Lower Town Mobility Study

Office Hours 1

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Notes

- Live on Pontiac Trail and wondering what recommendations were developed for Pontiac Trail
  - Bus Stop improvements
  - Speed management improvements to slow vehicles down
  - Pedestrian Improvements
- What is a neck down?
  - Extend curbs into the road to narrow the pavement width at intersections and would be coordinated with on-street parking
  - Makes ped crossing easier, safer, and quicker
  - Slows cars down.
  - Drivers go faster when things are wide open and neckdowns/curb bumpouts can help reduce speed
- Median intersection at John A Wood and Traver intersection would work well
  - Couple with sidewalk connections in this area too
  - Cars are accelerating up the hill to a blind area. Crosswalk is set back from intersection.
  - People tend to cross at the south end of the church property to be more visible.
  - Recommendation is to slow cars down midblock to make crossing safer. Ped island might be helpful.
  - New development at John A Woods/Traver adds complexity to intersection.
  - A speed table crossing could also work here too
- Topography along Traver is a barrier to sidewalk near A2 Steam school
  - To get a sidewalk, remove parking on one side of the road, and move the sidewalk into the roadway.
  - Would be a solution to avoid using retaining walls and removing property
  - Could this be a sidewalk only or a sidewalk & bike lane?
    - There is enough room for a 10 ft multi-use path if you want to use the whole parking lane
    - Or use a portion of the parking lane as a sidewalk and add a bike lane
    - Both sound like good possibilities
- People in Arrowwood Development have requested a traffic signal along Pontiac Trail. They had trouble requesting one.
  - Issue with getting a signal lies with the criteria needed to meet with installing a signal. MMUTD.
  - City has done a study for Dhu Varren, which meets the criteria for a signal. But doesn't help much with slowing cars down for developments down Pontiac Trail.
  - Roundabout at Dhu Varren would help reduce speed for all vehicles coming into City of Ann Arbor

- o Other opportunities along Pontiac Trail where roundabouts might be beneficial. No requirements needed to meet to install a roundabout.
  - o Could help get people out to Pontiac Trail from Arrowwood.
- Consider future development along Pontiac Trail to allow for better/easier access. Maybe the increased traffic associated with these developments would warrant a signal?
- No sidewalks on Apple Street that connect to the bus stops on Pontiac Trail. Apartments at Apple/Pear in the area house people who take the bus, but it can be hard for them to walk to the stop.
  - o Can be difficult in the winter to get to the bus stop as well with snow and ice. Some residents have mobility issues.
- Cut through of new development at Broadway/Maiden/Plymouth is concerning to residents coming up Broadway rather than Plymouth. May be more of an issue in the future.
  - o Do we do something now to limit cut throughs? Or do we wait until it's a problem?
  - o Only a little bit of cut through happening now based on observation.
- Would an improvement in Maiden/Broadway/Plymouth intersection reduce cut throughs?
  - o Yes, most likely.
  - o Modern roundabout at this location could drastically reduce delay and reduce the concern of cut throughs.
- Concerns about Broadway/Beakes/Carey/Summit intersection. This is a mess of an intersection. Cyclists do not like it. Lots of potential conflict areas.
  - o One of highest crash locations in the Study Area. Very confusing.
  - o One block of E. Summit St is fairly unused. 10 unit new development is being built at Broadway and Summit. Have an alley that connects to Depot.
  - o Have to consider geometry issues and circulation needs.
  - o Cyclist issues are most concerning, low sight lines, hard for cars to see bikes coming north.
  - o What's the timeline for analyzing this intersection?
    - Team has 4 variations. Working on a technical review right now to narrow down to a top option.
    - Will have recommendations in the next month or so.