

TMAC Meeting Notes

June 17, 2021 @ 12:00 pm

Online Meeting via Zoom and In-Person at ComDev Conference Room

In Attendance

- TMAC Members: Mitsu Saito, David Arnold, Jim Hamula, Laurie Urquiaga (Planning Commission Representative) left the meeting at 12:00, and Dave Harding (Council Representative)
- Staff: Rob Hunter, Dixon Holmes, David Day, Melissa McNalley, Javin Weaver, Kristal Howarth, and Robert Mills

Calendaring discussion – Ms. Urquiaga will not be able to attend in person meetings if they continue on the 3rd Thursday. Staff will send an email to discuss the possibility of meetings on the 4th Thursday.

Mr. Arnold, Ms. Urquiaga and Mr. Saito all approve of 4th Thursday meetings.

Item One – Further Evaluation

Mr. Arnold – Discussing a ranking order list that Mr. Black sent by email. Ms. Urquiaga- to rank order the items she would need to see them all at once. Mr. Black's idea would work for ranking one at a time.

Mr. Harding – what happens if there are multiple projects where the ranking comes out about the same?

Mr. Arnold – shall we do one column at a time? We can get a ranking system by sorting the columns.

The committee ranked the following projects based on the way they relate to 'Prioritizes Pedestrian Safety' on the +2, -2 scale:

Install an entry arch:

Discussion on this item included the thoughts that this would send a message to drivers they have arrived downtown, and they need to slow down. This item overall was voted as a 1.5.

High-visibility or "3-D" crosswalks (putting lines in to make it look like it is raised from the driver's perspective).

Discussion on this addressed if it might be distracting for drivers and may cause a hazard to the safety of pedestrians. The 3D concept should perhaps be tested before considering any implementation. The overall score was voted as a -2.

Install rumble strips just after 500 W and 200 E –

Mr. Hunter – several ways this can be applied. Used to bring more awareness to the zone.

Discussion included the elements of annoyance and confusion to drivers. This is applied in work zones in conjunction with a sign to warn of work ahead. This intent is to be a traffic calming strategy.

Mr. Arnold proposed that this measure be considered in conjunction with the entry arch in application. This item was voted as a 1.5.

Protected left turns along detour route (i.e., 500 W/100 N & 200 E/Center):

Mr. Hunter – right now left turns are permitted from 100 North onto 500 West. The intent is to make it easier for drivers to take this other route rather than driving on Center Street.

This item was voted as a 2.

Improve lighting at mid-block crosswalks (streetlight)

This lighting is imagined at more a pedestrian height. This item was voted a 2.

Flashing beacons at crosswalks

Mr. Hunter pointed out that these would be similar to the pedestrian crossing lights that are located just south of the recreation center on 500 North. They will flash as used by pedestrians. This item was voted a 2.

Install variable message signs to warn drivers of upcoming slow speeds:

The question of whether this sign would be like those on the freeway with changing messages was raised. Mr. Hunter stated this would be more a sign with a static message along the lines of 'reduced speed ahead'. In advance of a reduced speed limit.

Due to the sign potentially becoming visual clutter and not necessarily providing benefit to pedestrians, this item was voted a 0.

Install parklets or interim sidewalk widenings with moveable planters in existing parking spots.

Mr. Hunter explained that for this project planter areas and parking spots on Center Street could be used for additional seating or parklets to create additional public space.

Does this have an impact on pedestrian safety? Ms. Urquiaga – I see this as more creating a destination and not a pedestrian safety issue. At best this is a 0 as far as pedestrian safety.

The overall score for this item is 1.

Install signal at 400 W and/or 100 W. –

Mr. Hunter – if we want to push traffic to 100 North another signal will help deter traffic on Center Street. This item was voted a 1.33.

Create parking protected bike lane by converting angle parking to parallel.

This item was voted a 0.

Install “hawk” pedestrian signal at 400 West.

Mr. Hunter – this is similar to the signal on 500 West and 100 South. This item was voted a 2.

Install Chicanes –

Mr. Hunter explained that a chicane is similar to a bulb out, but they are offset on the street to slow traffic. This item was voted a 0.

Construct median walkways for center-parking access to crosswalks –

This item was voted a 2.

Raised crosswalks at the midblock crossings –

This item was voted a 2.

Remove median parking to construct median plaza/linear park for dining, recreation, etc.

This item was voted a 2.

Convert all angled parking to parallel parking for more dining/pedestrian/recreation space –

This item was voted a 2.

Raise intersections at 100 W, 300 W, and 400 W.

This item was voted 2.

Reduce the speed limit at University Ave and 500 W. –

This item was voted a 0.

Change the surface material on Center Street –

This item was voted 1.33.

Block traffic from entering Center Street at 100 W and 400 W –

This item needs more examination. The vote on this item is deferred. Traffic counts are needed to determine how much traffic this eliminates.

Remove one lane of traffic each direction –

This item was voted a 2.

Realign Center St to 100 N @ 500 N and back to Center at 200 E –

This item was voted a 2.

Completely close Center Street to vehicular Traffic –
This item was voted 2.

Mr. Arnold – would like to have Javin report on the scooter traffic next month.
Meeting Adjourned