

SASY Council Transportation Committee (TC) Meeting

February 24, 2014, 6:45 pm – 8:30 pm

Attendance: Lance Green, Melanie Foxcroft, Larry Jensen and Tim Wong (Chair)

1. **Schenks Corner's:** Melanie and Larry reported on the Corridor Planning Committee(CPC) meeting of February 15, 2015. Committee members selected their preferred renditions of Schenks Corners and the immediately surrounding area. The next meeting of the CPC is scheduled for Sunday March 8, 1-3 pm at Tapit. Local businesses will be invited to participate. TC members discussed the need for deliveries of goods to businesses adjacent to the proposed green spaces, and suggested a one way permeable paved surface going west to east in front of Alchemy.

Motion

Lance moved that the proceedings of the Corridor Planning Committee, the visual renditions, and processes related to Schenks Corners reconstruction and design be posted immediately on the SASY Council website and provided to the Council for discussion, to keep the neighborhood fully informed.

Seconded by Melanie

Motion carries unanimously.

2. **Milwaukee Street Bridge Reconstruction:** major disruption of traffic is expected as a result of the complete closure of Milwaukee Street between Fair Oaks and Harding in April or May, 2015, as required for reconstruction of the bridge. Unknowns include alternative motor vehicle routes traffic will use to bypass the area. Bicyclists and pedestrians can use the bridge over the creek at the end of Ivy Street that goes into O.B. Sherry Park. Melanie will look into the name of the responsible city engineer and identify information to be posted on the SASY website and listserv.
3. **The Capital City Bike Path Bridge and Path:** The path and bridge will be closed for storm sewer and bridge reconstruction from the Goodman Community Center running east over the Starkweather Creek bridge. Lance will identify the city engineer. Questions include the time-frames for closure of this major bike and pedestrian artery, the scope, and alternative routes, possibly through O.B. Sherry Park and Bryant. The information needs to be posted to the SASY website and listserv.
4. **Atwood Avenue Reconstruction/Resurfacing:** Questions include the time-frames for closure of this traffic artery, the scope, alternative routes, and potential for planned elimination of bus stops as was planned Jenifer Street. The information needs to be posted to the SASY website and listserv. Melanie will identify the responsible City engineer and work to get information posted to the SASY website and listserv.

5. **Jackson Street Closure:** Will Jackson Street be closed again in summer 2015? This became a very popular neighborhood gathering area during summer 2014. Committee members requested that Alder Rummel be invited to give a report at the next Council meeting to explain what she learned from the 2014 closure, whether the closure will occur in 2015, and whether the closure should be permanent.

Tim will look into inviting Alder Rummel to report and work to get information posted to the SASY website and listserv.

6. **Traffic Enforcement Test Team:** the TC requests that Alder Rummel ask Madison P.D.'s traffic law enforcement test team to identify and issue tickets to:
- Vehicles running a red light at the intersection of Dunning and Atwood, which is frequently observed to happen
 - Vehicles speeding on Eastwood
 - Vehicles ignoring the "No Right Turn" on a red light from north bound on Division onto eastbound Eastwood.

Tim will issue the request to Alder Rummel and work to get the information posted to the SASY website and listserv.

7. **Bike and Pedestrian Crossing at Winnebago Street and Riverside:** When the stop light switches to blinking around 7:00 pm, there is no way for bicyclists or pedestrians to activate a red light for cars on Winnebago. This puts lives in danger as there is frequently still significant traffic along this corridor after 7:00 pm, making it very difficult to safely cross the Street.

Tim will request the city to make the changes necessary to allow the light to be activated 24/7.

8. **Buses:** The TC opposes the following planned changes to bus routes in the SASY neighborhood, and requests the SASY Council write a letter of opposition to the Transit and Parking Commission and Madison Metro concerning the following planned changes:
- Rerouting the popular peak service #38 bus via Oakridge/Division/Rutledge to run on East Washington Avenue
 - Rerouting the well-used #3 bus via Division/Rutledge to run on Winnebago/Williamson Street
 - Reducing the #10 to 4 trips per day
 - Elimination of bus stops on Atwood Avenue and elsewhere in the SASY neighborhood.

Tim will talk to Drew Beck, Madison Metro, regarding the implementation schedule for these changes.