



**Morgantown Pedestrian Safety Board Meeting Minutes
Online
4:30 – 5:34 PM
April 24, 2023**

The Morgantown Pedestrian Safety Board's mission is to promote a walkable environment throughout the City by developing safe, attractive, and accessible walkways that connect neighborhoods and destinations.

• **Introductions**

- **Members (Quorum):** George Lilley, Stan Cohen, Matthew Watson, Bill Reger-Nash, Matthew Cross
Guests: Mayor Selin, Council person Bill Kawecki. MMPO representative Jacki Peate, Traci Stead
Ex-officio: Drew Gatlin
- **Minutes from last month not distributed. Matt Cross will locate the Minutes and disseminate.**
- **Officer's Reports**
 - **Chair (Matt Cross):**
 - MPO will be orchestrating a Kimley-Horn vehicle efficiency study of downtown problem areas. Traffic crash data from 2020 will not be used (pandemic)
 - Jenny Selin recommended that traffic lights be more accommodating of pedestrians.
 - Drew Gatlin indicated that the city needs to be aware of the assumptions that go into the model. Peds need to be prioritized.
 - Stan Cohen particularly concerned about collecting jaywalking data.
 - Chair Cross reported that WVU attendance down and costs to students are up, and therefore WVU should be promoting more walking.
 - Matthew Watson reported walking regularly in and around campus.
 - DOH not receptive to LPI.
 - **SGA SAFETY WALK** Students are becoming more vocal.
 - Matt Watson indicated that the round-about near the HSC and Ruby Hospital is particularly problematic. There is no signage. Crosswalk is a long way off, i.e., at Pattison. Bill Kawecki suggested signage alerting drivers about the presence of peds would be helpful.
 - **Funding for Pedestrian infrastructure:** A levy may be the best way to go. Traci reported that Greenville had Friends of Greenville (FROG) raising money for pedestrian infrastructure.
 - Jenny Selin suggested that latest federal funds include a more holistic view and include peds, bikes.

- **Secretary (Janet Fraser): NA**

- **Action Items**

- **Ex-Officio Reports**
 - **MPO:** Jackie Peate will bring info to next meeting.
 - **City Engineering:** Paving to be advertised this Wednesday. The original intent was to pave 10-11 miles for this year. This is now scaled back to 7-8 miles.
 - **Jenny Selin** suggested, that since there is less paving than originally anticipated, the city should use the monies for curb ramps and sidewalks. Drew Gatlin agreed.
 - Drew Gatlin reported that Micro simulation study will focus on motor vehicles. Will use 2019 info from StanTec. Will also use street light data. Study will take 12-18 months. Will start collecting fall of 2023. Recommend potential future actions focused on vehicle efficiency. Most training of traffic engineers is almost universally focused on moving more vehicles. Peds, freight, bikes, and mass transit are not a priority.
 - Matt Cross reported that they will be looking for public input.
 - Matt reported that traffic system has a wide array of methods for ped lights.
 - Stan Cohen reminded us that everyone is ultimately a pedestrian, even the driver inside the car.
 - Bill Kawecki recommends we do what we can to have a vital downtown.
 - **City Council:** See above Bill Kawecki and Jenny Selin.
 - **Morgantown Police:** NA
 - **Rail Trail:** NA
 - **Mountain Line:** NA
 - **Traffic Commission:** See above discussion.

- **New Business – WVU Safety Walk Resolution Spring 2023**

- **Motion to adjourn by George, Second by Stan. Passed unanimously.**

Next Meeting: 4:30 pm–5:30 pm, May 22, 2023 (This is the fourth Monday. Is the meeting on the last Monday? If so, the meeting will be May 29.)

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