

**Transportation Committee**  
Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 9:05 am – 10:00 am  
Virtual on Zoom

*In attendance: Wayne Janik (Interim Committee Chair), Joe Hall (Voting Member), Mary Tamminga (Voting Member), Nick Kester (Guest)*

*Staff: Alice Howe (Program Manager), Luke Scaletta (Community Engagement Coordinator)*

**Updates**

1. Annual Retreat Review
  - a. Wayfinding recommendation – informational hubs near the busiest areas of the neighborhood (transit stops, primary intersections).
  - b. Start as updating the SSA #33 flags at the entrances of the neighborhood, potentially build up to QR codes with SSA branding around the neighborhood that link to the SSA main page.
2. Transportation Committee Future
  - a. Committee discussed merging with the Clean & Green committee, as attendance in recent years has been low. Interested in adding a Zoom option to the committee meetings hosted at Janik’s Café, as well as changing the name of the Committee (“Clean, Green, and Pedestrian Safety” was offered).
  - b. Discussion of a bench-planter public way furniture combination.
3. Free SSA Bike Light Handouts
  - a. Discussion of old program, where CPD would stop cyclists at the Polish Triangle if they did not have a bike light, and offer them a free one.
  - b. LS will work with WPAC or WPC to set up a handout event (currently inquiring with WPAC to see if we can offer them at the Movies In the Park event on June 20<sup>th</sup>)
4. Milwaukee Ave Bike Lane Construction
  - a. Survey results will be shared with CDOT soon
  - b. Expansion of the bike lane will not extend south of North Ave, due to emergency vehicle restrictions, according to the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward office.
5. Community Bike Rides
  - a. Committee discussed the logistics of hosting a public arts community bike ride, which tours around the neighborhood and stops at murals and sculptures within the SSA footprint.

- b. JH offered a few community bike ride resources from other organizations, and recommended establishing a wellness program bike ride with local hospitals. WJ recommended reaching out to Active Transportation Alliance for sponsorship opportunities.
6. Pedestrian Safety
- a. 1<sup>st</sup> Ward alderman approved new speed radar signs on Ashland Ave. JH mentioned an effort to reduce the city-wide speed limit to 25 MPH.

### **Ongoing Discussions**

- 1. Division St. Patio Closure
  - a. Committee discussed a circulating petition from two Division St. bars that requests closing down the stretch of Division from Damen to Leavitt for the summer to expand outdoor dining.
- 2. Snow Removal Update
  - a. Committee discussed a new initiative that would make the city responsible for clearing sidewalks in the case of snow, eliminating the need for a snow removal contract in SSA #33
  - b. AH shared that SSA #33 has motioned for a new 2024-2025 snow removal contract, exclusively with Cleanslate.
- 3. Pedestrian safety
  - a. Speed limit reductions
  - b. Raised crosswalks