



# City of Ann Arbor Pedestrian Safety & Access Task Force



**Task Force Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 4, from 5 to 7 PM**

**Basement Conference Room ,  
Larcom City Hall**

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**The Greenway  
Collaborative, Inc.**



# 1. Introductions

## 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





## 2. Approve Agenda

- Key meeting outcomes:
  - Proposed Sidewalk Snow and Ice Ordinance Update
  - Planning and Engineering Recommendations
  - Round #2 Public Engagement

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| 1. Introductions   | 5:00 – 5:05 pm |
| 2. Approval of Agenda  | 5:05 – 5:10 pm |
| 3. Public Commentary (3 minutes/speaker, limit three speakers)                         | 5:10 – 5:20 pm |
| 4. Approval of Meeting #11 Discussion Summary  | 5:20 – 5:25 pm |
| 5. Update on First Reading of the Proposed Sidewalk Snow & Ice Ordinance               | 5:25 – 5:35 pm |
| 6. Subcommittees   | 5:35 – 5:40 pm |
| a) Meeting Procedures and Cancellations  |                |
| b) Confirmation of Attendance at Future Meetings                                       |                |
| 7. Proposed Process to Consider Draft Recommendations                                  | 5:40 – 5:50 pm |
| a) Potential Motion to Evaluate Draft Recommendations                                  |                |
| 8. Discussion and Consideration of Draft Recommendations                               | 5:50 – 6:40 pm |
| a) See Draft Recommendation Worksheet  |                |
| 9. Next Steps  | 6:40 – 7:00 pm |
| a) Process for Resource Group input on Task Force draft recommendation (5 minutes)     |                |
| b) April 1st Task Force Meeting – Education , Enforcement and Legislation (10 minutes) |                |
| c) Round #2 Public Engagement (5 minutes)  |                |
| 10. Public Commentary (3 minutes/speaker)  |                |

*Meeting Packet Available on PSATF's Google Drive  
<http://tinyurl.com/npdjeaz>*



## 3. Public Commentary

- Limit to 3 speakers
- 3 minutes per speaker
- If you comment at the beginning of the meeting you cannot comment at the end







# 4. Approval of Meeting #11 Discussion Summary

- No proposed changes submitted prior to today's meeting

## PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND ACCESS TASK FORCE MEETING #11 – MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** Wednesday, February 4, 2015

**Time:** 5:00 - 7:00 pm

**Location:** Basement Conference Room – Larcom City Hall

**Attendees:**

Task Force Members Present, 6; Scott Campbell; Kenneth Clark ; Linda Diane Feldt; Anthony Pinnell; Jim Rees;

Task Force Members Absent, 4: Vivienne Armentrout; Neal Elyakin; Owen Jansson; Sarah Pressprich Gryniewicz;

Public Present, 6: Larry Deck; Kathy Griswold; Eric Lipson; Barbara Lucas; Seth Peterson; refer to Attachment B for sign-in sheet

City Staff Present, 3: Eli Cooper (via phone); Jeff Kahan; Connie Pulcipher;

Consultant Present (The Greenway Collaborative), 2: Norman Cox and Carolyn Prudhomme

**Re:** Pedestrian Safety and Access Task Force Meeting

Meeting Called to Order: 5:01 pm (Note, quorum wasn't present until 5:35pm)

1. Introductions.
2. Changes to agenda: None, unanimously approved
3. Public Commentary:
4. Changes to notes and minutes from last meeting: None, approved without dissent (with the note that Carol's discussion summary was detailed)
5. Discussion of Land Use/Site Design, Roundabouts, Transit issues
  1. Jeff Kahan gave a presentation on land use / site design issues with respect to pedestrian traffic
  2. Eli Cooper answered questions about pedestrians at roundabouts, with the note that there haven't been any significant pedestrian crashes at roundabouts
  3. There was a brief discussion of transit issues with regard to sidewalks
  4. Linda Diane gave us a briefing on a meeting she had with the UM council for disability concerns
6. Update on Proposed Sidewalk Snow and Ice Removal Ordinance - Proposed changes in legislative review. Scheduled for first reading March 2<sup>nd</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> public hearing & action. 1<sup>st</sup> substantial change from our proposals is to define the season as October 1<sup>st</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> change is that the two fines are separate charges and the charges can't be



## 5. Update on First Reading of the Proposed Sidewalk Snow & Ice Ordinance

- City Council's March 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting





## 6. Subcommittees

- Notify Kayla Coleman and Connie Pulcifer **at least 48 hours in advance** if you are unable to make a scheduled meeting.
- Contact Kayla Coleman and Connie Pulcifer **at least 48 hours in advance** if you would like staff resources at your subcommittee meeting.
- Contact community stakeholders directly to attend meetings.
- Send meeting summaries to all subcommittee members for review before sending final version to Carolyn – final summaries should be sent in **at least 9 days in advance** of the next Task Force Meeting



### Upcoming Subcommittee Meetings:

Crosswalk Consistency – March 9

Winter Maintenance – March 11

Crosswalk Education/Outreach/Enforcement/Law – March 18



# 7. Proposed Process to Consider Draft Recommendations

- Planning and Engineering Recommendations
  - 16 proposed recommendations
  - 50 minutes
  - 3 minutes per issue
- Please keep discussion concise and focused on concerns with the proposed recommendation
- Not here to wordsmith tonight!
- These are preliminary recommendations; there will be a chance for more discussion

