

Regional Pedestrian Committee

Regional Pedestrian Planning Assessment – Overview
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Background

At the February and April meetings, the Regional Pedestrian Committee in cooperation with MTC staff agreed to undertake a project for assessing the relevance and need for a regional pedestrian plan. The project will include agenda time for six committee meetings with each meeting dedicated to a particular topic. For each topic, volunteers from the committee will be responsible for facilitating a group discussion and then writing up the key points in a summary memo. At the end of the process, the memos will be synthesized into a report that explains the purpose of a regional pedestrian plan, documents work completed to date, and identifies gaps that could be filled through future planning.

Framework

The project will be structured as follows:

- The project will begin at the June 2007 RPC meeting and conclude following the April 2008 meeting. Each meeting will have approximately one hour of dedicated agenda time. More time may be desirable based on the committee's interest and the relative importance of other items. Each meeting will focus on a particular topic as described below.
- Volunteers for each item will prepare an outline to guide the group discussion. Following the meeting, the volunteers will prepare a 2-3 page memo that summarizes the key issues related to the discussion item. For each item, the group discussion and subsequent memo will address work completed to date, gaps in that work, and opportunities for future work.
- Following the conclusion of the specific discussions, a short report (10-15 pages) will be generated by synthesizing the memos. The report will present the case for why pedestrian planning has regional significance and what a regional pedestrian plan could include.

Topics

The following subjects provide an overview of the project. Note that for any particular topic the discussion will focus on the relationship of that topic to regional pedestrian planning. In other words, the project is a scoping process and will not undertake planning efforts on these topics.

1. Project Basis: How are pedestrian issues of regional significance relevant to transportation planning?
 - a. Examples of other regions with pedestrian plans
 - b. Regionally significant facilities
 - i. Pedestrian connections to regionally significant transit
 - ii. Pedestrian design (or mitigations) associated with regionally significant roadways (freeway crossings at interchanges and pedestrian/bicycle bridges, arterial streets that are state highways, and roadways on the Metropolitan Transportation System)
 - iii. Cross-county projects including regional trails, bridges, etc.

- iv. Areas with significant inter-county pedestrian trips
- c. Regional policies
 - i. Traffic injuries/fatalities and pedestrian safety
 - ii. Smart growth/transit-oriented development
 - iii. Regional funding decisions
 - iv. Regional air quality goals and carbon emissions
 - v. Public health and physical activity promotion
- 2. Existing Conditions: Includes work already completed by the MTC (pedestrian counts, collision analysis toolkit, etc.) plus inventory of countywide programs and existing infrastructure.
- 3. Policies: Based on existing MTC resolutions and planning documents like routine accommodation, TOD policy, etc.
- 4. Facilities and Programs: Includes completed work (like the MTC toolkit, pedestrian districts study, 511) plus best practices and programs of regional significance.
- 5. Implementation: Includes existing MTC funding programs, assessment of funding needs for infrastructure, prioritization considerations (including cost effectiveness).
- 6. Synthesis: The last meeting will bring together the plan components discussed in the prior four meetings, presenting the basis for a regional pedestrian plan along with an outline of what it could include (based largely on completed work to date).

Schedule and Volunteers

#	Topic	Date	Volunteers
1	Project Basis	Jun 07	Jason Patton, Beth Thomas, Rochelle Wheeler
2	Existing Conditions	Aug 07	John Brazil, Ana Validzic
3	Policies	Oct 07	Wendy Alfsen, Heath Maddox
4	Facilities and Programs	Dec 07	Nancy Baer, Michelle DeRobertis
5	Implementation	Feb 08	Brad Beck, Rochelle Wheeler
6	Synthesis	Apr 08	Brad Beck, Michelle DeRobertis, Robert Guerrero, Jason Patton