

Complete Streets Advisory Committee
July 23, 2024 - Meeting Minutes

- **Introductions**

- Presentation by Clea Baumhofer (DOT)
- Committee member agencies in attendance
 - BCFD - Fire Department
 - DHCD - Housing
 - DOP - Planning
 - DOT - Transportation

- **DOT Presentation**

- Complete Streets Report
 - Data collection and compilation completed
 - Currently working on mapping data
 - Expected delivery date in August
- Budget Look-Ahead
 - Funding complete streets studies
 - Planning studies to further complete streets implementation
 - Categorizing City streets to determine ideal treatments
 - General speed studies along various corridors Citywide
 - Providing local match for HSIP grant funding
 - Includes high visibility crosswalks, signalized pedestrian crossings, and more
 - Traffic signal infrastructure improvements
 - Long-term improvements to traffic signal infrastructure
 - Approaching reconstruction phase at various locations, to include re-wiring and hardware replacement
 - Will improve state of good repair and prevent outages
 - Safety study and design initiatives
 - Intersections along Broadway
 - Improvements at the intersection of Gwynns Falls Parkway and Garrison Boulevard
 - Improvements along the Franklin-Mulberry corridor
- Quick-Build Projects
 - Highlighting Frankford and Walther intersection treatment to reduce turning radius and lower speeds

- Improved pavement markings at Parkside and Edgewood providing for better nighttime visibility
- Grant-Funded (STIG) Bus Bulbs
 - Funded through the State Transportation Innovation Grant (STIG) program
 - Upgrading existing temporary bus bulbs along Harford Road at the intersections of Hamilton and Echodale
 - Improving aesthetics and creating more permanent, durable infrastructure
 - Replacing deteriorated ZICLA (temporary bus bulbs)
- Project Spotlight
 - **Wolfe and Washington Bikeway Study**
 - 100% design task approved by Board of Estimates on July 10
 - **Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Action Plan**
 - Work began in June
 - Comprehensive Citywide plan to prioritize complete streets project implementation
 - Aiming to reduce injury and fatal crashes along high-injury corridors and at crash hotspots
 - Will be a collaborative effort to include university partners
 - DOT will host pop-ups in the Fall
- **Comments and Discussion**
 - Are ZICLAs reusable?
 - DOT: Due to the wear and tear and complexity of installation, it is not feasible to reuse them
 - What will SS4A pop-ups include?
 - DOT: Pop-ups will focus on crowdsourcing community concerns, allowing residents to input concern locations right into maps
 - When will DOT provide information on other projects such as Druid Park Lake Drive, Big Jump, and Eutaw Street?
 - DOT:
 - Druid Park Lake Drive is currently being worked on through consultant resources
 - Work on the Big Jump is still a few months out
 - Want to see progress on implementing better barriers (ie. concrete) along the Big Jump. Plastic barriers are damaged and pose a persistent issue
 - DOT:

- Currently working through grant resources to determine bridge capacity and improve barriers, potentially implementing permanent separation
- Concrete barriers are usually installed during the construction process
- Concrete barriers have been placed on the North Avenue bridge by the contractor; this has created the perception of a double standard between this project and the Big Jump
 - Concrete barriers cannot be used at the 28th Street bridge, especially in the long term, due to the load carrying capacity and structure of the bridge
 - The weight of the barriers and the permanent attachment of them to the bridge would put an unsafe amount of strain on the bridge's concrete deck and steel structure
 - The 28th Street bridge and the North Avenue bridge are different types of bridges.
 - The concrete barriers on North Avenue are specifically for temporary short-term use to facilitate maintenance of traffic while construction work is done on the bridge. They are not a permanent feature and will be removed upon completion of construction