



City of Ann Arbor Pedestrian Safety & Access Task Force



Community Wide Meeting

**Wednesday, November 19th
6:30 to 8:30 PM**

Multi-purpose Room , Downtown Library

www.a2gov.org/pedsafety



**The Greenway
Collaborative, Inc.**



Introduction & Background

Task Force Members:

- Vivienne Armentrout
- Scott Campbell
- Ken Clark (Secretary)
- Neal Elyakin
- Linda Diane Feldt (Chair)
- Owen Jansson
- Anthony Pinnell
- Sarah Pressprich Gryniewicz
- Jim Rees



- Council appointed Task Force
- Has met 8 times
- Currently exploring issues and best practices
- Will report recommendations to City Council in the Fall of 2015



Today's Agenda

- Overview of Public Input to Date
- Large Group Discussion
- Next Steps
- Open House



Meeting Purpose:
To get additional input on pedestrian safety and access issues and opportunities

Today's meeting will be recorded solely for the purpose of documenting input



Large Group Discussion

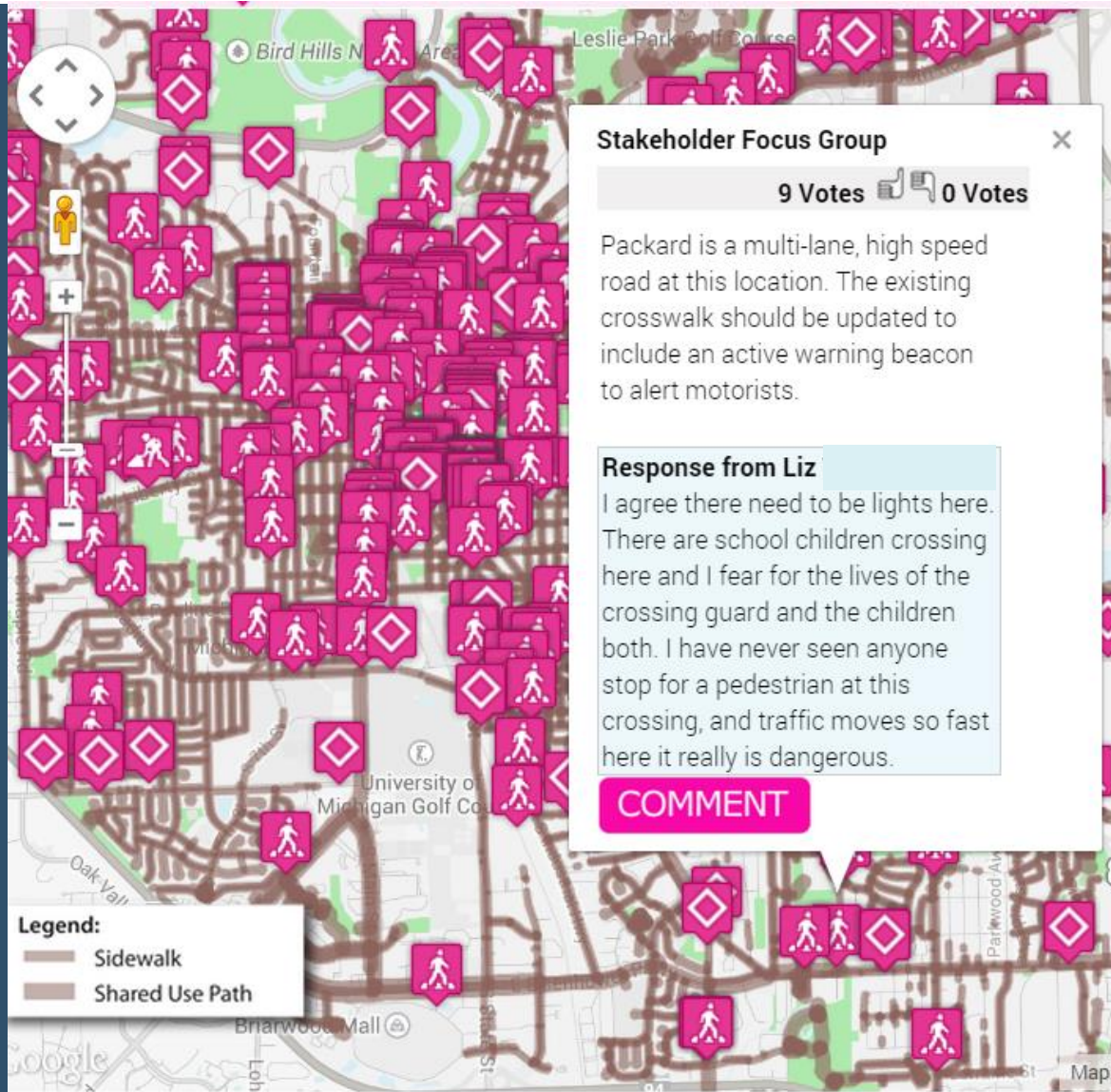
- One comment per person until everyone who wants to speak has a chance to do so
- Facilitator will provide a microphone so all can hear
- Please keep your comments brief
- Your comments will be recorded
- You will have the opportunity to provide additional input at the end of the meeting





