



Morgantown Pedestrian Safety Board Meeting Agenda

Training Room 1 (or online)

4:30 – 5:30 PM

May 22, 2022

The Morgantown Pedestrian Safety Board's mission is to promote a walkable environment throughout the City by developing safe, attractive, and accessible walkways that connect neighborhoods and destinations.

- **Introductions:**
 - Members (Quorum: Yes):** Matt Cross, Laurie Abildso, Janet Fraser, Stan Cohen, Bill Reger-Nash
 - Guests:** Matthew Watson
 - Ex-officio:** Drew Gatlin, Jackie Peate, Jennifer Selin
- **Approval of April 24, 2023 Minutes.** Janet Fraser moved to approve the minutes, Laurie Abildso seconded, and the motion was carried by the quorum
- **Officer's Reports**
 - **Chair (Matt Cross):** Met with Superintendent Campbell at Suncrest Elementary to discuss a new crosswalk on Collins Ferry. Also met with vice principal. There is some resistance and argument that “kids are going to cross anyway.”
 - Observed some articles in local newspapers about the city taking over management of some transportation infrastructure from the State, though Drew points out that the funding and manpower to maintain the current network is already strained. Some MOUs exist for things like snow removal and others are in the works for things like street sweeping, but the city is not getting much in the way of financial support from the State to handle these duties and tasks. Cities of Westover and Granville have done work on streets owned by the State and the State is not seemingly picking up the cost of these activities.
 - **Vice-Chair (Laurie Abildso):** Nothing to report
 - **Secretary (Janet Fraser):** Beechurst widening is underway and classes are out of session for the summer, so fewer crossings of Beechurst at unmarked crossings are noted.
- **Action Items**
- **Ex-Officio Reports**
 - **MPO:**
 - **City Engineering (Drew Gatlin):** Several State-owned roads are going to be paved soon, including Willey, Spruce, and Brockway within city limits.
 - **City Council:**
 - **Morgantown Police:**
 - **Rail Trail:**

- **Mountain Line:**
- **Traffic Commission:**

- **New Business –**
 - **Summer events downtown and their walkability.** Amy Loomis is new Main Street Morgantown director and has worked to create a number of summer events in downtown Morgantown (Chocolate Lover’s Day, Kid’s Day, concerts at the amphitheater, etc.). Amy has also indicated that there may be some outdoor dining opportunities on High Street, unsure if any events are planned yet but on the radar.
 - Jenny Selin recommended trying to pilot a “Twenty is Plenty” plan in some neighborhoods (e.g., Evansdale, South Park, and First Ward) to encourage individuals to slow down. Matt Cross points out that enforcement can be challenging and that law enforcement is already short staffed. Jenny Selin points out that it isn’t just enforcement but also education. Annual pedestrian safety campaign could be aligned with Click-it or Ticket seatbelt campaign each spring.
 - Drew Gatlin pointed out that October is WVDOT’s Pedestrian Safety Month and that might be a reasonable timeline for rolling out a campaign like this. This also aligns with when Morgantown has a lot of new people in town and the weather is still nice. Could also engage with the SGA (WVU’s student government organization).
 - **Public outreach for new RRFB on Patteson Dr at Laurel.** Matt Cross has concerns about driving behavior on Patteson interfering with the performance of the RRFB (rectangular rapid flashing beacon). It is hoped that the deployment of this device will show the WVDOT the importance and value of these tools for pedestrian safety.

- **Old Business –**
 - **Downtown micro-simulation study**

Next Meeting: 4:30pm–5:30 pm, June 26, 2023.

Online Meeting Link: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZWNkOWI1NWEtNTI0ZC00YzBkLThiZjQtMTM5NzU0ZTgyMDZm%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%22f3300fa8-c55f-4a81-8d9a-2a461ba9d15d%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22b5446bc3-a18b-4664-9ba8-f973d582e7dd%22%7d