



## COMPLETE STREETS COALITION MEETING

METRO DEVELOPMENT CENTER, 444 S. 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET, ROOM 101, LOUISVILLE, KY

February 18, 2023 AT 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM

### Meeting Minutes

#### ATTENDEES:

##### VOTING MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Benjamin Putman  
Patrick Smith  
Aletha Fields  
Lucas Frazier  
Shannon R Perez  
Elijah Lacey  
Estela Valdez  
Janet Douglas Heston  
Bill Wright  
Kenneth Thompson

##### GOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE

Nate Keltch, *Co-Chair*  
*Louisville Metro Public Works*  
Amanda Deatherage,  
*Louisville Metro Public Works*  
James Graham,  
*Louisville Metro Public Works*  
Alex Posorske,  
*Kentuckiana Regional Planning & Development Agency*  
Nicole George  
*Office of the Mayor*  
James Maynard  
*Louisville Metro Public Works*

#### HANDOUTS:

- February 18, 2023 Meeting Agenda
- Presentation on the plans and budget of previously discussed traffic calming projects, and projects derived from the survey responses
- Story map on idea to prioritize any remaining traffic calming funds
- Draft Complete Streets Checklist
- January 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes

#### ITEMS

##### CALL TO ORDER 2:49 PM:

- A meeting of the Complete Streets Coalition (CSC) is called to order at 2:49 PM on February 18, 2023 by Patrick Smith Citizen Representative Co-Chair (CRC) of the CSC.

##### ADOPT MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING 2:55 PM:

- Benjamin motioned to adopt January 12, 2023 minutes, Seconded by Janet, Minutes Approved



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### OLD BUSINESS

#### PREVIOUS TRAFFIC CALMING PROJECTS – PLANS AND BUDGETS 3:00 PM:

- Patrick Smith, CRC, will lead a discussion on the previously discussed:
  - CSC discussed deferring work on the Dixie Highway and W Broadway projects
  - North 35<sup>th</sup> Street
    - Patrick summarized the proposal:
      - Local road in busy corridor
      - Proposing traffic calming and bus stop improvements
      - Budget: \$160,000
    - Ben asked if TARC approved bump outs on both sides
      - Nathan confirmed they were approved on both sides
  - Central Avenue Traffic Calming Project
    - Patrick smith summarized the proposal:
      - This location requires traffic calming
      - We could either install concrete or paint and post traffic bump outs
    - Nathan Kelch says this is a popular project with the residents and suggests the use of concrete
    - Janet agreed that though paint-and-post is more cost-effective, the concrete barriers should be used because they're safer
    - Bump outs are designed to be every 400-600 meters to be most effective
    - Could Churchill Downs partner on this project?
      - Nathan Keltch suggested the bump outs could be painted as part of the partnership
    - Ben supports working with Churchill Downs to install the concrete bumpouts
    - The budget for concrete traffic calming measures is \$129,000
  - 26<sup>th</sup> Street Reconfiguration
    - Patrick Smith summarized the proposal:
      - 26<sup>th</sup> street would require a large amount of public engagement because it would get rid of public parking
      - The outreach required would push the timeline past the fiscal year
    - Janet asked what public outreach would entail
      - James Maynard said we'd need to get the councilperson involved and contact the residents to let them know they'd lose parking
      - Nathan Keltch explained people currently have to park on the sidewalk
    - Patrick Smith suggested we push this project to next year