## Planning and Engineering Recommendations:

1. Enhancing Pedestrian Safety by Prioritizing Pavement Quality at Crosswalks
2. Better and More Consistent Signage-Lighting-Audio Warnings for People with Disabilities
3. Crosswalk Spacing
4. Signal Timing
5. Sidewalks closed for Construction
6. Warning Signage for Pedestrians at Construction Sites
7. Traffic Calming for Pedestrian Safety
8. Reduce Fatalities
9. Roundabout Pedestrian Lighting
10. Pedestrians with Special Needs at Roundabouts
11. Sidewalks ending at street
12. Sidewalk Gap Prioritization from City Staff
13. Bicycles on Sidewalks
14. Bicycles on Shared Use Paths
15. Integrate Bus Stops into planning and continuous improvement efforts
16. Ensure accessibility and safety to and from bus stops during construction





# 7. Proposed Process to Consider Draft Recommendations

- Please complete the worksheet as we go through each issue
- The structure of some of the recommendations has been altered to fit the worksheet format, please refer to following sheet for original language and additional information
- The goal is to help get recommendations closer to something that the Task Force can vote on at a later date
- ***We will be collecting everyone's worksheet following the meeting***

CROSSING THE ROAD: ENGINEERING/PLANNING

## Issue: Enhancing Pedestrian Safety by Prioritizing Pavement Quality at Crosswalks

This issue should be addressed in a pedestrian safety and access plan

Agree     Disagree

Agree	Agree, with modifications	Disagree	General Recommendation:
<b>X</b>			Particularly high priority should be given to maintaining high-quality road conditions at crosswalks.

Agree	Agree, with modifications	Disagree	Specific Recommendations:
	<b>X</b>		Any potholes and cracking reported within crosswalk areas should be given priority and eliminated immediately. The same applies for loose gravel and broken bits of street materials.
<b>X</b>			The city should consider what manner of regular street sweepers can be hired to regularly monitor and maintain crosswalks at major/critical intersections and mid-block locations.

Please describe any additions, modifications or strong objections to the recommendations:



## 7a. Potential Motion to Evaluate Recommendations

- The purpose of the exercise is to help shape potential recommendations
- This is a first pass, we will revisit again later in the process
- You may change your mind, add / delete items at a later date

### **Potential Motion Language:**

*“Move to use the provided worksheets as a means to identify and refine draft recommendations that will be brought back to the Task Force for further consideration.”*



## 8. Discussion and Consideration of Draft Recommendations

Please refer to Meeting #12 Recommendations Worksheet as we go through all 16 issues.

### Planning and Engineering Recommendations

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## 9a. Process for Resource Group Input on Task Force Recommendations

- Input from all of the worksheets will be compiled
- Resource Group will review your input and provide feedback on recommendations







## 9b. April 1<sup>st</sup> Task Force Meeting

- Next Task Force Meeting is April 1st
  - 5pm to 7pm
  - Basement Conference Room , Larcom City Hall
- Focus on Education, Enforcement and Legislation Recommendations



- April– Education, Enforcement and Legislation Recommendations
- May – Operation, Funding and Implementation Recommendations
- June & July – Refinement and Prioritization of Recommendations
- Final Recommendations completed in August 2015



# 9b. April 1<sup>st</sup> Task Force Meeting

## Roles & Responsibilities:

- Winter Maintenance (11 exist.)  
Winter Maintenance Subcommittee
- Crossing the Road (3 exist.)  
Crosswalk  
Education/Outreach/Enforcement/Law  
Subcommittee
- Sidewalks & Shared Use Paths  
J. Rees?
- Traffic Management  
K. Clark?
- Bicycle Related  
K. Clark?
- Transit Related (1 exist.)  
S. Pressprich Gryniewicz?
- Work-zone Related  
J. Rees?
- Land Use / Site Design  
S. Campbell?
- Roundabouts (1 exist.)  
L.D. Feldt?

6:50 – 6:55



Focus is on Education, Enforcement and Legislation  
Recommendations for next month

You can go ahead and include other recommendations  
but main objective is to have the first pass of the  
education, enforcement and legislation  
recommendations completed



# 9c. Round #2 Public Engagement

- **March 11<sup>th</sup> Stakeholder Focus Group**
  - Basement Conference Room at City Hall
  - 8:30 – 10:30 am: Business Organizations/commercial neighborhoods
  - 1:30 – 3:30 pm: Boards, Commissions, Agencies and Public Groups
  - 5:30 – 7:30 pm: Non-profits, Environmental Organizations and Neighborhood Associations
- **March 25<sup>th</sup> Community-at-large Meeting**
  - 6:30 – 8:30 pm @ Downtown Library, Multi-purpose Room

ROUND 2 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT							
Planning & Engineering Recommendations				Education Recommendations			
Mar 1 - 7 2015	Mar 8 - 14 2015	Mar 15 - 21 2015	Mar 22 - 28 2015	Mar 29 - Apr 4 2015	Apr 5 - 11 2015	Apr 12 - 18 2015	Apr 19 - May 2 2015
3/4/15 Task Force Meeting			3/23/15 Resource Group Meeting	4/1/15 Task Force Meeting			4/27/15 Resource Group Meeting
U of M Spring Break					AAPS Spring Break		U of M Exams/Commencement

**Stakeholder Focus Groups  
3/11/15**

**Community-at-large Meeting  
3/25/15**

**Results**

Round 2 Public Engagement – focus on potential recommendations





## 10. Public Commentary

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## Questions?

Norman COX, PLA, ASLA and  
Carolyn Prudhomme, ASLA

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