Mayor’s Pedestrian Advisory Council

February, 9, 2011  
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Meeting Minutes

1. Introductions  
**MPAC Members Present:**

Co-chair, Dr. Kyran Quinlan, University of Chicago  
Co-chair, Luann Hamilton, Chicago Department of Transportation (for Commissioner Bobby L. Ware)

Suzanne Carlson, Chicago Public Schools

Laurie Dittman, Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities

Curtis Edwards, Chicago Public Schools

Carla Estera, Civic Consulting Alliance (for the Chicago Department of Environment)

Christopher Gent, Department of Cultural Affairs / Chicago Park District

Adolfo Hernandez, Active Transportation Alliance

John LaPlante, TYLin International

John O’Neal, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Greg Piland, Federal Highway Administration

Marisa Novara, Metropolitan Planning Council (for Peter Skosey)

Matthew Sussman, Center for Neighborhood Technology (for Jackie Grimshaw)

Marcia Trawinski, Metro Seniors in Action

Robert Vance, Chicago Transit Authority (for Joe Iacobucci)

**Others Present:**

Ron Burke, Active Transportation Alliance

Jim Considine, TYLin International

Mark De La Vergne, Sam Schwartz Engineering

Robert Gordon, Robert Gordon Architects

Ben Helphand

Stacey Meekins, TYLin International

Dan Miodonski, Sam Schwartz Engineering

Rudy Nimocks, University of Chicago

Craig Williams, Alta Planning and Design

**Staff Present:**

Kiersten Grove, Chicago Department of Transportation

Chelsea Richer, Chicago Department of Transportation

Jerad Weiner, Chicago Department of Transportation

Chris Wuellner, Chicago Department of Transportation

# 2. Approval of Minutes

* Meeting minutes from 11/10/2010 were approved by members.
* Dr. Quinlan updated the group on pedestrian crash statistics.

# 3. Crash Data Analysis Preliminary Findings

* Jim Considine of T.Y. Lin International introduced the scope for the crash data analysis. The crash analysis is part of a larger NHTSA-funded pedestrian safety project to provide targeted outreach and enforcement efforts.
* Stacey Meekins of T.Y. Lin International presented on the methodology and preliminary findings of the crash data analysis.
  + Based on population, Chicago has a low pedestrian fatality rate compared to the top ten most populous U.S. cities.
  + Pedestrians aged 15-18 have the highest pedestrian crash rate based on population.
  + 40% of fatal pedestrian crashes in Chicago are hit and runs versus 20% nationally.
* These data are being analyzed based on demographics, geography, time, environmental conditions, and behavioral factors.

**Discussion:** *Comment cards were distributed during the meeting for suggestions on ways to analyze these data. Stacey Meekins of TY Lin International affirmed that additional analysis factors would be included in the final version of the study.*

# 4. Chicago’s Pedestrian Plan – Scope Review & Status

* Mark De La Vergne of Sam Schwartz Engineering reviewed the scope of the Pedestrian Plan and gave an overview of the entire plan development process.

**Discussion:** *Marcia Trawinski suggested that the Pedestrian Plan website should follow current web accessibility standards.*

# 5. Chicago’s Pedestrian Plan – Project Prioritization

* Mark De La Vergne of Sam Schwartz Engineering outlined the Project Prioritization step in the development process of the Pedestrian Plan.
* MPAC members were asked to help assign weights to each input category and suggest additional categories that were not included in the presentation.
* The next steps include finalizing the model and applying the model to the data to identify high priority locations.

# 6. Sidewalk Snow Removal Summary

* Jerad Weiner of CDOT gave an overview of the City of Chicago’s Sidewalk Snow Clearance campaign.
* CDOT has distributed Sidewalk Snow Clearance campaign materials to over 200 community partners and all 50 ward offices.
* The City has seen a high level of resident participation around the issue of snow removal:
  + Over 470 3-1-1 calls were made during the week of Feb 1st.
  + Over 40 businesses have been nominated for excellence in sidewalk snow removal.
  + The Sidewalk Snow Clearance campaign business participation poster has been downloaded over 130 times.

**Discussion:** *MPAC members commented about the need for further discussion regarding sidewalk snow related matters.*

# 7. Adjournment