



## FARMINGTON PATHWAYS COMMITTEE

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES - DRAFT

APRIL 12, 2023

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1. CALL TO ORDER - Tim called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Tim Prince

Sue Lover

Kevin Christiansen

Joe VanDerZanden

Brent Bartman

Maria Taylor

Chris Weber

Bill Gesaman

Kevin Parkins

Absent:

None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA Sue moved to approve and was supported by Maria

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. MEETING MINUTES, MARCH 8, 2023 Motion to approve by Sue and supported by Maria

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. WORKPLAN – Bill presented and reviewed Vision Map of purpose and actions of the pathways committee and led discussion of 2023 Work Plan, updating the 2022 Plan

b. SEMCOG BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MOBILITY UPDATE

-Upcoming meeting 5/31 at 10 am –

Began planning agenda for the meeting, identifying projects to share that they may be able to help with expertise, suggestions and resources

Discussed presenting Rouge River Trail and M5 underpass as possibilities

Discussed what SEMCOG does and how they could help

Planned to revisit and solidify agenda at May meeting

c. ONE PAGER UPDATE

No updates

d. 9 MILE PATHWAY UPDATE

Reviewed the recent OHM Zoom meeting regarding the Farmington section of the 9 mile pathway, currently planned route map with combination of 10 ft wide sidewalk paths, on street bike lane sections.

- Discussed informing MDOT of 9 Mile Pathway Plan to accommodate with future projects along the path.

- Identified next steps to break pathway into segments, identify projects that go together, requirements to complete segments, such as what can be completed with just paint and what has more extensive needs to prioritize and plan what is needed such as funding to accomplish.

- 9 Mile Pathway planning a community engagement event for Farmington and Farmington Hills around the first week of May, around 6 or 7 pm, not yet finalized.

- Need to gather requests for amenities along the pathways such as art, playground equipment and such

- May 25<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting of the 9 Mile Pathway Committee

e. CROSSWALK AT KRAZY KRAB ON GRAND RIVER UPDATE

Kevin shared that MDOT was engaged by OHM – Traffic count coming soon, now with improved weather can plan to do the pedestrian count.

f. COMMUNITY INPUT ON EXISTING AND ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

Tabled for the time being.

g. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL SURVEY RESULTS

Reviewed results of survey of residents along proposed new sidewalk routes. 70% responded not interested. 10% interested, 15% maybe. Response to the survey was approximately 50%.

Discussed alternative options given survey response: adding only a sidewalk down one side of Whittaker, north side of Arundel. Option of putting sidewalks closer to the road, maybe along the side of houses rather than the front, which is direct route to the school. Discussed possibility of a smaller project having fewer costs.

Planned to seek an extension with Safe Routes to school for grant application and research costs of projects with sections of sidewalk and follow-up with residents with new options.

h. FARMINGTON AND COLFAX PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ACCIDENT

Chris shared that per Farmington Public Safety and Farmington Hills there have been no recent accidents at that intersection involving pedestrians or bikes.

- Bill reported that the principal at Gill Elementary felt that improving safety crossing this intersection could be helpful and she would support it, but doesn't think many children walk, since they do get bussed. Some school of choice children do live over there and don't get bussed.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

a. ANY NEW CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS?

- i. MAP OF PROPOSED 2023 SIDEWALK PROGRAM – Bel Aire neighborhood and some other nearby work orders along 10 mile.

- ii. MAP OF PROPOSED 2023 ROAD PROGRAM – improving roads mostly near downtown southwest of downtown, will touch up sidewalks touched by the projects as well

b. ANY NEW TARGET AREAS?

Kevin shared that someone asked why the sidewalk along the north side of 9 mile road ends at Noonan Electrical and identified no good crossing for pedestrians across 9 mile to the shopping center and could use a crosswalk. Looked at the intersection on the map, identified the dangers of crossing 9 mile rd. in that location with the entrance to M5 there being busy and rather confusing and determined it is safest not to encourage pedestrians to cross there as there is a safer crossing at the light at Farmington Rd. nearby.

Chris shared that he spoke with a planning commissioner for Farmington Hills about recent discussions for further changes to M5.

- c. LIST OF SEMCOG TAP GRANT PROJECTS 2023-2025  
Reviewed a list of projects that was approved for TAP Grants as examples
  - d. COMPLETE STREETS STUDY, GRANT OPPORTUNITY (\$50k, 18.15% match)  
Seeking a grant proposal to apply, verifying if that is a SEMCOG grant or other.
7. PUBLIC COMMENT  
None
8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENT  
Maria – checking what is needed to try to get Complete Streets study.  
Tim – Reported noticing there isn't a place to lock bikes near Ground Control Coffee, would like to see some added throughout the downtown, specifically closer to shops such as Ground Control than existing racks in Riley Park and by Los Tres Amigos.  
Consider possible locations to add some small bike rack options.  
May meeting – planned to meet early at Uptown Plaza at 6 pm for a hike of proposed section of 9 mile pathway prior to regular meeting.
9. ADJOURNMENT - Tim moved to adjourn and Maria supported at 9:05 pm

Next meeting: MAY 10, 2023