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WALK BIKE RIDE SOUTH ORANGE MEETING AGENDA

Monday, September 16, 2024 – 8:00-9:30 PM

IN-PERSON / HYBRID

In-person: 76 South Orange Ave, South Orange, NJ - 3rd Floor, Conference Rm #1

Virtual Meeting Link:

<https://southorange.webex.com/southorange/j.php?MTID=m52bbcc5c9b38a47f04b42b90846bce65>

Phone: 1-408-418-9388 Meeting Number (Access Code): 2335 879 3644 Password: WBRSO23

Yellow highlighted items for discussion

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes - N/A, 7/15/2024 and 8/19 minutes pending
4. Public Comments #1
5. Communications / Materials
 - a. New website! <https://www.walkbikeride.org/>
 - b. Follow and Share [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).
6. Committee administration
 - a. **Consider idea of merging WBRSO w Maplewood**
 - i. SOMA Two Towns for all Ages background
7. Community Events
 - a. Girls in Gear bike skills classes at Seth Boyden on Sundays this fall
<https://www.girlsingear.org/newjersey>
 - b. Sat 9/21 9am Stride for your Mind 5k walk w Freewalkers
 - c. Sat 9/21 1-3pm WBRSO table at SO & MW Community Day/Health Fair @ Baird
 - d. 9/22 Stop for Nikhil bike/run/walk https://nikhilbadlanifoundation.org/2024/event_landing/6
 - e. Next community bike ride - 10/27 Diwali?
 - f. [SOMA Two Towns Kids Triathlon](#) - discussed at 9/5 Rec mtg?
8. Planning & Development
 - a. **JESPY - need to deliver WBRSO recommendations via public comment at 10/7 Planning Board meeting**
9. Bicycling
 - a. **W Montrose project - neighborhood concerns**
10. SS4A Grant
 - a. 9/25 Kick off meeting w Rickie Clark/FHWA, David Antonio/Essex County & Greer Patras
11. Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Report
 - a. Pending replacement representative
12. Report a Concern Quarterly Report
 - a. **Sept Report**
13. Crash Report
 - a. 9/12/2024: adult on scooter hit by car at W Montrose & Grove
 - b. 9/9/2024: Juvenile pedestrian in crosswalk hit by car turning from Scotland to W Montrose



- c. 9/3/2024: Pedestrian in crosswalk hit by bicycle at Montrose & Vose
<https://villagegreennj.com/police-and-fire/pedestrian-cyclist-injured-in-collision-near-mountain-station-on-sept-3/>
- d. SOPD agreed to provide crash records - dates for Turrell and Ward crashes still pending
- e. MPD agreed to give crash records via police blotter - where is it?
- 14. SOPD
 - a. Crossing guard SO Ave & Riggs - New location added due to older grades at Marshall
 - b. Crossing guard 3rd & Sloan - looking into keeping guard after construction done
- 15. Greenway
 - a. South Orange Greenway still pending state approval, expected mid Oct
 - b. Maplewood Greenway:
 - i. <https://villagegreennj.com/schools-kids/maplewood-river-greenway-opens-a-new-path-just-in-time-for-school/>
 - ii. Improvements between Parker and Jefferson finished end Aug - developer cleared and paved between Jefferson & parking lot, Maplewood repainted and paved HS parking lot.
 - iii. Concern that parking lot path is narrow (6 ft) and cars protrude into already narrow path. Per Engineer, narrow due to maintaining parking lane widths and room for cars turning. Working to determine signage to warn pedestrians and cyclists. Ok for cyclists to use - Maplewood has 4 ft sidewalks that bicyclists use.
 - iv. Engineers are measuring Dunnell Rd and Memorial Park paths to assess where potential continued Greenway bike paths could go. They hope to share concept sketch and additional detail at 10/9 Engineering Meeting.
- 16. Village Engineer
 - a. Planning some striping and sidewalk repairs, includes Report-a-Concerns
 - b. Paving to be scheduled for Mead, N Ridgewood, Wilden, Baird Parking lot - likely after current county paving of SO Ave is complete
 - c. Vose and Lenox - wrapping up design phase
 - d. W End Rd road construction - still delayed due to material fabrications
 - e. "Valley Street" improvement project starting soon? More info [here](#) and [here](#)
 - f. Status of hiring engineer?
- 17. Maplewood
 - a. Maplewood Engineering Mtg 9/11 report on Traffic Calming:
 - b. Parker Ave traffic calming/bike lanes - more details to be shared at 10/9 Engineering Mtg, hope to include in 2025 budget
 - c. Tuscan St - traffic study in progress
 - d. Coolidge between Garfield and Parker - will do a traffic study
 - e. Academy & Beach bumpouts (~500 ft block from SO rejected traffic calming request), and Newark Way crosswalk - to be installed soon
 - f. Speed bumps being installed Coolidge Rd (Garfield to Irvington), Garfield PI (Coolidge to Boyden), Porter Rd (Union Border to Schaefer), Sommer Ave (Valley to Osborne)
- 18. Schools

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- a. Seth Boyden Bike Bus! <https://www.instagram.com/sethboydenbikebus/>
 - i. SOMa's first bike bus, like [Montclair](#). Every Fri morning, started 9/13.
 - b. Bike racks - Clinton got more, Seth Boyden to get more, Marshall pending replacement of its bike racks
19. Presentation of National pedestrian fatality data by Ben Vitale
20. Essex County Transportation Advocates
- a. 8/26 First meeting - reps from SOMa, Millburn, Newark, WO, EO, Montclair & more, discussed trying to recreate the Essex County Transportation Advisory Board and to connect with the consultant doing the County Safety Action Plan
 - b. 9/23 Next meeting
21. Public Comment #2 if time
22. Next Walk Bike Ride meeting is 10/21
23. Adjournment