsored events, and recurring events (77 Beats, Old Town School of Folk Music)

7. Creative Space: *Activate* transforms iconic Loop alleys into pop-up urban experiences; can feature unstructured or highly structured spaces; *See presentations for multiple photo examples of projects*

- www.loopchicago.com/activate for additional event information

8. Our Great Rivers: A vision for the Chicago, Calumet, and Des Plaines rivers

- 9 community meetings and 120 stakeholder engagement events, bringing together ~6,000 people who live, work, and play along Chicago's three rivers
 - * Inviting: goals include river activities, increased safety, unified branding, increased water quality, trails, easy access, and fully litter- and odor-free rivers by 2040
 - * Productive: goals include tools to support riverfront productivity, a clear path forward for the Port District, integrated land/water transit, local tourism and jobs, riverfront destinations, and revitalized and reimagine infrastructure by 2040
 - * Living: goals include active stewardship, ecologically sensitive shoreline development, coordinated prevention of water pollution, and a thriving river ecosystem by 2040
- Complete plan available at www.greatriverschicago.com

9. Project Highlights: Argyle Street, Loop Link and Randolph Street are finishing up. The Randolph bike lane and concrete refuge islands will be completed this fall. The last segment of the River Walk from LaSalle to Lake will also finish in the fall. Union Station Transit Center will wrap up this month, including an off-street bus boarding facility. IDOT completed work on three new bridges over the Eisenhower. The West Side Safe Routes to School project is nearing completion, including 5 pedestrian refuge islands on Madison and 5 on Chicago.

10. Public Comment

Q: Who can ensure that construction teams return the public space to good condition?

A: Contact your alderman or 311 and the City will send an inspector out to the location.

Q: When will Canal Street be rebuilt north bound from the Loop Link?

A: The street itself has been completed. Additional logistical work is in process for improved Union Station access.

Q: Does the new Argyle Street project include street parking?

A: Yes, there is street parking on both sides of Argyle.

Q: Does Argyle have a bus route?

A: No, there are no busses on Argyle

Q: What is the difference between a People Street and a block party?

A: A People Street is open to the general public. A block party is only for a specific set of residents.