### NEW BUSINESS

#### PROJECT PROPOSALS FROM SURVEY RESPONSE 3:15 PM:



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- Nathan Keltch facilitated discussion on project opportunities from the survey responses. Each member will have time to comment on their idea.
  - Tenny Avenue Traffic Calming – Janet Heston – A guest speaker presented on traffic issues on Tenny Avenue between Southern Parkway and S 3<sup>rd</sup> Street
    - Janes summarized the proposal:
      - She shared an email explaining why Tenny Avenue is unsafe
        - There is speeding traffic daily, cars park on both sides which make it similar to a one lane street, the digital speed signs don't work
    - Nathan Kelch explained that there are reasons for the placement of 4 way stops, if there are too many stop signs people will start ignoring them
    - Nathan Kelch showed a concept of Tenny Ave reconfiguration
      - Get rid of parking on south side and improve pavement markings, improve the parking lane on the north side
    - The budget is \$10,000
  - Lone Oak Trail Sidewalk Improvements – Estela Valdez – Issues with pedestrian connectivity on Lone Oak Trail, and the surrounding area
    - James Maynard explained there are drainage issues, and it would require some public outreach
    - Estela explains that she doesn't understand why only one side of the street has sidealks, she says people often walk in the street which is unsafe
    - Patrick Smith asked if it would be possible to spend funds for this project before the end of the fiscal year
      - Nathan Keltch explained we'd need to mitigate the drainage issues and survey the property
      - Amanda also pointed out that there are currently delays with concrete work
    - Ben asked if it would be possible to spend money to determine the project feasibility
      - James Maynard said it would possibly be useful to do survey work (for both the 26<sup>th</sup> St. and Lone Oak projects)
      - Nicole George asked if it'd be feasible to spend money on community engagement (for both the 26<sup>th</sup> St. and Lone Oak projects)
    - The budget is about \$100,000-150,000
  - Speed Humps – Patrick Smith – Investigation of funding speed humps which have gone through the necessary traffic studies and public input, but lack funding
    - Nathan Kelch summarized information from Greg Dow:
      - Each speed hump is about \$8,000
      - Over half of the street residents need to approve of the speed hump
    - Amanda said most speed humps are funded by the council offices, so it'd be more efficient to fund the backlog of existing speed hump projects
    - Nicole George says it would be a great way to demonstrate value before end



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### **Voting on Previously Discussed Projects 3:30 PM:**

- Janet motioned to move forward with Central Ave on the condition that concrete bump outs are used, Ben seconded, There was no discussion, Motion carries
- Ben motioned to move forward with the proposal on N 35<sup>th</sup> Street, Lucas seconded
  - Discussion
    - Lucas Frazier was concerned there won't be enough room for the busses
    - James Maynard explained it's a current TARC rest stop and there will be enough room for the buses
  - Motion carries
- Janet motioned to move forward with the Tenny Ave proposal, Ben seconded
  - Discussion
    - Ben asked if we can collect data on the effectiveness of the improvements (pre and post testing)
      - Nicole George says we can install a speed machine on the street
      - Nathan Kelch will reach out to LMPD
  - Motion carries
- Estela motioned to move forward with Lone Oak, Ben seconded
  - Discussion
    - Nathan suggested we get a more detailed budget
  - Estela withdrew the motion until we get more information
  - Janet pointed out that residents may have issues with fences/property lines being moved
- Sandra motioned we keep considering the Lone Oak project and collect more information, Ben seconded, No discussion, Motion carries
- Janet motioned we move forward with speed humps, Ben seconded
  - Discussion
    - Estela asked why there aren't more speed humps even though there's so much demand
    - Nathan Keltch to ask Greg Dow for more information
    - Nicole George asked if we could track where petitions are in relation to the most crashes
      - Amanda and Nathan said there are limitations to currently available data
  - Motion carries
- There is about \$169,000 left to discuss allocating
  - Nathan Keltch to research pre and post testing

### **REMAINING TRAFFIC CALMING FUNDS PRIORITIZATION PROPOSAL 3:45 PM:**

- Nathan Keltch, Governmental Co-Chair of the CSC, presented a proposal to prioritize the remaining funds which would involve three steps:



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1. The Complete Streets Coalition will define specific traffic calming devices & the amount of funds to be used.
  2. The Complete Coalition will vote on specific schools out of the options presented in the attached map, which could benefit from traffic calming.
  3. At the March meeting the Complete Streets Coalition will vote to confirm the plans, or request changes.
- We chose to focus on Title 1 schools in Justice40 Areas
    - Janet explained that locally not many Title 1 schools are in Justice40 areas
    - Janet explained many schools don't have adequate traffic crossing infrastructure
      - Amanda said public works is working on installing more school zone flashing beacons
      - Nathan Keltch will send out standards that determine if a visible traffic crossing is required
  - Nathan showed traffic calming options:
    - <https://arcg.is/0f0yLW0>

### **TIMING OF MEETINGS 3:55 PM:**

- Pat Smith led a brief discussion on timing of meetings
- Schedule next meeting.
  - Next meeting will be virtual
  - The meeting is scheduled for March 16, 11:30 am

### **COMPLETE STREETS CHECKLIST DEVELOPMENT: Pushed to Next Meeting**

- Briefly discuss the Complete Streets Checklist, and what should be included in future drafts.

### **ADJOURN 4:00 PM**

- Estela motioned to adjourn, Ben seconded, Motion carries