

Neighborhood Complete Streets Commission
Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 20, 2021 *Online Meeting*

- **Members Present:** Elisa Ortiz, Edward Hilz, Kevin Sweeney, Bill Braswell, Giles Crimi, David Cheek, Alistair Watson, Steve Wardell, Margarita Brose (quorum reached)
- **Members Absent:** Francesca Guerrero, Richard Gibson, Elizabeth Gallagher
- **Staff:** Michelle Stafford (DES Transportation), Solomon Shikur (DES Engineering Bureau)
- **Meeting called to order:** 7:34 pm
- **General Public Comment:** None
- **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the November 2021 meeting approved unanimously with no amendments
- **Staff Update:**

S Irving ST – Solomon Shikur with the DES Engineering Bureau shared a revised concept drawing for the S Irving ST project in Arlington Heights neighborhood. The revised design incorporates a 6' wide sidewalk with no utility strip, resulting in an 18' wide clear travel way, in attempt to balance the safety of people traveling on the block with that of emergency services.

13th ST S – It now looks like construction of this project will come under budget. Construction is still scheduled for spring 2022.

7th ST S – Construction is almost complete and looking good.

9th ST S – Staff have engaged with representatives of the AT&T building, both via phone, and at two on site meetings. Staff are now working on a design to share with AT&T representatives/staff. Engagement on this small project will be at the “communicate” level, and will be included with the TE&O Quick Build projects.

28th ST S – The concept design shared in November is now complete. Staff have begun working on the project web page, and electronic feedback tools to be launched in January.

N Fairfax Dr – Staff have initiated a lighting study to explore potential causes and solutions for this project area.

Community Traffic Safety Grants – Staff in TE&O/Vision Zero and Transportation Planning/NCS have teamed up to draft a grant application for the Community Traffic Safety Grants from the Road to Zero program of the National Safety Council. Staff requested a letter of support to include with the grant application. The application seeks funds to design and implement a “Neighborhood Shared Streets” pilot, leading to a design template that can be repeated, to create safer pedestrian conditions for streets

lacking sidewalks where constraints prevent adding a sidewalk. For more information:
<https://www.nsc.org/road/resources/road-to-zero/road-to-zero-grants>

- **Chair's Report:**

Vacancies – The Chair reminded Commissioners that there are still vacancies on the NCSC, and encouraged all to spread the word among community networks and organizations to encourage applications.

Vision Zero – Alistair Watson, who represents NCSC to the Vision Zero working group, shared a brief background on the Vision Zero movement, and a status update on the current efforts.

- **Adjourned:** 9:01 pm

- **Next NCSC Meeting:** January 24th @ 7:30pm via Teams

Submitted by Michelle Stafford (2/25/2022)