



WALK BIKE RIDE SOUTH ORANGE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 17, 2023 – 8:00-9:30 PM

Webex

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call meeting to Order
2. Roll Call - Julia Flath, Ed Moore, Mike Jaslow, Lt Adrian Acevedo, Jeff Swingle, Drew Pattison, Alan Kriegel, Alisa Aronson, Clif Kranish, Dave Yim, Sam Salkin
3. Alan volunteered to take notes for this meeting
4. Approval of Minutes from 3/20/2023 – Approved
5. Committee Administration Update
 - a. Still to confirm Secretary/Alternating notetaker and/or meeting host
 - i. Dave suggested using Webex transcription, but Adrian warned against it due to the amount of extra info recorded
 - ii. Decision made to have rotating notetaker. No vote taken. Ed volunteered for next month.
 - b. Julia floated the idea of rotating hosting duties, but after discussion, there was not much interest
 - c. Zoom account
 - i. Village said we should be able to use Webex.
 - d. Subcommittee Captains
 - i. Alan volunteered for Transit
 - ii. Drew volunteered for bicycling
 - iii. No volunteers yet for Pedestrian
 - e. New resource: NJ Bike Walk Coalition's Streets Are For
 - f. Everyone Network <https://njbwc.org/streets-are-for-everyone-network/>
 - i. Public meetings about complete streets, bicycling advocacy, etc are planned.
6. Communications
 - a. Next step - Create Website
 - i. Jeff, Alan, Ben able to work on creating
 - b. Facebook page
 - i. Julia volunteered
 - c. WBRSO now on SO website <https://southorange.org/149/Advisory-Committees>
 - d. Volunteer request for Tabling at River Day Sunday 5/7 11am-3pm
 - i. Drew may be available
 - ii. Need to determine handouts/info
 1. Possibly no handouts? QR codes
 - a. Ed: People with kids may not be able to manage scanning a bunch of codes
 2. Have sign-up for mailing list
 - a. Ben could set up an online form



3. We should promote report-a-concern via Gov Pilot

7. Village Engineer Update

- a. Paving projects set to start again this week
 - i. Longview, Laurel, Mayhew Court, and Redmond.
- b. West End Road
 - i. PSE&G Gas main replacement to start this month. This work is to be done ahead of our roadway reconstruction.
 - ii. Design includes traffic calming
 - iii. Features not known, but probably not speed bumps
- c. West Montrose Avenue - Design is being completed for NJDOT review submission.
- d. 2023 Various Roads Resurfacing - List in development.
- e. 2023 Sidewalk & Curb Repairs - Preparing bid specifications.
- f. 2023 Striping Contract - List in development. (includes Taylor at Scotland)
- g. Greenway Bike Path - Received bids are under NJDOT/FED review. The Village cannot award w/o written authorization from NJDOT/FED.
- h. There are no current Report-A-Concerns relevant to WBRSO. Actually, I'm glad to report that I only have 1 total RAC which is a Public Works plow damage issue.
 - i. Have been multiple campaigns, including several recent, to educate public
- i. Send any questions to David Battaglia <engineer@southorange.org> and cc Julia or to Julia to forward to him so they can be answered, even if he is unable to attend meeting

8. SOPD Update from Lt Acevedo

- a. 2022 Annual Crash report
 - i. Still being reviewed by chief and deputy chief
 - ii. Crash hotspots staying consistent, due to volume and careless/reckless driving
 - iii. 7.2% increase year over year (tracks with national trends)
 - iv. Most incidents are low speed
 - v. 95% are no injury, no fatalities
 - vi. Busiest roads are SO Ave, Irvington, and Scotland/Valley
 - vii. Village finished striping project last year
 - viii. Entire PD is now radar certified
 - 1. More radar details
 - 2. Has resulted in fewer speeding violations and a drop in overall speed
 - 3. Usually traffic is not going more than 10mph over speed limit, many are 27–29 mph
 - 4. Summonses are not up significantly, 30–40% are warnings
 - ix. Lt. Acevedo is pushing for permanent lane delineators
 - x. SO Ave & Turrell by main gate of seton hall is a high crash area, but that means four crashes
 - xi. Scotland/Valley had 63 incidents in 2022, which is up from 2021
 - 1. Stressed that given the traffic volume, the numbers are not high
 - xii. 5 bicycle crashes
 - xiii. Jeff: In the master plan, suggested a way for citizens to report cut through streets
 - 1. PD puts up counters where they know if issues



