

Bike Path Connector Taskforce Meeting Wednesday, July 21, 2021

Task Force Members Present: Oscar Ramos, Gretchen Holacher, Andrew Hotaling, Eva Patrone, Nick Suzich, Gary Temple (co-chair), Kriss Grisham (co-chair). Absent: Jeff McCrehan
Non-Task Force residents present: Paula Puglisi, Janet Lottero, Meredith Horan, Pat Klein, Meghan O'Connell, Barbara Raimondo, Jay Everhart, Joan Mahaffey
7:38- agenda adopted

Criteria assignments

- [Link to the spreadsheet assignments](#)

Presentation of the shared folder with all related materials

Page- Links to additional resources

Quick training session on using the Taskforce calendar to create shared events

8pm

Defining criteria

- The data should be quantitative and should be as objective as possible.
- We should strive to use the same language.
 - Does the County or other localities use a set of criteria that we can adopt?

Overall safety

- Roadway dimensions
- Amount of traffic per hour, or traffic during high bike path usage periods. Traffic data, related to roadway dimensions.
- Surface or configuration of the roads. Slope.
- Accessibility for wheelchairs, strollers. It is a shared use path.
- The dimensions of the shared use portion- we can assume the County has data on their shared path end. We are focusing on the shared access connections. In other words, the roadways in town that lead to the connector.
- Mayor: we need to distinguish between the bike path the County is building and the use of the Town roads as the entry to the bike path or the exit from that bike path. In other words, users of the Town roads. The safety of the path itself on the County side is covered. The use of our roads, our users is the intention of the safety point.
- Visibility.
- Signage- the sorts of signs
- Street parking
- Lighting
- Speed bumps
- Data on crime

Impacts on specific areas of Town

- Brown street
- Washington Grove Lane
- The meadow routes
- Ridge
- McCauley (spelling?)
- Chestnut
- Signage for the grass pedestrian paths
- Any other through street
- Changes to residents' view from their window (now you see a path where you didn't)

Historic and environmental impact

- Impact on roads- address any lingering concerns that the Town roads would remain as is, and that the County could not change them.

8:29pm

[the Taskforce agreed to continue to define the remaining criteria through a shared document]

Next steps

November 8 is the deadline to present a report to the Council. Within 60 days later, we will present to the Town.

We should allow 3 weeks to write up the report after we gather our data.

We have August, September, and part of October (12 weeks more or less)

Suggestion: Let's meet once a week between now and then, on a standard day.

Regular schedule: Monday at 7:30pm

Document: Defining Evaluation Criteria, to be located in the shared folder

Recording of this Zoom TF meeting is available at:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-Rc45r-MKCDWADMUCy9wvFofsR3oqv70/view?usp=sharing>