



Sidewalk Committee Meeting Agenda

December 17 2020
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Virtual Meeting

Commenced: 6:00 PM
Adjourned: 7:04 PM

Present at Meeting:

Council

Pam Fernald, Chair **P**
Clyde Hill **P**
Takele Gobena **P**

Community Members

Paul Jackson **P**
Jill Aldrich **P**
Kathleen Brave **Absent**
David Korthals **P**
M Hemmings **Absent**
Trevor White **P**

Staff Coordinators

Will Appleton
Public Works Director
Florendo Cabudol
City Engineer

Note: A quorum of the Council may be present.

Other Councilmembers: CM Tombs;

Other Staff Members Present:

Gwen Voelpel, Deputy CM; Kamal Mahmoud, Engineering Manager

ITEM	TOPIC	PROCESS	WHO	
1	Call to Order		Chair	
2	Public Comment	None	Chair	
3	IB Pedestrian Safety Crossings and Local Road Safety Program	<p>Draft Findings – Presentation by Toole Design Group</p> <p>Eric Widstrand, PE, of Toole Design Group presented an update on their International Boulevard Pedestrian Safety and Local Road Safety Plan findings to date:</p> <p>The purpose of the presentation is to provide a review of the metrics used to create a prioritized list of pedestrian safety projects along International</p>	Mason Giem	

Boulevard (IB) and review the list of prioritized projects. The metrics guide decisions on what projects will be selected. Input from the Sidewalk Committee will help inform decisions.

Prioritization methodology weights locations with high crash injuries; locations with pedestrian crash risk factors; high pedestrian activity locations – transit; and high pedestrian activity locations – destinations.

The following potential corridor wide countermeasures are proposed:

1. Reduce posted speed limit to 30 mph along entire corridor.
2. Install leading pedestrian interval at each signalized intersection.
3. Reevaluate signal timing to match speed limit.
4. Install “no turn on red” signs at each intersection.
5. Reduce pedestrian crossing distances.
6. Install pedestrian countdown signals.
7. Convert HOV lanes to bus only lanes
8. Install new pedestrian crossings where crossings are more than ¼ mile apart.
9. Stripe lane lines along IB.
10. Evaluate street lighting along the corridor
11. Activate speed feedback signs

The study looked at specific potential countermeasures at five specific intersections along IB: South 188th Street, South 176th Street, South 200th Street, South 208th Street, South 154th Street.

The Committee commented that South 208th Street on IB is under construction for Sound Transit Federal Way Extension and the WSDOT SR 509 Extension Projects. Suggested countermeasures should be re-evaluated after construction ends.

A question was raised as to why pedestrian overpasses were not included in the recommendations. The consultant responded that the study findings did not support that level of activity, and that less costly countermeasures as presented here would create the same increased safety results.

A question was raised about median fencing and how that might affect hotel guest usage along IB. A picture was placed on the screen to show an active median fence in use, which gave the Committee a clear idea of what that might look like. Median fencing is suggested at IB & South 208th Street.

		<p>A comment was made that lowering the speed limit to 30 miles per hour on IB could divert traffic to Military Road South, which is what we don't want. An answer was given that peak traffic hours will still drive speeds, and that off-peak hours, the lower speed would add to pedestrian safety.</p> <p>Other questions and comments were made. The Committee was assured that this is an early update of findings and suggestions. As staff review and further evaluate these findings, the refined recommendations will be brought before both Transportation and Public Works, and Sidewalk Committee again at least once more.</p>		
4	Adjourn		Chair	