2. Ward place is most used cut through
 - a. Permanent speed sign put up and results look positive so far
3. Montrose is a cut through
4. All PD can do is have awareness campaigns or write tickets and writing tickets is what gets results
- xiv. Drew: SO Ave from Newark line to Grove is particularly fast. Does the PD have data on that stretch specifically? Is there any plan to slow that section?
 1. PD technically doesn't cover county roads
 2. Adrian has expanded to cover smaller county roads, but PD has no equipment able to read SO Ave
 3. Work started on West SO Ave (patrol)
- xv. Sam: Were there any particularly relevant pedestrian or cycling hotspots or patterns?
 1. None for cycling
 2. Majority of pedestrian incidents either on or close to major corridors
 3. First and valley is a concern
 4. Out of 23 pedestrian incidents, 8 are likely pedestrian-caused. Used to be much higher. Only 8 incidents are true traffic issues with conflict. The rest were on private property
 5. Left hand turns are problematic (Poor visibility due to A-pillar)
 6. No infrastructure changes stand out as being clear for improvement
- xvi. Will post on social media about train station event
- xvii. Suggested an earlier meeting time slot may be easier for David and others who work for the Village

9. Pedestrian

- a. Reflective Gear Handouts by Train Station with JESPY House and SOPD
 - i. Wed Apr 19 5:45pm-6:45pm
 - ii. Next date - Wed Apr 26 7:45am-8:45am? No volunteers yet
 1. TBD based on success of first date

10. Bicycling

- a. Meeting to be scheduled with Topology & David Battaglia re bike lanes
 - i. Determine agenda in next subcommittee meeting
 - ii. Ask about details for West Montrose - can we get green paint?
- b. Report from 3/21 Meeting with Maplewood Environmental Committee re bike lanes
 - i. Maplewood is looking to start working on bike paths again
 - ii. Meeting focused on Maplewood end of Greenway area
 - iii. Developer of Gleasons offered to continue route between Parker and Jefferson
 - iv. Building contacts so coordination can happen
- c. Lt Acevedo participating in Police Unity Tour from East Hanover to DC
 - i. Leaves May 9 and takes four days

11. Greenway

- a. Greenway Bike/Walk Parade
 - i. New date! Sunday 5/21 with rain date 6/4 at Meadowland Park



1. Parks much more crowded on Saturdays due to sporting events
 2. Application working its way through approvals
 - ii. Flyer needs to be created
 1. Alan, Cliff, and Julia volunteered to create
 - iii. Bike/walk parade loop, bike decorating station, bike bell giveaways, police registering bikes, hopefully a bike shop doing free tuneups, and hopefully a chance to check out electric / cargo bikes.
 - iv. Julia to reach out to Urban Cyclery
 - v. Drew will reach out to Hilltop, even though they aren't local. They have electric bikes, but probably not cargo bikes
 - vi. Need volunteers. Sign up on sheet previously shared: [Volunteer signup](#)
 - b. Greenway Walk/Tours
 - i. Sat 4/22 Maplewood River Day 1 PM at West Parker Road at the river
 - c. Greenway Committee Update
 - i. New segment likely to break ground this summer
 - ii. Topology likely will not have budget to work on connecting SO Ave to third st
12. Transit
- a. Subcommittee Update
 - i. Meeting this Wednesday April 19
13. Traffic Calming
- a. On hold
14. School
- a. SOMSD proposed busing > 1.25 mi, still under discussion
 - b. District had a consultant do a hazardous route review, the preliminary report is done and was given to the district, it includes SOPD data
 - i. Parents involved in the litigation saw a draft of this report
 - ii. Should be public once complete
 - c. Ben suggested we could take part in future analysis
 - d. EZ Ride offers trainings to learn about complete streets and analyzing intersections for improvements
 - i. Julia to pursue setting this up
 - ii. Adrian and Julia noted that EZ Ride are very pro-walking/biking and cannot assist with expanding busing
15. Public Comments
16. Next Meeting Date: Monday, May 15 at 8PM
- a. Meetings are 3rd Monday of month
 - b. Bicycle subcommittee meeting Monday April 24 8 PM
 - c. Pedestrian subcommittee meeting Monday May 1 8 PM
 - d. Look for regular times
17. Adjournment