



Park Place Civic League's Zoning and Improvement Committee

Transit Walk Summary Report

12/3/2020

1:00-3:00 PM

Attendance

Transit Department

John Stevenson, Senior Design and
Construction Project Manager
Robert D. Brown, City
Transportation Engineer
Makayla Peterson, Civil Engineer I
Anna Dewey, City Planner I

Park Place Civic League Residents

Charles Johnson, President
Hunter Earley, Vice President
Joe Hamm, Secretary, Chair Zoning
and Improvement Committee
Keri Allan, Member, Zoning and
Improvement Committee
Kevin Murphy, Member, Zoning
and Improvement Committee

Park Place Civic League Businesses

Beverly McDonald, Croaker's Spot
Austin Loney, Colonial Pawn
Beesus Shuttleworth, Freshtopa
Keja Reel, Studio Gallery Norfolk
Paige Pollard, Commonwealth Preservation Group
Deneen, Major Creations Hair Studio at Bradcon Int'l



Agenda and Route

1. Meet at Newport Plaza at Newport and 35th, welcome and introduction.
2. Park Place Civic League Mission Statement reading, and intention of the meeting stated.
3. Walk from Newport Plaza West on 35th to Gosnold, cross the street
4. Walk East on 35th back to Newport Ave, and continue towards Colonial Ave.
5. Cross 35th street to the South on Colonial, walked West back to Newport and 35th.
6. Travel to 27th street via Llewellyn, and Park near 27th. Meet on the corner of Llewellyn and 27th.
7. Discuss Llewellyn transit issues at corner of 27 and Llewellyn.
8. Walk West on 27th to Colonial Ave, cross to 26th,
9. Walk East on 26th back to Llewellyn
10. Walk North on Llewellyn back to 27th.
11. Closing remarks and conclusion of the meeting.

Discussion Notes:

- 35th Street
 - Bike land pylons
 - Transit acknowledgement that the pylons in the center should not have been installed.
 - Pylons in the center will be removed immediately.
 - Group agreed to review the 35th Street corridor to potentially remove additional pylons due to issues with residents backing out of driveways, and blocking access to businesses.
 - Field markings will be drawn by the City to be reviewed for removal by the group.
 - Residents in the 400, 500, and 700 blocks have reported pylons blocking some driveways, making it challenging to back out of a driveway without damaging a protected bike lane pylon. Mr. John Stevenson noted that suggested pylons to be removed would be marked. Several have been marked for removal.
 - Other low profile and durable solutions such as armadillo bumpers would be preferred, however they are expensive, and they used pylons because they had them in stock in the warehouse already and were able to make improvements as there are no additional funds at this time.
 - Speed limit signs
 - There are only two speed limit signs on 35th street, and there are none in the center of the block.
 - The Residents and businesses would appreciate 25mph stop signs throughout the street on the 500 and 600 blocks.
 - City will review the corridor for additional and/or existing 25 mph signs.

- 35th and Newport Intersection
 - Stop sign visibility is an issue due to the installation of the Open Norfolk parklet.
 - City followed up on this and apparently the additional/supplemental Stop sign has gone missing and Open Norfolk is working on reinstalling the Stop sign.
 - Vehicles are parked really close to the intersection, creating a blind spot on the Northside of Newport toward 35th.
 - Short term solution is to reduce parking on this corner by two spaces, and install a “no parking here to the corner” sign. This creates a new problem of where businesses and patrons can park. Questions emerge about the ownership and accessibility of the parking lot on Newport & 35th.
 - Marks have been made to propose where parking will end toward the corner, to be reviewed and agreed upon by the group.
 - Transit will research lot signage and property ownership of the 35th and Newport Parking lot

- 35th and Gosnold Intersection
 - Crosswalks desired to improve pedestrian visibility.
 - On the NE corner of 35th and Gosnold, No Parking signs will be investigated by the City on Gosnold to reduce the corner parking of vehicles to allow for better visibility.

- Resurfacing desired between Broadway and railroad tracks.
- Discussion about ways to create protected bike lanes. There is no resolution or consensus on this topic. Protected bike lanes are preferred.

- Llewellyn
- 26th and 27th striping plan proposal options
 - Option 1 and Option 2 presented again.
 - Option 2 is preferable as a cost savings and short term solution, potentially to be completed by the spring.
 - Option 2 restriping design is in rough sketch design phase and will be presented to the Zoning and Improvement Committee for feedback on January 11th, 2021.
 - Option two includes transforming 26th and 27th from one way 3-lane with part-time parking, to one lane with protected bike lane and full time parking for residents.
- Colonial and 27th
 - SE corner was what the City believes to have been a one-way sign that had been knocked down and has left a low stub of the old pole and presents as a tripping hazard.
 - City has had their operations staff attend to this site to make it safe and a follow up will be needed to have the knocked down sign reinstalled.