Overview of Public Input to Date

- Initial issue identification through the Pedestrian Safety and Access Task Force
- Stakeholder Focus Groups expanded initial list
 - 35 participants
- Survey prioritizes and refines list of issues
 - Over 800 participants
- Web map identifies location specific issues
 - Over 300 participants



The latest comment: **Steve**

Vegetation blocks pathway caused by shrubs right next to sidewalk



Survey: Top Issues within each Category

Sidewalks

- Gaps in the sidewalks

Road Crossings

- Misunderstanding of existing crosswalk laws by residents
- Motorists failing to stop for pedestrians at midblock crosswalks
- Inconsistent signing, marking and signaling of crosswalks

Maintenance

- Snow and ice accumulation on sidewalk

Other City Wide Issues

- Distracted Driving
- Motorists do not respect pedestrian rights and safety
- Pedestrians do not respect motorists rights and safety



City wide issues were grouped into four general categories.



Survey: Top Issues within each Category (continued)

Downtown

- Motorists not yielding to pedestrians when turning at intersections

U of M Campus

- Pedestrians crossing against the pedestrian signal
- Pedestrians cross the roadway outside a crosswalk

School Zones

- Motorists failing to stop for pedestrians at school crosswalks
- Motorists speeding within the walking zone of a school

Neighborhoods

- Speeding
- Inconsistent snow and ice removal on sidewalks



Four specific areas/districts were identified



Survey: Top Ten Overall Issues to Date

1. Distracted driving
2. Motorist passing other vehicles that are stopped for pedestrians in a crosswalk
3. Motorists failing to stop for pedestrians at school crosswalks
4. Misunderstanding of existing crosswalk laws by nonresidents and visitors
5. Motorists failing to stop for pedestrians at midblock crosswalks
6. Inconsistent signing, marking and signaling of crosswalks
7. Misunderstanding of crosswalk laws by residents
8. Motorists failing to yield to pedestrians when turning at intersections
9. Speeding in residential areas
10. Snow and ice accumulation on sidewalks



List based on the percentage of survey responses indicating that the issue is “very important”

Many of the top ten issues listed here have to do with crosswalks



Survey: Common Themes from Comments

- Concerns with Ann Arbor's crosswalk law
- Flashing lights should be red instead of yellow to let motorists know that they need to stop
- Bicycles have a lot of the same issue as pedestrians
- Increase in police enforcement needed
- Pedestrians crossing the road against a signal or not in a crosswalk
- Difficult for motorists to see pedestrians who want to cross the street on high speed, multi-lane roads
- Inconsistent signage and markings at crosswalks
- Speed limits are too high to expect motorists to stop for pedestrians

