

City of Milwaukee

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE

Jeff Polenske, Chair

Samir Amin, Vanessa Koster, Jason Golec, Dennis Yaccarino, Jeanette Kowalik, Nicholas DiSiato, Warren Jones, Willie Wade, Ald. Robert Bauman, Ald. Robert Donovan, Sherman Morton, Andrew Tillman

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Friday, March 15, 2019

1:00 PM

Room 301-A, City Hall

The meeting convened at 1:06 PM.

Presentations were given by the following individuals:

Jim Owczarski – City Clerk

Mike Amsden – DPW

Present 10 – Polenske, Koster, Golec, Yaccarino, Kowalik, Jones, Wade, Bauman, Morton, Tillman

Excused 3 – Amin, DiSiato, Donovan

1. Committee Introductions and Overview

Mr. Polenske welcomed members to this first meeting of the Complete Streets Committee.

Mr. Owczarski gave an overview of Open Meetings requirements, stating that meetings must be publicly posted, accessible, and audible/visible. He reminded members to keep formal discussions in the meeting room and that open records and request requirements apply.

2. Discussion Relating to the City's Complete Streets Policy

Mr. Amsden gave an overview of the City's Complete Streets policy. Complete Streets are streets that are designed for everyone. They are designed and operated to enable safe access for people of all ages and abilities, including people walking, biking, taking transit, and driving.

Ms. Koster spoke about the 5th Street reconstruction project as an example of interdepartmental coordination and impact on economic development.

Mr. Amsden spoke about the Kilbourn Avenue protected bike lanes.

Mr. Jones spoke about Westlawn Gardens as an example of traffic calming and community engagement.

3. Discussion Relating to the Complete Streets Committee's Roles and Responsibilities

Mr. Amsden discussed the committee's roles and responsibilities as defined by the ordinance:

- *Reviewing and recommending policies, procedures, plans, regulations and other processes that support the complete streets policy.*
- *Reviewing and updating as needed current design standards to ensure that they reflect the best available design standards and guidelines related to the complete streets policy.*
- *Recommending project evaluation and performance criteria to understand and promote how well streets are serving all users.*
- *Identify ways to provide education and enforcement on proper road use by all.*
- *Seeking input from neighborhood associations, business improvement districts, neighborhood improvement districts and other neighborhood groups concerning transportation projects.*
- *Conduct an annual Complete Streets Report, or incorporate Complete Streets metrics into routing annual reports.*

Mr. Amsden discussed the implementation team made up of staff from DPW, DCD, and Safe and Healthy Streets Milwaukee. DPW has a grant to create a Complete Streets Handbook and to conduct creative community engagement.

4. Update on Current Efforts Relating to the Complete Streets Policy

Mr. Yaccarino stated that the cost of projects was not included in the policy.

Mr. Amsden stated that the policy was high level and the intent is to ensure projects and processes are approached a consistent, efficient way.

Mr. Yaccarino asked what is meant by "underserved" – is it low income? Socio-economic characteristics?

Mr. Amsden stated that "underserved" means all of the above.

Mr. Polenske asked where there are opportunities to coordinate and work together.

Ms. Koster stated that DPW and DCD work well together but need to work earlier together to avoid contract amendments.

Mr. Wade stated that there are job opportunities on construction projects.

Ms. Kowalik stated the Community Health Improvement Plan is an opportunity.

Mr. Golec stated DNS can help with education and outreach.

5. Discussion Relating to Complete Streets Committee's Next Steps

Mr. Amsden requested that the committee review the Pedestrian Plan and the Performance Monitoring Framework. The Complete Streets Handbook scope will be discussed at the next meeting. There will be three meetings per year, with the next in August.

The meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

Mike Amsden

Staff Assistant