

DRAFT Meeting Notes of the SASY Transportation Committee

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

Attendance: Grant Foster, Melanie Foxcroft, Lance Green, Larry Jensen, Dan Neff, Tim Wong (Chair)

AGENDA

1. Detour During Capital City Bike Path Reconstruction

Melanie, Tim, and Grant discussed city plans for a detour during reconstruction of the Capital City Bike Path with city engineer Tony Fernandez during the public meeting regarding the project. Meeting participants suggested improvements to the planned bike detour primarily to facilitate safety of bicyclists. Those improvements were adopted by the city and the existing detour is Hargrove/OB Sherry/Fair Oaks, Fairview/Marquette....

The final detour route will be decided by city Traffic Engineer Scott Langer, who was not at that meeting, which is a concern to Committee members since he was not present to engage with community members regarding the detour.

Several members of the public requested an additional shorter detour along portions of Atwood for the duration of the project. Mr. Fernandez thought Mr. Langer would likely reject that alternative as interfering with rush hour car traffic on Atwood.

Two detours are recommended by Transportation Committee members:

a. Support the revised detour on Hargrove/OB Sheri/Fair Oaks/Fairview/Marquette.....

Additional recommended improvements to be communicated to the city include:

- Newly paint bike lanes on Fair Oaks, detour signs for bikes at the following locations: Fair Oaks and Ivy; Fair Oaks and Fairview; and Marquette and Fairview;
- Caution or similar signs for cars on the south side of Ivy, the east side of Fair Oaks; and
- Posting of No Parking signs on Fair Oaks for the appropriate distance to allow visibility for bicycles crossing Fair Oaks at ?Ivy

b. Atwood from

2. Renew Closure of Jackson Street for Placemaking Activities in Summer 2015

Melanie Moved to close Jackson Street for the Summer of 2015 following the very successful and popular closure in summer 2014 which allowed many placemaking activities, including food carts, a tool library, ice cream from the nearby Shoeps ice cream store, music and other neighborhood activities.

Lance Seconded

A friendly amendment by Grant to study the viability of long-term closure was accepted by Melanie and Lance.

Motion carries.

Additional recommended improvements include: temporarily suspend parking on one side of Ohio to facilitate Ohio as an alternative car route; and arranging plug-ins instead of generators for food carts. Committee members understood also that it is no longer required that the street be cleared each night, a great improvement.

3. Establishment of the Transportation Committee as a Standing Committee

Proposed revisions to the SASY By Laws establish the Transportation Committee as a Standing Committee instead of an Ad Hoc Committee. The language change will be voted on at the April Annual Membership Meeting. Tim was concerned about language requiring SASY Council approval of committee members and the chair. Melanie understood that these requirements apply to all standing committees, and will forward that language to committee members. The requirements appear to be only sporadically adhered to by the Council.

4. Bicycle and Pedestrian Crossing at Winnebago and Riverside

Committee members are concerned about the difficulty of crossing Winnebago at Riverside after the light switches to blinking. Pressing the button does not activate a red stop light for cars at night, although it is still difficult for cars and bicycles to cross safely.

5. Changes to Bus Routes and Schedules

Melanie will contact Drew Beck of Madison Metro to see when the #38 bus is scheduled to be rerouted from Oakridge to East Washington Street, elimination of the #3 "via" Division, and changes to the #10 scheduling. Larry noted that the #10 does not go to the square, a major destination.