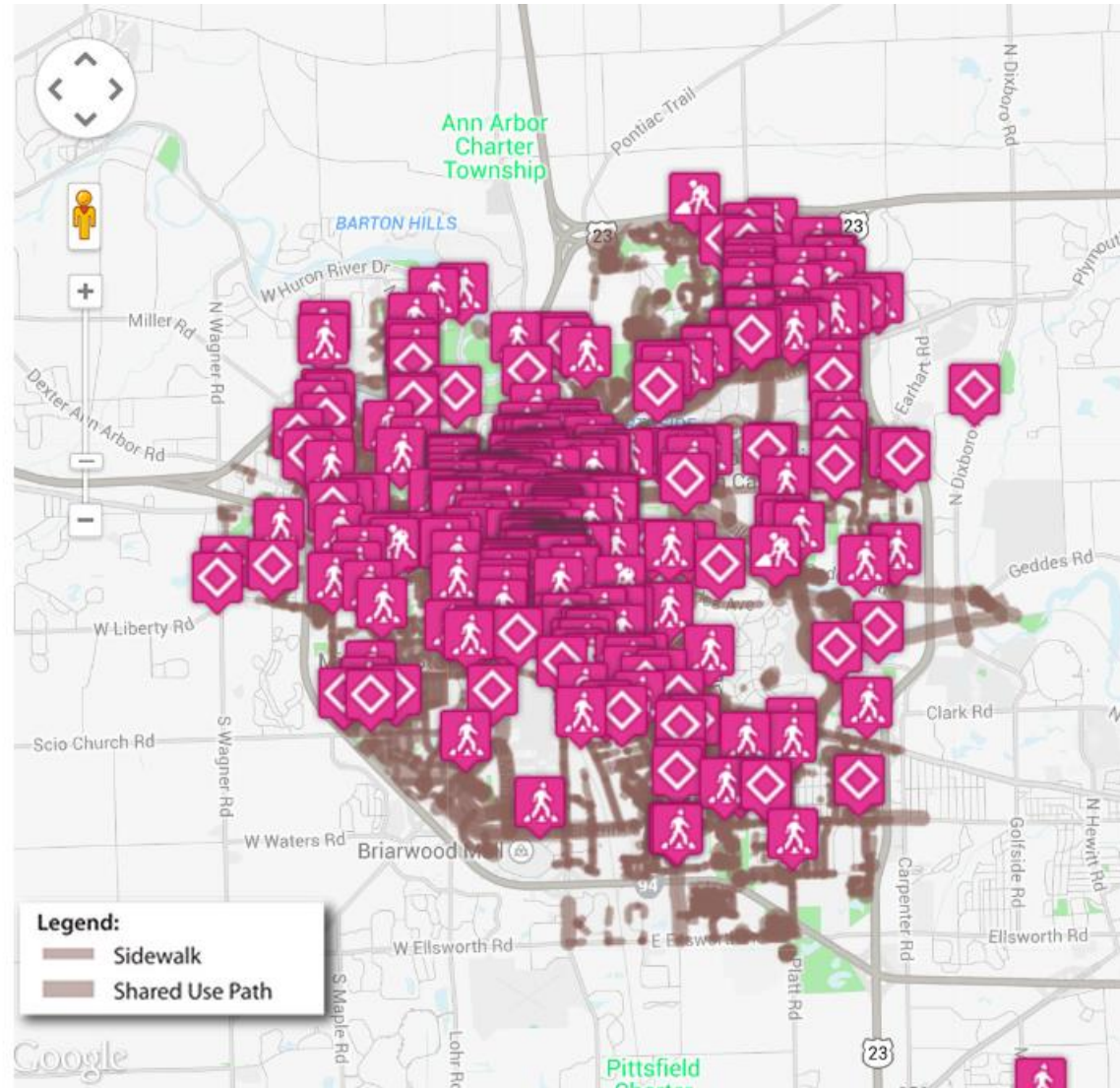


Participants have the option to list additional issues as part of the survey



Web Map: Place Specific Issues

- Very few comments on roadways that have had recent pedestrian upgrades (Liberty, Stadium, Miller); mainly suggestions on additional pedestrian improvements
- Many of the comments focused on the Downtown, Central Campus and Northeast Ann Arbor (high pedestrian traffic areas)
- Examples of place specific issues:
 - 7th Street near West Park – Crosswalks to access park
 - Monroe and Oakland – high pedestrian traffic, needs crosswalk
 - Nixon Road near Clague Middle School – sidewalks and crosswalks needed



70% of the comments are about crosswalks



Next Steps

- Based on public input the Task Force will be developing Pedestrian Access and Safety Recommendations as they pertain to Planning, Engineering, Education, Enforcement and Operations
- Next Community Wide Meetings
 - March 25, 2015
 - May 28, 2015
- Final Recommendations
 - August 2015



Please complete the survey and participate in the web map if you haven't already!

Survey and Web Map close on Monday, December 1st

We have paper versions of the survey available as well.



Open House

- Identify your top three priority issues
 - Place a dot under each issue
 - Only one of your dots per issue
- Note any additional issues on the blank sheets around the room
- Add location specific comments to the map
- Fill out the survey if you haven't already
- Ask questions



Open House portion of the meeting
ends at 8:30 pm

Thank you for Participating!



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Questions?

Connie Pulcifer, City of Ann Arbor

Norman Cox, The Greenway Collaborative

Carolyn Prudhomme, The Greenway Collaborative

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