

Bicycle Pedestrian Committee / Transportation Implementation Committee Joint Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Apr 24, 2018, 7pm, Village Hall (small conference room)

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dan Lipson	Michael Reade	Donna Bruschi	Bill Murray
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TRANSPORTATION IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gail Gallerie	Marty Irwin	Harry Ellis	David Engel
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1. Report on April 10 Department of Transportation (DOT) meeting:

Michael reported on Sandra Jobson. She sees the Empire State Trail as a great opportunity to push for improvements. David Engel asked about line-of-sight issues.

We should ask the county to add rumble strips on 299 West to the Gardiner line.
The plan is to add rumble strips on 299 east in Lloyd.

2. Bike in lane signage on every scenic bike route

3. Slowing speed limit on Main Street:

Harry Ellis: It's futile to convince DOT to lower speed limits. Instead, advocate with state legislature to pass the bill he mentioned. It's already been approved in the State Senate.

Marty Irwin: towns under 50,000 are the ones who have this exception to be able to set their own speed limits. Marty likes the idea of asking local officials to endorse the passage of this legislation.

Gail: let's see what we can accomplish prior to our next meeting. Marty will follow up.

Marty: there's no provision for bikes on the Gateway committee. Marty: there needs to be accommodations for bike/ped on the Gateway committee – it didn't do anything for bikes in its recommendations or design parameters.

Marty is under the understanding that the elimination of the slip lane was predicated on the development of the CVS project.

Harry suggested putting up a temporary speed limit sign for enforcement.

Dan suggested to David Engel that he request a speed sign temporarily on 208.

4. Crosswalks on Main Street between Manheim and Shop Rite

Harry: Stacy Delarede is the one in the know about pushing for crosswalks.

Gail: DOT has consistently turned down proposal at Prospect Street because of the lack of curbing at the Citgo gas station.

Duzine is another street that could use it.

DOT will only consider crosswalks at curb at corner.

The one nearest to Wurts Avenue by Wells Fargo is an exception.

Gail: The crosswalks have served as effective traffic calming devices.

Harry idea: put public information messaging on New Paltz Channel 20.

Student representative will be meeting with a TV station about advertising the Loop, and she can talk with the station about public education on campus about pedestrian safety messaging too. Channel could also advertise going to Minnewaska.

5. Stop sign at rail trail at Plains Road intersection

Marty: it's the village, so speak with Chief Snyder first. Keep Bill Murray as well as Tim Rogers in the loop. Gail: just send him an email or call him. Ask him what his reaction is.

6. Push with NPPD for more enforcement

Gail was surprised at how many citations the police issue for failure to stop at crosswalks.

7. Pedestrian and cyclist visibility

8. Illumination of Main Street

From N. Front to 32N, it is difficult to see pedestrians crossing at night. We could use lighting that is more focused on the sidewalks. Town has the prerogative to put up whatever lighting we want. It could be decorative or high-power. It must be above 26 feet according to Central Hudson.

Donna: the American Medical Association (AMA) recommends against certain kinds of LED lighting that cause health problems.

Michael: Glare with aging eyes is an issue.

Bill Murray: there is concern about light spill / pollution. The question is what technology is available to focus the lighting down without spilling the light into the sky above.

David Engel: what are next steps for the Jansen/Cedar/208 intersection?

Harry: speak with the county DOT?

Mike: Brian Slack appreciates hearing from Bike/Ped and TIC.

Adjourned 8:32 pm