# MEETING NOTES

## 8/29/2022 PAC Meeting #2

### Attendees

- Darin Ramsay, City of Rochester
- Bob Williams, GTC
- James Dietz, Reconnect Rochester
- Lora Leon, NYSDOT
- Lydia Hausle, Toole Design
- Jesse Peers, Reconnect Rochester
- Karen Lankeshofer
- Tom Polech, Monroe County DOT
- Yixaun Lin, Monroe County Planning
- Alexis Vidaurreta, Toole Design
- Andrea Walton, U of R
- Antonia Custodio, Monroe County Community College
- Evan Lowenstein, CCE Monroe Co.
- Jay Arzu, community member
- Julie Boasi, RTS
- Kevin Kelley, City of Rochester
- Reggie Ramos, IHCD
- David Riley, City of Rochester
- Jess Richwalder, Disability Rights New York
- Mike Bulger, Common Ground Health
- Valerie Douglas, Center for Youth

### Discussion

- Engagement Share Out
  - Evan: The City says snow removal is a major factor affecting design. What are the underlying purposes for this?
    - Budget is a major reason, as well as equipment and priorities. In a City where 78% of people drive, there is a lot of political pressure to plow roads.
    - Snow consideration also affects not just if something can go into the ground, but how it can go into the ground
  - Karen: Is ticketing for jaywalking taking place?
    - Ticketing for jaywalking is not a priority for the police department
    - Crossing mid-block is not illegal in Rochester. you just need to yield

- ○ Mike: I think the video was great. I'm particularly interested in how the video may have driven responses and diversity in responses. I'm hopeful that these results can be shared publicly because the survey responses can be helpful for those advocating in this space.
- Existing Conditions discussion
  - ○ Evan: talking about jaywalking - good to hear that it's not criminalized, however if someone is struck by a vehicle and not in a crosswalk that's a very common victim blaming thing in media and law enforcement
    - ■ common to see "pedestrian was not in the crosswalk when the crash occurred"
    - ■ how can this plan work with the media to make them part of the solution?
  - ○ Antonia: surprised at how many people walking and biking get hit each year; we have our problems at MCC downtown campus
    - ■ working with consultants at maurice hillman way and plymouth
    - ■ have had 8 or 9 crashes since opening including 1 fatality
    - ■ students, staff, redwings games, traffic coming off of 490
    - ■ city put in lights that blink and whatnot, but nobody pays attention
    - ■ MCC is hoping their consultants will propose some traffic calming that works
  - ○ Yixuan: the crash data for 1 out of 5 pedestrian crashes - is that share of serious/fatal in line with state or national trends?
    - ■ Rochester is a bit better in terms of share of pedestrian crashes that are serious or fatal
    - ■ Consistent with peer cities
  - ○ Yixuan: also very interested in the equity analysis, elaborate on how you calculated percentages?
    - ■ post-explanation - nice job!
  - ○ David: new to the city, transportation specialist in same dept as Darin getting up to speed on the project. Looking at ADA issues (ADA transition plan is an area of interest and priority). Is this something you're thinking about and a priority
    - ■ looking to use this to lead into there
    - ■ to what extent will this lead us into the next decade of work on the bike plan? yep this is scoped as the bike plan update
    - ■ identify projects and from a network level 1. make a network that is fully connected and 2. focus on closing equity gaps
  - ○ Reggie: big fan of the heatmaps and all the data vis - especially the RTS access pickups/drop offs, very helpful for our work
  - ○ Kevin: great work, i'm a map nerd, some great visuals and great analysis, great foundation. a couple of comments
    - ■ key themes city resources: when it comes to expanding trail network, they always say they have trouble matinaning what's already in place. we could approach this a few ways
      - 1. we just don't expand the trail network
      - 2. we find ways to dedicate more resources, and could this plan be a resource for us as staff to advocate to the administration and
      - 3. could we get creative with resources for expanding hte trail network, like what if Rochester had a friends of Rochester parks and trails organization (library has a similar structure)
    - ■ option 3 requires grassroots person infrastructure - we can look deeper into this offline
    - ■ winter maintenance: could we also add to the plan and policy review that there's a whole page (336) devoted to this issue, talks about a balanced approach
      - could we build off some of the narrative about barriers here

- listing out relevant goals then dive deeper: there are still some Rochester 2034 recommendations that need to be captured (TMP5 and the two other ones in parks and rec and public safety)
  - David: talked about how pavement condition is a major driver of decisions. to whatever extent you can point us to other models that would be very helpful

## Chat Log

11:06:16 From Jay Arzu to Everyone:

   The Waterfront, Roc the Riverway!

11:06:20 From Jesse Peers, Reconnect Rochester to Everyone:

   Jesse Peers, cycling manager for Reconnect Rochester. Our city has good bones! Plus it's small so a minimum grid should be manageable.

11:07:32 From Evan Lowenstein - Cornell Coop. Ext. (he-him) to Everyone:

   Compared to other places I've lived, Rochester has a fantastic sidewalk network

11:07:49 From Mike Bulger to Everyone:

   Common Ground Health, Healthy Communities Coordinator. Our city has lots of great parks, trails, and destinations that we can link. And people! We have people who are dedicated to creating a better active transportation network.

11:16:27 From Evan Lowenstein - Cornell Coop. Ext. (he-him) to Everyone:

   any indication of youth response to the survey?

11:18:31 From Lydia Hausle, she/her, Toole Design to Everyone:

   Yes Evan we do have that information - I can't recall off the top of my head what % were 18 or under, but I can follow up with you

11:20:13 From Evan Lowenstein - Cornell Coop. Ext. (he-him) to Everyone:

   much appreciated I have a special interest in getting 4-H youth I work with (current and future 4-H-ers!) involved in this process, along with other community planning issues and initiatives. Obviously, youth are affected by transportation very intensely.

11:34:12 From Mike Bulger to Everyone:

   That's true, Jesse.

11:42:38 From Jay Arzu to Everyone:

   Have to run to class, great to see everyone, will followup.

11:51:11 From Darin Ramsay, he/him, City of Rochester to Everyone:

   RPD does NOT issue jaywalking tickets.

11:51:39 From Karen Lankeshofer to Everyone:

   Great. Thanks for checking.

12:02:09 From Evan Lowenstein - Cornell Coop. Ext. (he-him) to Everyone:

so scary to see how many crashed cars/car parts (bumpers etc.) I find on sidewalks and at major intersections that are busy with pedestrians

12:17:28 From Jesse Peers, Reconnect Rochester to Everyone:

There are more cyclist crashes in Monroe Co per capita than Erie Co, Onondoga Co and Albany Co

12:22:24 From Jesse Peers, Reconnect Rochester to Everyone:

Mayor Malik D. Evans and Police Chief David Smith will hold a news conference today to discuss motor vehicle safety and a recent fatal hit-and-run collision with a bicyclist.


Date: Monday, Aug. 29, 2022

Time: 1 p.m.

Location: Lake Avenue Fire House, 4090 Lake Ave.

12:22:47 From Evan Lowenstein - Cornell Coop. Ext. (he-him) to Everyone:

need to run off to next engagement,. many thanks to all involved, this is encouraging and important!

12:29:12 From David Riley (he/him), City of Rochester to Everyone:

Thank you again - this has been very informative.

12:29:29 From Antonia Custodio, She/Her, MCC to Everyone:

Thank you....great information.