

FPSE Infrastructure Committee 11.6.2024

5:30 – 6:30 pm via Zoom

Guests: None

**Committee members: Allen Levin, Julie Birkenmaier, Dan Doelling, Nathan Raymond,
Tyler Wildermuth**

Alderman Michael Browning

Park Central Development: Gabe Lepak

**New Business**

1. **Bumpouts on Taylor**

Michael Browning addressed the committee regarding a proposal he initiated to improve South Taylor Ave. The Board of Public Service made the suggestion to expand the project from just replacing a section of sidewalk alongside Rainbow Park on the northeast side of the Gibson / Taylor intersection to also adding traffic-calming bumpouts that include stop signs. This effort on Taylor would be a low-cost pilot to potentially address site other trouble sites in the neighborhood. Crosswalk striping would be included.

The bumpouts in the direction of travel are proposed at the Taylor/Gibson, Taylor/Arco, Taylor/Oakland intersections. Bumpouts would be the standard red concrete trapezoid that would not block traffic. Wichita would not be included, as it does not have a stop sign.

Context: Ald. Browning mentioned that traffic calming changes to Chouteau will be a future project.

Feedback:

- Committee raised the issue of the intersection of Manchester & Taylor having issues with visibility along with Boyle
- The committee agreed to support the initiative without any concerns raised

Old Business:

****Crosswalk Assessment Prioritization****

Following up from last month, Dan Doelling again presented a map of the crosswalks in the neighborhood for discussion of prioritization ("Crosswalk Assessment"). A variety of ramps are present in neighborhood crosswalks (e.g., diagonal, "fan")

Ald Browning agreed to follow up to find out whether diagonal ramps meet ADA requirements and would be eligible for a crosswalk striping.

Ald. Browning informed the committee that accessibility advocates he's spoken with have expressed that the Fan ramps are preferred because of a lack of trip hazards. In addition, directional ramps are not preferred, and advocates would advise high-visibility paint for the crosswalk.

Context for prioritization of crosswalks:

Ald Browning will take use our priority list and work with the City to spend Ward Capital funds on these priorities.

Discussion – The following streets were not included in the discussion of priority intersections because they are part of other projects:

- S. Taylor can come off the list, given prior discussion
- Manchester is MODOT owned, and covered by MO
- Chouteau can be off the list given other planning
- Vandeventer & Sarah are going to be reworked as well (TGConnector)

- Newstead has multiple locations with brand new ramps and some have crosswalk painting.

Priority options:

Crosswalk striping:

Tower Grove and Arco (see below)

Sarah and Chouteau (see also ramps below)

ADA accessible ramps

Boyle and Chouteau

Boyle and Gibson (see below)

Tower Grove and Norfolk (see below)

Sarah and Chouteau (see striping above)

Stop signs seem like it's not a requirement for the city to paint a crosswalk.

- S Newstead near Adams does not have crosswalks -- Norfolk & Vista

Details:

- Boyle & Gibson intersection is 3/4 ADA compliant, fan ramp on the NE Corner

- then crosswalks west and north sides
- Additional conversation around making this intersection safer
- Tower Grove Ave/Norfolk and TG Ave/Vista have fan ramps with no ADA bumping -

Striping Opportunities:

- Arco & TGAve is ADA compliant, but no crosswalks and no stop sign
- Dan brought share a City document that provides ideas for Traffic calming (STL City Traffic Calming Engineering Guidelines)

December meeting:

At our December meeting, we will review this list and finalize.

We will also discuss the Chouteau Park Shelter design offered by Julie's friend Tasman and develop more refined ideas of what we want from the shelter.

Next Meeting: December 4th, 2024