

Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 4, 2018, 7:00pm - Ypsilanti District Library, 229 W. Michigan Avenue – Lower Level Meeting Room

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation/public input
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval
 - b. Approval of December meeting minutes
 - c. Committee member reappointments (Tony Bedogne/Martha Cleary terms expire 1/31/2018)
 - d. Other
4. Old & continuing business
 - a. 2018 Committee priorities
 1. Bike lane projects
 - Harriet, Spring, Factory, Maus (First to Emerick) initial actions
 - West Cross (Wallace to western City limit)
 2. Sidewalk projects
 - ReImagine Washtenaw update public update program
 3. General projects
 - Non-Motorized Plan update completion
 - I-94 Huron Street crossing (along with traffic calming on Huron-Hamilton-Washtenaw) - involves MDOT jurisdiction areas
 - Border To Border Trail completion
 - Bike Friendly/Walk Friendly applications follow up
 - Public education/communications (Committee newsletter, social media, snow/vegetation removal)
 - Pedestrian safety improvements (signage/markings)
 - Traffic calming (additional bump-outs, more radar speed signs, speed bump policy) - involves MDOT jurisdiction area
 - b. Other
5. New Business
 - a. Planning Department update
 - b. Other
6. Other Items – Announcements
7. Adjournment – Next meeting February 1, 2018

Expanded 2018 Committee Priorities

Bike lane projects

- Harriet, Spring, Factory, Maus (First to Emerick)
- West Cross (Wallace to western City limit)
- Washtenaw (West Cross to Normal/Emmet) – involves MDOT jurisdiction areas – Thought given to Emmet as preferred eastbound bicycle route from Normal east to Huron.
- Huron/Huron River Drive (Cross to Cornell)

Sidewalk projects

- Disabled access (curb cuts) - involves MDOT jurisdiction areas – Discussion on the need of a City inventory/map of curb cuts especially where there are needed but missing, cuts and curb cuts that need to be rebuilt.
- Washtenaw (EMU to Hewitt) - sidewalk gap completion - involves MDOT jurisdiction area

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Task Assignments

What the Committee volunteers can do

- All priorities – Inform Planning Commission, City Council of 2018 priorities.
- Sidewalks – Identify disabled access problem points.
- Sidewalks – Briefing by ReImagine Washtenaw to Committee.
- Bike lanes – Confirm (or add to) in the Capitol Improvement Plan, research street repaving plans, work with neighborhood groups, start to gather public input. Also explore “bicycle boulevards” (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bicycle_boulevard & <https://nacto.org/publication/urban-bikeway-design-guide/bicycle-boulevards/>) for lower traffic roads (i.e. Adams, Emmet) where bike lanes would not be feasible.
- Border To Border Trail completion progress – Promote the Trail and continue to support the work of the Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission on the Eastern County B2B Completion Master Plan (i.e. Frog Island to EMU/Water Street to I-94 at Grove Road gaps and more).
- Walk Friendly & Bike Friendly Community Applications – Follow up results from 2017 submissions.
- Committee event participation & education
 - Publish quarterly Committee email newsletter.
 - Information table at Farmer’s Markets

- Street sweeping – Encourage cyclists to report problems with debris through Click Fix.
- Bike Ypsi Spring Ride (first Sunday in May).
- Safe Routes To School – Bike To School Day (first Wednesday of May).
- Bike-Bus-Walk Week – (Bike To Work Week) – Mid-May.
- National Trails Day (1st Saturday of June).
- Parkridge Summer Festival (last Saturday of August).
- Michigan Trails Week (mid-September).
- Safe Routes To School - Walk To School Day (first Wednesday of October).
- DAY Halloween Festival (late October).
- EMU events.
- Sidewalk snow removal.
- Pedestrian safety signage – Work with the City staff and MDOT (where appropriate) for pedestrian safety improvements...
 - Huron to West Cross (MDOT) - rumble strips & blinking “pedestrian crossing” light.
 - Hamilton/Michigan (MDOT) - “stop here on red” and “no turn on red” sign next to signal.
 - Huron/Pearl (MDOT) - enhanced pedestrian crossing signs.
 - West Cross/Washington (MDOT) – enhanced pedestrian crossing signs.
 - Forest/Norris - enhanced pedestrian crossing signs, pavement markings.
 - Washtenaw/College Place/Perrin (MDOT) - enhanced pedestrian crossing signs, pavement markings.

What existing staff can do

- Assist Committee with updating the City Non-Motorized Plan.
- Sidewalk accessibility enforcement - – Vegetation overgrowth, poor pavement condition, snow removal.
- Border To Border Trail completion progress – Continue to work with Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission on the Eastern County B2B Completion Master Plan (i.e. Frog Island to EMU/Water Street to I-94 at Grove Road gaps and more).

What Planning Commission and/or City Council can do

- Pedestrian safety signage – Continue to lobby MDOT to enact pedestrian safety improvements. Purchase signage where possible.
- Sidewalks - Washtenaw Avenue – Complete gaps from Eastern Michigan University to Hewitt.
- Sidewalks – Support reprioritization of sidewalk curb cut improvements.
- Bike lanes – Support Harriet-Spring-Factory-Maus and West Cross bike lanes.
- Traffic calming – Incorporate into Complete Streets City planning for construction. Consider additional bump-outs and radar speed signs.