

## NLS Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2023

NPL, 7pm

Attendees: Sheila T, Rick T, Alden C, Judy T, Juliet W, Ben I, Kitty K, Bonnie S

### 1. Complete Streets Priorities

- a. Convert table to a more readable format -- perhaps a narrative, grouping the projects by street
- b. Get rid of NLS segment designation
- c. Rename TEC to CS (to reflect City's CS Prioritization Plan)
- d. Add projects missing from the list
  - i. Add reimagine Route 1 between Traffic Circle and River
  - ii. Add sidewalk/bike routes through Industrial Park -- Graf Rd, Parker St, Mulliken Way, Malcolm Hoyt
  - iii. Make sure crosswalks are part of the High Street project, add separated facilities and/or shared use path wherever possible, road diet to use less pavement for motor vehicles
  - iv. Add the MEVA routes to the CS plan -- focus on improving stops, expanding routes, and overall access to/from the stops
- e. Narrative report to accompany the priorities -- call out priorities to focus on
  1. Crosswalks and ped signals
  2. Vertical separation for bicycles
  3. Focus on routes to school
  4. Providing more comfortable bus stops for transit riders
  5. Expand access to transit
  6. First/last mile connections to transit
  7. Resiliency -- incorporating best management practices in street design -- focus on cross streets as examples
  8. Add some graphics -- e.g. crosswalk distance guidance chart for speed/volume
- f. Next steps:
  1. Rick will work on organizing the spreadsheet
  2. Judy will work on the maps
  3. Juliet will work on narrative of priorities
  4. Juliet reach out to Kim
  5. Next meeting let's talk strategy about how best to present

### 2. Reimagine Storey Ave

- a. Judy presented her ideas for reimaging Storey Avenue properties to add more housing, mix of uses, better streetscaping, and improve for walking and biking
  - i. Livable Streets to focus on a vision of Storey Ave/Low Street that is more comfortable for walking/biking/taking transit
    1. "Group of connected villages"

2. Gateway to Newburyport
- ii. Survey of households
  1. Sheila and Bonnie will start working on survey questions
  2. Follow-up meeting with ACES to brainstorm approach
  3. See if City would support this survey?
  4. Consider stakeholder groups -- Council on Aging, Disabilities Commission, etc
3. Walk Audit
  - a. Toppans as our pilot location
  - b. Friday, March 3rd 2 to 3:30pm
  - c. Juliet will follow-up about a day
  - d. Use AARP check list
  - e. Strategize at our next meeting about how to divvy up tasks
  - f. Invite Tony Collins from MVPC to walk audit?
4. Topics for next meeting
  - a. Review CS Plan
  - b. Discuss opening up to public (perhaps quarterly topical and then every month business)
    - i. Consider Storey Ave as topical discussion
  - c. Review blog post ideas

Next meeting -- February 7th at 7pm at Community Center