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WALK BIKE RIDE SOUTH ORANGE MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, February 27, 2024 – 8:00-9:30 PM

Virtual Meeting Link

<https://southorange.webex.com/southorange/j.php?MTID=m1a378fdfae3d82630798d8be8704a944>

To join by phone: 1-408-418-9388 Meeting Number (Access Code): 2330 624 6976 Password: WBRSO23

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
 - a. Notetaker: Terri Noland?
 - b. Attendees:
3. Approval of Minutes from 1/23/2023
4. Public Comments
5. Committee Admin
 - a. Holding quarterly meetings in person
March 18, June 17, Sept 16, Nov 18 ?
 - b. Next Meeting Dates
 - i. Monday, March 18 at 8 PM (back to 3rd Monday of the month regular schedule)
 - ii. Any subcommittee meetings to be scheduled?
 - c. Alternate position is open
 - d. NJ Bike Walk Coalition meeting report (Clif)
 - e. Slack - anyone using it?
6. Communications / Materials
 - a. We have a website! Thanks Ben! Discuss website next steps <https://walkbikeride.org/>
 - b. We have tablecloth! Thanks Alan for the design!
 - c. Bike Flags and tshirts - Updates from Nathan and Ben
7. 2024 Priorities - per 1/23 discussion. Any additional thoughts or approved?
 - a. 1. Contribute to SS4A Grant Safety Action Plan
 - b. 2. Update bike network plan
 - c. 3. Create traffic calming policy
 - d. 4. Community Engagement through events and communications
 - i. Monthly-ish social rides, Greenway Bike Walk Parade, cycling skills classes, website
8. Community Events
 - a. Jan/Feb Crossing Guard Appreciation Week
 - i. Breakfast @ JESPY Feb 29, 9:15a - up to ~50 RSVPs
 - ii. Seth Boyden made cards, Clinton giving gift card/flowers, schools sharing in PTA newsletters
 - b. Greenway Bike Walk Parade



- i. Location - Meadowland
 - ii. Date 5/19, rain date 6/2
 - iii. Time - decide on afternoon time
 - iv. FYI Conflict - Springfield Ave Mayfest 5/19 11-5
<https://www.springfielddavenue.com/mayfest>
 - v. Discuss format, ideas
 - vi. River Bioblitz
 - vii. Crosswalk Painting
 - viii. Invite EZRide to lead cycling education at the event
 - ix. Volunteer to create flyer/materials
 - c. 4/27 1-4pm Volunteer Fair by SOMA Two Towns for All Ages (deadline 3/1)
 - d. Cycling Skills class(es)
 - i. Help promote Girls in Gear scheduled 4/6, 4/15 in Maplewood
<https://www.girlsinegear.org/newjersey>
 - ii. Work on scheduling w EZ Ride and/or Bike & Walk Montclair
 - e. Any social ride plans for March/April?
 - i. Lunar New Year ride from SO to Maplewood took place 2/4, about 10 participants
9. Traffic Calming
- a. SS4A SO Safety Action Plan grant - on hold until our direct grant administrator reaches out to us. This will be a long process but Village will keep HPS and WBRSO informed as it moves forward.
 - b. Ridgewood & 3rd - what is the timeline like, how can we incorporate public input
10. Senior Advisory Committee Report (Marvin)
- a. Seniors delivered a letter/petition to town for better pedestrian conditions downtown
11. Health & Public Safety Meeting Report (Ed)
12. SOPD Report - from HPS report?
13. Village Engineer Report (David Battaglia / Julie Doran)
- a. Should update Road Repaving Webpage for 2024 plans
<https://www.southorange.org/654/South-Orange-Village---Roads-Repaving>
 - b. Academy St
 - i. Per Julie Doran "All Academy St. questions have been answered. In summary, there are no further studies planned, and no work is being done on Academy St. at this time."
 - ii. SO & MW engineers spoke, has their update been shared with Academy Heights neighborhood yet?
 - c. West Montrose
 - i. David said we'd need to resubmit to NJDOT, but Julie said we are waiting for approval (not permit) from Historic Preservation, and we do not need to resubmit grant, once we have HP approval we'll be able to proceed.
 - ii. How to best address resident concerns & coordinate with Orange?
 - d. North Ridgewood - What segment is planned for repaving in 2024?



