

Livable Streets Task Force
Meeting Minutes
November 30, 2015 @ 7pm
Whittier Alliance

Attendees: Paul Shanafelt, Greg Schmidt, Hosu Klessig, Mary Gazca, David Schroth, Dave LaViolette

- **Whittier International School – Signage**

Greg reached out to Beth Mason at the school and she subsequently notified the school's PTA and sent us diagrams and photos of the intersections around the school. The group noticed a few mistakes on the diagram, which we can correct. Beth also indicated that school safety patrol only monitors the crosswalk at 27th & Pleasant (patrol is generally an older student, 5th grade, along with adult supervision). Lastly, Beth mentioned the lack of a true crosswalk on 26th, which is the busiest street around the school. Mary mentioned the potential for speed humps on Harriet between 26th and 27th. Paul and Greg will follow up with Beth. *{Update: WIS staff members passed along a study conducted by Public Works in 2014. The study assessed the drop-off/pick-up timeframes and how additional traffic (ped, bus, cars, bike), affected the area around the school. A proposal was sent to Ward 10 offices, Public Works, and the school suggesting certain changes be made. I do not know at this time what changes were implemented.}*

- **Survey Questions**

-To be included in survey: map of Whittier neighborhood and photos of 27th & 1st Ave and 27th & Pleasant Ave. intersections. Also, we will include an opening statement stating "why" this survey is being conducted.

-Hosu suggested "visibility" as the overall theme of the survey.

-Questions will be broken into three segments: two which pertain to each intersection of focus, and a third segment for general thoughts/questions.

-General questions:

-Where do you live?

-I primarily commute in Whittier for *(check all that applies)*: I live here, school, work, entertainment, other.

-If there are children in your household, please answer the following: if your child(ren) walk or ride their bikes in the neighborhood, what specific concerns do you have related to their safety as pedestrians/cyclists?

-What methods of transportation do you use and how often? Walk, drive, bike, bus *(check boxes for never, 1-4x/week, etc.)*

-Do you know the distance a vehicle must park from a controlled (stop sign, stop light) intersection? Uncontrolled intersection? Alley/driveway? If you are unsure, please select 'No' for those that apply.

-Do you have any additional thoughts/comments? *(insert this comment box at end of survey)*

-27th & 1st Ave questions:

-Are you familiar with this intersection? If so, what are your specific concerns about this intersection? (*frame from perspective of ped, biker, driver*)

-What impairs your visibility at this intersection (if applicable)? (*give examples - trees, cars parked too close to intersection, etc.*)

-27th & Pleasant Ave questions:

-Are you familiar with this intersection? If so, what are your specific concerns about this intersection?

-(*show visual*) Is this intersection confusing? Why or why not? *OR* How do you interpret this intersection?

- **Task Delegation**

Hosu: creating diagrams/using photos of 27th & Pleasant/1st intersections.

Greg: following up with Whittier School re: numbers/stats

Paul: meet with Beth Mason at Whittier School, fine tune survey questions.

Next meeting TBA

Meeting adjourned at 8:49pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Paul Shanafelt