



Wichita Pedestrian Master Plan
Steering Committee and Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Summary

June 11, 2014
4:30 p.m. –6:30 p.m.
1st Floor, City Hall

Attendance

SC Members Present:	Jane Byrnes, Zach Edwardson, Charlie Fair, Becky Pepper (phone)
SC Members Absent:	Mike Rodee, Steve Anthimides, Mike Garvey, Ryan Hollingshead, Brian Coon, Yvonne Cather, Ann Mosher, Melanie Barnes, Jack Brown, Jeremiah Connelly
TAC Members Present:	Scott Knebel, Dave Barber, Paul Gunzelman
Planning Team Present:	Ciara Schlichting (phone), Scott Wadle
Others:	None

1. Welcome and Introductions

Scott Wadle welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves. Scott Wadle inquired whether there were any questions or suggestions for changes to the agenda. No questions or changes were presented.

2. Project Update

Scott Wadle provided a brief overview of the project schedule and the status of the major plan elements. No suggestions for changes were made.

3. Performance Measures

Scott Wadle provided a brief review, using a PowerPoint side show, of three draft performance measures. Below are highlights from the discussion organized by the performance measures.

Amount of Walking

- The consensus of the participants was to proceed with using this measure and the proposed benchmarks for the draft plan.

Rate of Crashes

- Scott Wadle reported that two recent national studies have been released and provide measures for pedestrian safety in communities. The Dangerous By Design report provides pedestrian safety information by metro area. The 2014 Bicycling and Walking Benchmarking Report provides a calculated Pedestrian Fatality Rate for the 50 largest cities.
- The committee members requested that the Planning Team follow-up with the following information listed below.
 - Comparison of the rate of change from the 2012 to the 2014 Bicycling and Walking Benchmarking Report for the Pedestrian Fatality Rates.
 - Comparison of the degree of change for the City of Wichita Pedestrian Fatality Rates from year to year.

Ease of Walking in Wichita

- Scott Wadle shared the following update.
 - Based on conversations with other City staff, the National Citizen Survey responses for other communities are proprietary for each community, so a listing for comparison is not available. However, individual results for each community may be available online from each community's website.
 - The consensus of the group was for the planning team to search for some examples of satisfaction levels in other communities participating in the National Citizen Survey.

4. Prioritization

Ciara Schlichting provided an overview of the updated proposed prioritization process for the Plan document and used a PowerPoint slide to show the proposed process. Below are highlights from the following discussion.

- The following changes were made to the prioritization calculations.
 - The scores for Safety Corridors were adjusted in the following ways.
 - Decreasing the amount of points for being on a safety corridor;
 - Adding points for being along a high crash mile segment.
 - Add criteria for connectivity with points for:
 - Locations along a transit corridor;
 - Connections to retail/service destinations;
 - Connections to park or public amenities; and
 - Addressing a public concern.
 - The scores were also changed so that a tie is less likely to occur.
- The consensus of the meeting participants was to make the following changes to the draft prioritization process.
 - Update the scores to accurately reflect the total possible points for each category
 - Add gradation for the different levels of transit service – possibility of more points for locations with more route and/or more frequent service.

- Add gradation for the retail/service destination category – possibility of using the land use or zoning code as part of the process
- The committee members also requested that the Project Team members come back with a handful of projects and the results of running them through the proposed prioritization process.

5. Draft Plan Review

Ciara Schlichting provided an overview of the draft Plan documents and used PowerPoint slides to show highlights from each chapter. Scott Wadle distributed hard copies. The committee members were requested to submit their comments by June 19th in order to allow the Project Team to develop revised drafts and to distribute them. Below are highlights from the discussion.

- Scott Wadle brought up the idea of moving the “Down the Road Strategies and Actions” to an appendix for the purpose of increasing clarity of what the priority strategies and actions are. It was pointed out by members of the committee that this could result in greater confusion for persons reading the plan. There was discussion about the merits of both formats. The consensus was for the committee members to keep the discussion in mind and to provide comments as they review the documents.
- Dave Barber stressed the need for a draft 2015 Work Plan and that it might help to address questions about how to indicate priorities for the strategies and actions. Scott Wadle committed to develop one and distribute it by the end of the week.
- In response to a question, Ciara and Scott Wadle indicated that an executive summary would be included as part of the final document.
- Committee members stressed the importance of making sure that reading level of the documents would result in a Plan that is accessible for the majority of folks.

6. Next Steps

Scott Wadle provided a brief overview of the anticipated next steps listed below.

- TAC/SC Joint Meeting – July 1st 4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- August
 - a. DABs
 - b. Park Board
 - c. Transit Advisory Board
 - d. TAC/SC Joint meeting to review feedback
- September
 - a. Bicycle and Ped Advisory Board

7. Meeting Adjourned