



# Sidewalk Committee Meeting Agenda

February 18, 2021  
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM  
Virtual Meeting

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

Present:

**Council**

Pam Fernald, Chair X  
Takele Gobena A  
Stanley Tombs X

**Community Members**

Jill Aldrich X  
Kathleen Brave X  
David Korthals X  
Paul Jackson X  
Trevor White X

**Staff Coordinators**

Will Appleton  
Public Works Director  
Florendo Cabudol  
City Engineer

**Note: A quorum of the Council may be present.**

Other Councilmembers Present:

Other Staff Members Present:  
Mason Giem, PW Programs Coord.

ITEM	TOPIC	PROCESS	WHO	
1	Call to Order	Prior minutes from Dec 17 were approved.	Chair	
2	Public Comment	There was no public comment	Chair	
3	IB Pedestrian Safety Crossings and Local Road Safety Program	<p>Presentation on Safety Project Recommendations by Toole Design Group</p> <p>Eric Widstrand from Toole Design and Mason Giem, PW Programs Coordinator from the City, presented findings from our International Blvd Pedestrian Safety Crossings Study.</p>	Mason Giem	

**Intl Blvd & S 188<sup>th</sup> St** – this is the most dangerous intersection. Recommendations include:

- Fill in bus pull out.
- Move bus stop closer to the intersection
- Pedestrian signal recall
- Add signage “use crosswalk”
- Install Median fencing at southern leg.

**Intl Blvd & S 176<sup>th</sup>:**

- Upgrade curb ramp
- Install pedestrian signal recall
- Improve signal hardware; reflective back plate
- Make this a pedestrian scramble

**Intl Blvd & S 154<sup>th</sup>:**

- Upgrade curb ramp
- Install pedestrian signal recall
- Improve signal hardware; reflective back plate

**Intl Blvd & S 208<sup>th</sup>:**

- Curb radius reduction on SE/NW corner

**Intl Blvd & S 200<sup>th</sup>:**

- Fill in bus pull out
- Move bus stop closer to intersection
- Pedestrian signal recall
- Add signage R9-3BP Use Crosswalk
- Median fencing at northern leg

Questions/comments from Committee:

How do you accommodate the driveways if you fill in the bus pull out?

Consultant answered that driveways still go through the fill in areas. There is limited space because of the driveways. Filling in the bus stop allows the bus to stay on the street.

Committee member mentioned that we need to have the full space for riders to debark the bus; that passengers unloading onto the driveways could be dangerous. A mention of working closely with Metro would be key to making the spot work.

Committee asked if blocking midblock crossings with median fencing would become a pedestrian trap. Fencing would be installed with signage and other outreach. Hopefully, jaywalkers wouldn't try to cross and get stuck in the middle of the street.

		<p>Committee asked if reduced radius corners can cause a rocking motion for the buses, causing riders to fall. And to make sure that buses aren't turning on those streets.</p> <p>Committee asked consultant to speak to bus pull outs versus staying in lane. Using pull outs can cause buses to get delayed in returning to lanes. Rapid Ride E and F are examples of "stopping in lane."</p> <p>Why was South 176<sup>th</sup> chosen for a pedestrian scramble? It is a unique "T" intersection with a lot of stops and with the rapid ride line on the west side. It is most cost effective to do a pedestrian scramble.</p> <p>Staff mentioned that no decisions on these recommendations have been made yet. Committee asked about flashing lights at midblock crossings.</p> <p>Committee thought Parks should have a say in the median fencing design.</p> <p>A question was raised about whether our pedestrian counts are accurate given the pandemic. Staff answered that the data was all pulled before the pandemic.</p> <p>A question was raised as to how making the HOV lanes "bus only" creates pedestrian safety. Consultant responded that more vehicles are using the HOV lanes, and that just limiting it to buses creates more separation between pedestrians and vehicles.</p> <p>Staff will be evaluating the recommendations and determining which elements will be considered for implementation</p>		
4	Project Update	<p>City Engineer Florendo Cabudol presented on several sidewalk projects under construction or in design</p> <p>South 200<sup>th</sup> Shared Use Path – Construction is underway. Will be complete by this summer.</p> <p>34<sup>th</sup> Ave S – design is almost complete. The City has settled 31 properties, with only 3 left to settle for easements/ purchase. City is planning to bid this project this spring with construction start in summer.</p> <p>Airport Station Pedestrian Improvements – Design is progressing toward 10% complete.</p>		

		There is a large amount of legwork being done to make sure this project aligns with the vision for the area.		
5	Adjourn		Chair	