- 25th/24th Streets and Colonial
 - Parking from 25th/24th to corner creates blind spots just like on 35th and Newport. “No parking here to corner sign” needed, and lines drawn.

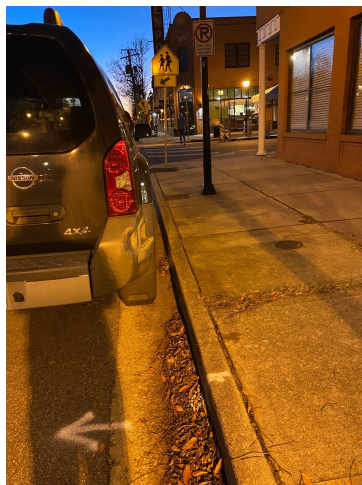
Action Steps and Progress (As of 12/14/2020)

Location	Action Item	Status / Expectation
Newport and 35th Intersection	Two parking spaces removed from the Northeast and southeast corner of intersection, temporary lines proposed for feedback on 12/4/2020. Zoning and Improvement expresses support for drawing those lines.	In Progress Beginning 12/4/2020
35th Street Bike Lanes	Pylons removed from center of bike lane. Should have never been installed.	Completed 12/4/2020
35th Street Bike Lanes	Consider a more sustainable and beautiful low profile barrier to protect cyclists.	Further discussion needed
35th Street	Additional speed limit signs needed. Signs ordered and will be installed.	In Progress 12/14/2020
35th Street Bike Lanes	Short term discussions still needed as to existing pylons. City has begun to mark with a white “X” on ones that we think could be removed and needs feedback. Area from DeBree Ave to Colley Ave.	In Progress
35th and Gosnold Intersection	Visible crosswalks installed here, improving pedestrian visibility.	In Progress
35th and Gosnold Intersection	City to look at North East corner on Gosnold to restrict parking up to the corner of 35th.	Under Review
Newport and 35th Intersection	Two parking spaces removed from the Northeast corner of intersection, permanent striping installed, no parking here to corner signs installed	In Progress
Newport and 35th Intersection	One parking space may need to be removed from the Southeast corner of intersection in front of the Bradcon Int'l Salon. Vehicles traveling North on	In Progress

	Newport are having a difficult time making a right on 35th street due to bike lane pylons installed.	
Newport and 35th Intersection	4-Way stop considered after reduced parking. Studied within 3-6-12 months of parking adjustment	In Progress
Newport/35th Intersection	Ownership and Public Access researched by Transit. Signage to be investigated.	In Progress
Llewellyn/35th Intersection	Concerns over traffic safety at this intersection.	To be investigated
35th Street 500 and 600 block	25 MPH speed limit signs needed. City to re-review corridor for needed signs.	In Progress
Llewellyn Resurfacing	Resurfacing Needed from Broadway to railroad tracks.	To be investigated
Llewellyn bike lanes	Protected bike lanes desired. No consensus reached here. Further discussion needed.	To be investigated
Colonial Ave. Resurfacing	Resurfacing Needed.	To be investigated
Colonial Ave. & 27th St. - Tripping hazard	Remaining pole base from sign knocked down will be secured and new sign reinstalled.	In Progress
26th/27th Street	Option 2 proposal in process of being sketched out. 1 way, reduced speed limit to 25mph + protected bike lanes + parking + striped bump outs and signage. Plan to propose to PPCL Z&I Committee on 1/11/2021	In Progress
26th/27th Street	Option 2 sketch presented to Z&I Committee for feedback. Bike lanes included in both 26th and 27th street striping plans.	<i>January 11th, 2021?</i>
26th/27th Street	Feedback presented to Transit from Z&I Committee, General Membership	<i>January 2021?</i>
26th/27th Street	New design implemented	<i>Spring 2021?</i>
23rd Street	Convert to one way street. Granby to Gosnold West Bound.	In Progress



The evening after the Transit Walk, marks were painted suggesting parking spaces to remove to increase intersection visibility. See photos below for the proposed parking space removals



Additional parking space removal needed on Southeast



corner to enable right turns from Newport on to 35th.

Pylon was destroyed within two days, resulting in an unprotected bike lane.



Center pylons were removed on 12/4/2020 at PPCL Zoning & Improvement Committee request.



Two days after the pylons were reinstated to protect bike lanes, they were damaged. Pylons are an unsustainable solution to protecting bike lanes. Consider more sustainable and beautiful solutions to protecting bike lanes using concrete, landscaping, or more durable low profile objects to deter vehicles from entering the bike lane.

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