

**Minutes of The  
City of Waterloo Complete Streets Advisory Committee Meeting  
January 31, 2023**

The Meeting of the City of Waterloo Complete Streets Advisory Committee was called to order at 1:30 pm January 31, 2023, by Vice-Chairperson Durant in the Mollenhoff Conference Room at Waterloo City Hall.

Roll Call: Members present: Paul Huting, John Dornoff, Oumie Ceesay, Jessica Rucker, Kyle Durant, and Aric Schroeder.

Members absent were: Felicia Cass, Sandi Greco, David Sturch, Matt Schindel, Ray Feuss, and Greg Young.

Other attendees: Doug Schindel and Mark Durbahn – AECOM, Aldina Dautovic – INRCOG; Kathryn Gilbery and Natalie Summers Health Department; and Dwight Diercks.

*It was moved by Rucker and seconded by Huting to approve the minutes of the November 29, 2022 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.*

*It was moved by Schroeder and seconded by Rucker to nominate Felicia Cass as Chairperson and Kyle Durant as Vice-Chairperson for the period ending December 31, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Agenda Items:**

**1. 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> Street Conversion Study**

- Durbahn went over the report.
- The final report should be done in a couple of months when it will be presented to the City Council.
- Discussed the history of the project.
- The streets were originally turned into one-ways to facilitate travel from Six-corners to the Northeast Industrial area. Originally estimated to be 20,000 trips per day but has topped out at 11,000.
- There was a safety study in 2016 that led to new traffic signals in the corridor in the downtown area.
- The conversion study looked at existing conditions and did a crash analysis.
- The streets have 2 to 3 lanes that change throughout the corridor.
- Existing bus routes were taken into consideration.
- The 2045 Bikeway plan was looked at.
- More crashes occurred on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in the downtown area than on the west side.
- More pedestrian and bicycle crashes on the west side than downtown.
- All the changes looked at are between existing curbs.
- ADA sidewalks and ramps will need to be added.
- 3 Alternatives are looked at:
  - Alternative One
    - Roundabout at six-corners
    - Walnut/Franklin and MLK Drive reconstructed and redesigned.
    - Bike lanes on 4<sup>th</sup> street with center turn lanes on the west side.
    - Parking on one side of street the same as today.
  - Alternative Two
    - No bike lanes on 4<sup>th</sup> or center turn lane.
    - No parking on 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

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- Alternative Three
  - No bike lanes, parking on both sides of both 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - No center turn lanes.
- Alternative Four
  - Improvements in Downtown area only.
- All alternatives would include a 30 mph speed limit.
- Traffic analysis shows 62% of traffic would remain in same direction as today.
- Other 38% would change patterns.
- Discussion if too much traffic would be using 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Roundabout would change Level of Service from a C to an A.
- A question was asked if this would affect special events in the downtown area but will probably help traffic to the special events.
- Next step will be meeting with the City Council and issuing the final report.

## 2. Walkability assessment

- Durant went over the report.
- Report looked over the Walnut/Franklin area.
- Connection with East High is needed.
- Sidewalk repairs.
- Need to create safer streets.
- Issues with traffic signals, including pedestrian beg buttons not working.
- Durant handed out conceptual plans and list of potential projects.

## 3. Wayfinding Signs

- Many of the existing wayfinding signs in downtown have been removed or are in poor condition.
- Dautovic showed the stickers to add QR codes to existing signs.
- Cedar Falls is looking to add stickers made of vinyl.
- Easier to change stickers than to change the entire sign.
- There is a variety of funding sources.
- There are 174 existing signs.
- Discussion of adding more wayfinding signs.

## 4. Parklets sub-committee update and Bike Share Programs

- Everything on hold until the downtown parking study is completed
- Hopefully the study will be done in February.

## 5. Upcoming Planning Commission Agenda Review

- Schroeder went over the Planning and Zoning Commission agenda.

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### 6. Acknowledge of Completion of Service of Committee Members Matt Schindel and Sandie Greco

#### Discussion Items:

- Other projects
  - The Sargent Road Trail has been stabilized.
- INRCOG was awarded \$48,000 for Vision Zero projects.

#### Adjournment

*Cass adjourned the meeting at 3:16 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,



Aric Schroeder  
City Planner