

Mayor's Pedestrian Advisory Council Meeting Agenda

May 4, 2016, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

1. Introductions

MPAC members present:

Co-Chair Luann Hamilton, CDOT
Co-Chair Peter Skosey, MPC
Active Transportation Alliance – Kyle Whitehead
Access Living – Mary Rosenberg
Chicago Metropolitan Planning Agency – Bob Dean
Complete Streets Coalition – Randy Neufeld
Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago Children (CLOCC) – Adam Becker, Romina Castillo, Eric Goodwin
Department of Planning & Development – Todd Wyatt

Lurie Children's Hospital – Karen Sheehan
Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) – Laurie Dittman
University of Chicago – Rudy Nimocks
Chicago Dept. of Transportation: Mike Amsden, Katie Bowes, Lauren Crabtree, Rosanne Ferruggia, Angel Montalvo, Charlie Short, Amanda Woodall

Others present: Alan Mellis, Marcia Trawinski, Ben Jassin (EJM Engineering), Brian Doubek (EJM Engineering), Craig Kaiser, Debbie Liu, Malek Abdul Samad, Melanie Eckner

2. Approval of Minutes - The meeting minutes from February 3, 2016 were approved

3. Pedestrian Crash/Fatality Update – 14 fatalities year-to-date, down from 17 in 2015; average is 10.6

4. Vision Zero Focus Cities Update – CDOT is collaborating with multiple City departments to develop the 3-year action plan; the Steering Committee has identified plan goals, and staff-level working groups are meeting to develop strategies to meet these goals.

5. Winter Wonder Awards and Snow Removal Update – for the 2015-2016 winter season, 7-10 inches of snow, 4 snow events, and 3654 customer service requests were unofficially reported. Winter Wonder Awards for the 2015-2016 winter season were presented to *My Block, My Hood, My City* and *La Cienaga*.

6. Connectivity Chapter Overview –

- Maintain Pedestrian Access During Construction: CDOT's *Rules and Regulations for Construction in the Public Way* were updated for 2016
- Improve Snow Removal Practices: Municipal Code of Chicago amendments took effect in November 2015

- Improve Underpasses: One Summer Chicago 2016 Infrastructure Program painting throughout the City
- Improve Pedestrian Data Collection and Sharing Methods: Automated counter trials on the Bloomingdale Trail; pedestrian counts at high-crash locations

7. CLOCC's Neighborhood Walkability Initiative –

- Need to change the context to encourage healthier decisions and to make a larger impact.
- Begins with CLOCC's Neighborhood Walkability Assessment Tool (NWAT), based on Irvine Minnesota Inventory and others validated for research; Three parts: Assessing environment, facts and rights, and recommendations aligned with obstacles; prioritizes issues and develops action plan
- Sample questions include cars stopping at stop signs, pedestrian countdown timers, speed limits, empty lots.

- NWAT 2.0 will debut in 2016, incorporating crime and safety, e.g. "Does the current policing strategy make you feel safe?"
- Ongoing projects include UIC and El Valor in Pilsen, Enlace in Little Village
- Next steps: Kick-off event to introduce the revised tool in June; "Go-Live" for on-line repository for NWAT data; fundraising

8. Local Technical Assistance Projects and ON TO 2050

- LTAs implement GO TO 2040 by providing planning assistance to local communities
- Initiated in 2011; ~130 plans completed, 45 in progress
- Priority is given to lower-capacity communities

- New projects selected annually
- Examples: Green Healthy Neighborhoods Plan, Chinatown Community Vision Plan, Pilsen-Little Village Land Use Plan, UIC Multimodal Transportation Plan

9. Public Comment

Q: Will Chicago consider "no turn on red" as a standard?

A: Difficult to pilot city-wide, we may be able to pilot in specific locations. CDOT will follow-up

Q: Is the LTA bike survey just about bike users?

A: Yes, though the other surveys are broader.

Q: How many pedestrian counters are out there?

A: 50 are deployed in the downtown area; we will initiate a public input process for the others

Q: Will the pedestrian count data be available in the Open Data Portal?

A: Yes.