

Transportation Committee
Monday, April 15th, 2024 – 9:05 am – 10:00 am
Virtual on Zoom

In attendance: Wayne Janik (Interim Committee Chair), Joe Hall (Voting Member), Jason Jenkins (Voting Member),

Staff: Alice Howe (Program Manager)

Motions

Motion 1: The Transportation Committee moves to approve funding not to exceed **\$1,200** from line item **5.04 (Bicycle Safety Programs)** for the purchase of additional SSA #33 branded bike lights to distribute.

JH motions, JJ seconds. All ayes, motion approved.

Updates

1. SSA Bike Light and Leg Band Handout Progress
 - a. LS has been distributing SSA 33 bike safety gear to the library, alderman's offices, the police district and more.
 - b. JH suggested dropping them at the hospital
2. We Will Chicago – Transportation & Infrastructure Goals
 - a. The Committee reviewed the transportation related goals of this master plan document.
 - b. AH has reached out to John Paige, a former committee member, who is seated on their planning committee to see how we can collaborate.
3. Wood St. Green Way
 - a. WJ would like to see the newly installed bioswale's to be held to the city's sustainability standards and include landscaping.
 - b. AH will discuss with the 1st Ward.
4. Damen Ave. Planters
 - a. Doty & Sons planters have been delayed but will be installed within the next week or two. Christy Webber will install the same Spring plantings as the Milwaukee Ave. planters.
5. Streetscape Furniture
 - a. There was discussion and reviews on more architecturally appealing bike racks. JJ explained the pros and cons of specific racks we were considering from another neighborhood.

- b. The committee discussed opening a design contest for architecture firms or planners to submit for Metzger Court.

Ongoing Discussions

1. Milwaukee Ave Bike Lane Construction
 - a. Staff is finalizing the current WPB bike lane survey and will be presenting the results to CDOT and 32nd Ward.
2. Community Bike Safety Initiatives
 - a. AH suggested the committee investigate offering demos or trainings on bike maintenance at the market or throughout the neighborhood.
 - b. JJ and JH suggested LCI's and the League of American Bicyclists education programs.
 - c. Staff will begin researching this to bring to WPB for the summer months.
3. Pedestrian safety
 - a. Speed limit reductions
 - b. Raised crosswalks
 - c. Radar speed signs
 - i. 1st Ward has agreed to use menu money to fund speed radar signs on Ashland Ave., south of North Ave. to help calm traffic on that stretch.