

## **CBHD Traffic, Pedestrian, Bicycle Subcommittee**

**Thursday, July 7, 2016**

### **Minutes**

#### **Attendees**

Marvia Valdez (Bellevue/Hale), Lisa Loranger and Miles Tangla (Congress Park), Andrea Dikeou & Rae Reynolds (Hilltop), Jessie Robinson (INC school and safety subctte), Justin Schmitz (Denver Traffic Engineer), Brittany Price (Community Traffic Liaison), and Frank Cannon (Continuum 9th and CO development). (Brittany: I do not have your card, so am not sure this is your correct title. Please e-mail me with your title and contact info.)

Justin Schmitz and Brittany Price brought a large scale map to help the group visualize how auto, bicycle and pedestrian traffic will flow through the neighborhood. The subcommittee marked streets and intersections that were school walkways and/or were currently causing traffic problems based on input from neighborhoods. Among those streets were:

Bellevue/Hale Priorities  
12th and Dahlia  
13th and Bellaire  
13th and Clermont  
14th and Cherry  
11th and Ash

Capitol Hill (CHUN) Priorities  
Intersections with Colorado Blvd at 7th, 8th, 9th and 12th

Merritt Pullman submitted the following streets after the meeting:

Mayfair  
8th and Holly  
Hale Parkway and Grape streets and intersection by Palmer  
Elementary

There was also discussion about traffic impacts further down Colorado Blvd. at 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenues. Cars use these intersections to cut through neighborhoods to avoid traffic on Colorado. They will use these to access he project and could cause more congestion and unsafe streets in the neighborhoods. The safety of the intersection at 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Claremont was also discussed. We talked about students having to cross Colorado Boulevard to get to Steck and Hill. (not really project related but could become more difficult if car traffic increases). The committee felt it would be helpful to collect data on the identified intersections, as well as a few others we marked on the map so that we could establish baseline data and troubleshoot potential problems as they occur. Brittany collected the comments and on the map.(Brittany: could you summarize intersections in an e-mail or a send a smaller version of the marked map?) Justin indicated that he and Brittany will be working closely with the subcommittee and neighborhood on ways to collect thedata and identify solutions.

Of note:

- Continuum is already putting in paving and infrastructure so significant changes within the development on streets and infrastructure are not likely. However, Denver Traffic and Engineering may be able to make adjustments and modifications in adjacent neighborhoods to mitigate or minimize problems.
- Proposed and current bike routes do not support good bike flow to and through the 9th and CO area, including a good bike/pedestrian route to the Bus Rapid Transit corridor planned for Colfax. Continuum had to change their planned bike trail close to 11th and Colorado due to a challenge in matching ADA requirements with the topography. This resulted in a ramp with switchbacks into the property which will not be as bike friendly as the previous plans. Problems in bike routes were discussed, with Brittany and Justin marking them on the map.

- Subcommittee members are charged with identifying school safety bike and pedestrian corridors in each of their neighborhoods. A request has been made to the INC Education and Safety committees, but subcommittee members may need to seek the information directly from schools and parents, or in conducting observational studies once school begins again. Jessie, perhaps you could spearhead this effort?

Lisa Loranger presented information to the group on how we can collect data and add to city information using the WALKscope Data Challenge software. Currently, there is little information on the condition of sidewalks in our neighborhoods(except for Congress Park which has already made a concerted effort to collect it.) The WALKscope Data Challenge allows individuals to rate sidewalks in terms of type, quality, and safety as well as the adjacent intersections. You also have the ability to add comments specific to each area rated, like “school corridor”, etc. information could help the city prioritize efforts on sidewalks and enhance pedestrian safety. Directions are at

[www.walkdenver.org](http://www.walkdenver.org). The subcommittee is charged with trying to help collect this data.

As we collect data and information on problems, we will develop the map and overlays so that we can identify potential problem areas and generate solutions.

The next meeting will be scheduled for September. In the meantime, Subcommittee members are also charged with identifying the best ways to garner input and communicate back to their respective neighborhoods.