

SAINT PAUL PEDESTRIAN PLAN

Steering Committee Recap 7.16.18

Location: Saint Paul City Hall, 15 W. Kellogg Boulevard, Room 41 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Attendees: Kathy Lantry, Paul Kurtz, Randy Newton, Reuben Collins, Paul Sawyer, Anton Jerve, Russ Stark, Mai Chong Xiong, Tania Maki, Melanie McMahon, Libby Kantner, Kim O'Brien, Stephanie Harr, Carissa Glatt, Connie Bernardy, Ted Schoenecker, Berry Farrington, John Mark Lucas, Jessica Treat, Fay Simer, Rose Ryan

10:00	Welcome and Introductions – Simer
10:10	Recap of Recent Activities – Simer <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stop for Me 2018• Twitter @stpaulpublicw• Council briefings Fay Simer has reached out to all Ward offices and invited council members to participate in briefings on the pedestrian plan's progress.• Regional Solicitation for SRTS, Pedestrian Facilities Saint Paul has submitted two applications for pedestrian improvements through Met Council's Regional Solicitation. One project is for crossing improvements and sidewalk gap infill near Bruce Vento Elementary. The other is for sidewalk construction on Front Avenue between Dale St. and Mackubin. Funding announcements will be made in early 2019.
10:15	Continuation of Discussion: Draft Crosswalk Site Evaluation Guidelines – Simer <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss potential revisions based on committee feedback Committee members reviewed the Draft Crosswalk Site Evaluation Guidelines and continued discussion begun at the June Steering Committee meeting. Discussion: Include a clear explanation for why roads with ADT 1,500 are not recommended for crossing enhancements. Consider having an "appeal process" or some form of committee review of crosswalk decisions to provide an objective review• Identify recommendations for site-specific and systematic improvements to be included in the pedestrian plan Committee members reviewed draft infrastructure recommendations and participated in a facilitated discussion to identify potential changes to draft recommendations. The discussion notes are transcribed below.
11:15	Review Existing City Funding for Pedestrian Infrastructure

11:45

Overview of 5E Discussion

Fay Simer gave an overview of the August meeting topics.

Materials

- **Draft Pedestrian Crossing Site Evaluation Guidelines**
- **Draft Pedestrian Crossing Site Evaluation Guidelines Background**
- **Draft Infrastructure Recommendations**

Recommendations Comments

YES! I've been waiting for this recommendation in Saint Paul.

- 13 responds to a real, tangible and consistent complaint
- 14 look for creative ways to implement this, such as the Mayor's Serve Saint Paul
- 18 important. Sidewalk assessments create an administrative headache. It's important to change our mindset about sidewalks- these are a public good.
- Strategies A and E are outcomes. Strategies B, C, D, G yes!
- Strategy B
- 13 proactive winter maintenance
- 18 sidewalk assessments
- 1,2,5,9,18,13,14

SORT OF.... I'd suggest modifying this recommendation.

- 2 make transit connections part of #3
- 3 remove reference to individual treatments
- 3 need to create a system for prioritizing intersection improvements, such as a five-year plan
- 5 need to be more specific and prioritize where
- D insert "prioritized"
- Make a strategy about setting priorities and making funding recommendations – don't bury this in recommendations
- 3 remove " in response to community requests." Want to be more proactive.
- 5 add qualifiers, e.g. ADT, lanes. Needs more criteria than spacing.
- 3 add timetable for review frequency
- F is this an outcome?
- H shortening time for an abatement. Explore clearing corners in high foot-traffic areas.
- 15 tension with "prioritizing" Rephrase.
- Strategy F is an outcome – connect 11 to a different strategy
- I – sometimes choice to be made between sidewalks on both sides vs on one side of more streets, which is faster
- Use the term "facilities" not "enhancements" to normalize pedestrian investment.
- 1 redundant with comp plan- point to comprehensive plan recommendation

ADD THIS recommendation to our list.

- Create a five-year plan for pedestrian treatments, both sidewalks and crosswalks
- H add a recommendation for clearing corners
- Need funding to build new streets, e.g. to break up superblocks and increase intersection density, on private property
- 21 identify low hanging fruit. Are these mill and overlays? Has budget implications.
- Plan for maintenance of crosswalks
- M mill and overlay opportunities
- Small street reconstruction capital fund