

City of Newburgh Transportation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes for **Wednesday, April 14, 2021** at 6:00pm via Zoom

Roll Call:

Present: Gabe Berlin, Naomi Hersson-Ringskog, Jessica Ridgeway, Ali Church, RBob Sklarz, Anthony Grice.
Guests/Advisors: Francisco Grajales.

Public Comment/Presentation Period (30 minutes)

Announcements (0 min)

Pedestrian/Walkability

- From last meeting, no updates on the following items: Gidney Avenue Recommendation, NYSDOT Cross walks, Sidewalk Improvement District, Complete Streets implementation, Snow Emergency Policy.
- **Bollards-** Putting First St and Liberty St- On fb, Gabrielle Hill shared more issues on the Liberty Street corridor.
- **Liberty TAP project** (if any)- This will be a model for streetscapes. There will be renewed interest by the public.
- **Sidewalk Budget-** its the responsibility of homeowners. Important for consistent curbing throughout the city. Can the City just put a paving plan but use it for Sidewalks? DPW needs to do the work or Engineering needs to oversee consultant. Neither department has the will or the capacity. Too bad, because one could use COVID-relief money.
- **TO DO-** Traffic count on Broadway and/or Lake Street Corridor.
- Update- Bump outs at Gidney and Flemming. The project is not moving forward. It could be done inhouse. Residents want it. The traffic calming is new so there may be hesitancy.
- **TO DO-** Letter to the City Manager/Council for a request for time to be shortened snow emergency.
- Grants: Bloomberg Philanthropies Art Asphalt Grant - due Apr 30 - Lower Broadway is the focus.
- **2021 Summer Streets Season-** Restaurant Sidewalk permitted. More interest with other restaurants. Play Streets- no through traffic on South Miller and Overlook Place. Criteria- strong community buy in (ie helping put signs out/use the lot. Used daily). **TO DO- think** about other corridors. Next meeting, Nick Edward can come to speak about this program. Longer season this year. **Drive in movies** on Ann St Parking Lot. **Sunday Funday** is a program for children operated by Natasha Dennis. **Block Closure-** Liberty Street last year. An event permit will permit socially distant block party. Michelle Basch wants to do it. Series of Friday nights.

Bicycle

- **Bike Community Action Plan-** completed. Now how to leverage for further study, grants, and demonstration / implementation? **TO DO-** invite Dan to give more discussion on priority corridor in May.
- **E-Bike Legislation:** Pending Review. **TO DO-** TAC to give comments. Circlate
- **E-Bike Library:** Pending Collaborative partner. That could be the library or that could be the Armory. Any other ideas? In Miami hotel manage the bike fleet.
- **Grants: Fed 5307-** Grant submitted with Beacon Trail Committee for Grand St Corridor bike lane.
- **Grants: Greenway Grant** to do more robust bicycle planning. Grant due in May or September. Traffic analysis includes counts (\$25-40k).
- **Program:** Critical Mass on Friday April 30th at 5pm at Safe Harbors Green. At 4pm at Shaprio's Bike Give away. **TO DO-** Looking for volunteer bike mechanics.
- Program: Paint a bike garden at HOH. **TO DO-** fundraise for paint and design. Any sponsors? District is purchasing a bike fleet for the school. Principal Rob mentioned shutting down Montgomery for a test run by students.

Buses

- None

Car & Parking (20 min)

- Muni Meters- N/A

Ferry & Airport

General

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Walking: Orange County HDI- Barbara Clifford** has an order for paint and glass beading
- **Walking:** Water Street Pedestrian Safety Site Visit w NYS DOT Memorandum
- **Walking:** Deployment of Crosswalk Yield Signs
- **Bicycling:** CHSC Bike Fleet of 30 bikes to HOH & possible Bike Garden this summer
- **Walking/Bicycling:** NYSBA Newburgh- Beacon Bridge - Jacobson.
- **Car/Parking:** Get data mapped from Chad of John's disabled parking research
- **Car/Parking:** Speed Enforcement Data & Parking Ticket Data
- **Special Project:** Model Shift follow up presentation in 2021