



## Wichita Pedestrian Master Plan

Technical Advisory Committee

Meeting Summary

July 17, 2013, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

City Hall, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
455 N. Main St.

### Attendance

Participants: Brian Coon, Paul Gunzelman, Michel Stroot, Aaron Henning, Scott Knebel, Larry Hoetmer, Linda Firsching

Planning Team: Peter Lagerwey, Ciara Schlichting, Scott Wadle, Mike Lemke

Others: None

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Scott Wadle welcomed everyone to the meeting; provided information about the background and funding of the planning process; and he also highlighted the importance of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) as an advisory organization for the City of Wichita Pedestrian Master Plan planning process. Scott Wadle indicated that the TAC was important for a number of reasons, including that they know of how things were done in the past, can provide input into the process today, and will be responsible for implementing the recommendations from the Wichita Pedestrian Master Plan.

Everyone introduced themselves one by one.

#### 2. Project Overview and Schedule

Ciara Schlichting provided a brief overview of the planning process, including the benefits from the project, project schedule and major tasks. In addition, Ciara highlighted the planned public/staff participation opportunities, data collection processes, and analysis techniques.

#### 3. Pedestrian Design Discussion

Peter Lagerwey led a discussion about pedestrian design, while showing images of various pedestrian facilities on the LCD projector screen. Peter Lagerwey indicated that the discussion allowed the TAC an opportunity to review the information prior to showing it to the public as part of the planning process. None of the TAC members indicated that the facilities shown during the presentation were not appropriate for application in Wichita. Below is a listing of discussion highlights from the

- a. Staff indicated that the figure of zones was helpful, as it is similar to the areas included in the Downtown Wichita Streetscape Design Guidelines and accounted for the frontage zone adjacent to the private property. This was an area that has been problematic in some locations downtown.
- b. TAC members inquired if the Wichita Pedestrian Master Plan process would produce specific recommendations for the width of the various zones. The Planning Team indicated that yes, it will. In some cases the recommended widths may be a range.
- c. The City of Wichita does have a rapid flash pedestrian crossing sign installed near the Hyatt downtown.

4. Visioning Exercise

- a. Peter Lagerwey and Ciara Schlichting facilitated a visioning exercise. This was accomplished through the following process.
  - i. TAC members paired up into teams. The teams developed and later shared with the group their vision related to walking in Wichita.
  - ii. The vision statements were listed in an Excel document. Some were broken up into smaller ideas, others were consolidated if necessary.
  - iii. The TAC members then voted on their preferred statements, with two votes each.
  - iv. The statements were arranged in order from the most votes to the least

<b>Points</b>	<b>Visioning Exercise - Wichita Pedestrian Master Plan</b>
6	Wichita is a community that has factored in pedestrian accommodations and safety in all transportation decisions.
5	Provide a pedestrian plan that provides guidance that can be enforceable, back-able, and fundable by elected officials
4	Envision a community where walking is as viable as driving
2	We are all pedestrians
0	Making connections to other transportation modes that are safe and comfortable for pedestrians
0	As a pedestrian you know that there is safe accessible access to all parts of town.
0	When a visitor comes to Wichita for the first time they feel that Wichita has done a good job of accommodating pedestrians.

5. Next Steps

- a. Peter Lagerwey provided highlights of the next steps for the planning process, including the following upcoming events.
  - i. September 10<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. - TAC meeting

- ii. September 11<sup>th</sup> - Pedestrian Facility Design Training
  - iii. September 12<sup>th</sup> - Public Open House
  - iv. On-line Community Survey and Mapping Tool
- b. Scott Wadle emphasized that the Planning Team would present information to the TAC prior to taking it to the public, and that this process is in place to ensure that the members of the TAC can trust the planning process.

The meeting was adjourned and the Planning Team thanked everyone for participating.