- i. The municipal portion includes from Tilou to Forest; but this is in coordination with the county and PSEG. The county's plans include the SOA & No Ridgewood intersection up to Tilou. PSEG is planning work, including repaving No Ridgewood from Forest to Luddington. So the end result should be complete paving from SOA to Luddington when all parties are finished.
- e. Mead - How much extra would it cost/would it be feasible to paint the bike lane green when the street is repaved in 2024? If not green, could we paint more frequent bike symbols?
 - i. Green paint is allowed, there aren't any DOT restrictions. The cost alone is not a factor, but consistency and maintenance are factors. White paint is always on hand and easier to match when touch ups are needed. We feel the same color should be used on Montrose and Mead, and prefer white because of the maintenance issue. That said, we are open if WBRSO feels strongly about green we are open to that option.
- f. Develop policy on LED street lighting
 - i. Consistent with the master plan we are looking to improve lighting whenever and wherever we can. This includes, but not limited to, when replacing gas lamps, when doing road reconstruction and with new developments. Much of this rests on PSEGs ability to coordinate with us and any additional costs to the municipality. Creating a policy for how we proceed on this front is a 2024 goal.
- g. 2023 Capital Expenses Report

Project	Contractor Invoices 2023
Longview & Laurel Road	\$ 981,317.79
Hart Drive & Tillou Road	\$ 190,398.21
Mayhew Court	\$ 406,802.53
Redmond Road	\$ 481,103.54
2023 Sidewalks	\$ 119,077.25
	<u>\$ 2,178,699.32</u>

14. Pedestrians

- a. Most, if not all, gas lamps should be working due to recent RACs & maintenance
- b. Reflective gear handouts

15. Bicycling

16. Transit

- a. Electric School Bus & Shuttle Buses (Ben)
- b. Jitney for Undercover Music Fest?

17. Greenway

- a. Waterlands phase - RFP for construction services still pending NJDOT

18. School / EZ Ride



- a. Petition for school-related protected bike lanes coming up
 - b. CHS Ritzer Field - proposed artificial turf would increase sport events and impact traffic, but no traffic studies are being done, being voted on at 2/28 BOSE meeting
19. Maplewood
- a. Per 2/20 TC meeting, formalized their Masterplan Implementation Committee and figuring out how to budget to create a Circulation/Mobility-specific Masterplan
20. Last call for questions, next steps, etc
21. Regional Updates
- a. Bike Newark Survey
 - i. About: <https://sites.google.com/bikenewarknj.com/home>
 - ii. Survey: <https://app.maptionnaire.com/q/9so6gtj4ecz7>
 - b. NJ proposed bad e-bike laws!
 - i. <https://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local/legislation-to-require-e-bikes-and-e-scooters-to-be-insured-in-new-jersey-moves-forward/3781238/>
 - ii. petition 1
<https://action.peopleforbikes.org/take-action-to-protect-access-to-e-bikes-in-new-jersey/?eid=132197>
 - iii. petition 2
<https://bicyclecoalition.secure.nonprofitsoapbox.com/component/sbxactions/101>
 - c. Federal Complete Streets Bill
 - i. <https://www.fetterman.senate.gov/press-releases/fetterman-introduces-bill-to-make-american-streets-safer/>
 - ii. Petition:
<https://smartgrowthamerica.salsalabs.org/supportcompletestreetsbills-copy1/index.html>
 - d. Research - protected bike lanes work
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S000145752200104X>
22. Educational Webinars/Events/Info
- a. SAFE Network on Wed 12/28 12pm about planning community biking activities
<https://njbwc.org/streets-are-for-everyone-network/>
 - b. NJBWC Bike & Walk Summit May 18 in Edison <https://njbwc.org/nj-summits/>
 - c. Vision Zero NJ Alliance meetings every 3rd Wednesday from 2-3 PM
23. Adjournment