

# SAINT PAUL PEDESTRIAN PLAN

## Steering Committee Recap 10.23.18

Location: Saint Paul City Hall Room 41, 15 W. Kellogg Boulevard, Room 41 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Attendees: Fay Simer, Rose Ryan, Kathy Lantry, Randy Newton, Reuben Collins, Paul Sawyer, Kat Brown, Nora Riemenschneider, Anton Jerve, Yingya Vang, Tania Maki, Melanie McMahon, Hwa Jeong Kim, Stephanie Harr, Carissa Glatt, Connie Benardy, Erin Laberee, Mackenzie Turner Bargaen, Berry Farrington, Jill Chamberlain, John Mark Lucas, Stuart Knappmiller, Tom Burr

<b>1:00</b>	Welcome and Introductions – Simer
<b>1:10</b>	Recap of Recent Activities & Next Steps– Simer <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stop for Me 2018 – 77% yielding at enforcement sites, 60% average, decrease in passing!</li><li>• Mayor’s Budget</li><li>• Snow plowing invite</li><li>• District Council updates</li><li>• Target Dates:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- November 5 public plan release</li><li>- November 14 public open house</li><li>- November 19 Transportation Committee</li><li>- January Planning Commission Public Hearing</li><li>- March City Council hearing and adoption</li></ul></li></ul> Committee Thank You - Lantry
<b>1:20</b>	Draft Plan Presentation– Simer
<b>1:40</b>	Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Was anything missing from the plan?</li><li>• What important changes would you make?</li><li>• What was the most valuable part of the planning process to you?</li><li>• How will you use this plan in your work going forward?</li></ul>
<b>3:00</b>	Adjourn

### Materials

- Draft Plan

- Was anything missing from the plan?
  - Question: does public works keep track of the potential maintenance costs when comparing street design alternatives?
    - Kathy: Do not typically keep track, generally not significant changes for looking at 4-3 conversions. Do keep track of cost of temporary improvements. Want to move toward program that makes these items permanent. Would be good to know at what point it makes more sense to make a crossing permanent rather than replacing bollards.
    - Randy: pedestrian crossing improvements do cost more to maintain in the winter.
    - Kathy: need to partner with maintenance to design so they can maintain as easy as possible while improving conditions for walking.
    - Connie: could keep track of safety data and evaluate the cost savings related to fewer injuries and fatalities
  - John Mark: question about whether we make changes for walking as part of mill and overlay projects
    - Fay: Mayor's budget proposal will impact this, if it goes through can update the plan.
  - Reuben: Public may see the map of high priority areas and wonder if the city is not going to do anything for walking in low priority areas. When will we make improvements in low priority areas vs. high.
  - Jill: SRTS: in other places, SRTS walk routes to school have been used to prioritize snow clearance for walking and corner clearing. Is there a way to include SRTS routes as a way to prioritize? Saint Paul could be a leader in the state.
    - Kathy: most schools are on residential streets, would require a large change to snow plowing operations.
    - Fay: this is a big topic and long-term, would be good to think about schools as part of this.
    - Kathy: will try a pilot this year to improve snow clearance around transit. Looking at transit routes used by people with limited mobility, how to partner to improve snow clearance.
  - Berry: liked sidebar on the difference between mill and overlay and reconstruction. Could be good to have a similar sidebar about why its important to have sidewalk on streets: educate people and say how we solve this problem.

- Anton: Good summary of what programs we are doing, but wonder what other cities are doing and what additional programs the city could try to implement. Could be good to include.
  - Fay: plan is focused on what we can do in a five year timeframe, with the idea we will update the plan in five years. Consider including more as the plan is updated in five years. Could state more clearly at the front of the plan: this is a five year plan.
- John Marc: consider highlighting how well Saint Paul is doing as compared to other similar cities. We are doing pretty well.
- Fay: Other topics that might be missing:
  - TPAR: don't have an action item around temporary pedestrian routes, city staff is working on this now
  - Forestry: consider how we keep crossings visible: overhanging trees and brush. Work with parks to figure out an action.
    - Anton: did research on the pedestrian benefits of trees, can share.
- Near term actions: question of the group to consider whether we got it right
  - Jill: could make it more clear in the presentation. It is clear in the plan which are near term actions.
- Connie: question about whether we make the case for walking in the presentation
  - Fay: could highlight what we heard from the public about why walking is important.
- What was the most valuable part of the planning process to you? How will you use it?
  - Group 1:
    - Valuable: map of gaps, hearing voices from specific council offices and specific outside groups, hearing that this is a priority, tangible outcomes documented for safety improvements, outcomes will benefit everyone, great cities tend to be walkable
    - Use it: Give to constituents a lot, there is a cost to things and how decisions are made, use to coordinate efforts, consider "adopt a corner" for snow clearance.
  - Group 2:
    - Valuable: building relationships between steering committee members and agencies, indicators and having a quantitative process for prioritization
    - Use it: sharing with colleagues, make sure people get the highlights, use to be advocates in relationships with developers,

adopt a bus stop, collaborate between metro transit and city on improvements

- Group 3:
  - Valuable: Open process with broad perspectives, focus on maintenance since everything comes back to maintenance, there is a cost and bringing that forward, idea that need to prioritize moving forward
  - Use it: on political side can be good advocates for continuing process and making sure this is implemented and priorities are followed, in north end can communicate that it is a priority and the mileage of gaps is really useful. Pages 68-69 are very useful.
- Group 4:
  - Valuable: Would love to see some technical assistance and partnerships moving forward, helpful to hear all the voices and collaborate.