



Lincoln Avenue Road Diet Working Group
Minutes of Friday, November 21, 2014 • 7:00 pm
Garden Theater Conference Room – 1165 Lincoln Ave

Present: Bill Cardoza, Stacey Houghton, Jim Lightbody, Valerie Merklin, Eric Nelson, Tim Mulcahy, Tom Trudell

- 1. Committee Organization:** Tom Trudell reviewed the list of confirmed members of the Lincoln Ave. Road Diet Working Group, which includes:
 - Peter Allen, WGNA Treasurer
 - Bill Cardoza, WG resident
 - Stacey Houghton, business owner, Valley Painting Parties (located on Lincoln north of Willow) and member, WGBA Our Avenue Committee
 - Jim Lightbody, WG resident and retired from VTA
 - Tim Mulcahy, WGBA President
 - Eric Nelson, business owner, Splashworks (located on Lincoln south of Willow) and WG resident
 - Chris Roth, WGNA President
 - Maren Sedequist, WG Elementary PTA President
 - Tom Trudell, WGBA Board member and Chair, WGBA Our Avenue Committee

All discussed the scope and purpose of this working group, which will be to:

- Provide feedback to the City of San Jose's Department of Transportation (DOT) on development of a road diet test on Lincoln Ave. to be implemented in spring 2015 to ensure that the DOT takes into consideration the issues and concerns identified by the constituents of each working group member.

- 2. Issues to Address:** Developed a preliminary list of the major issues that the RDWG will research and address with DOT:

- Proposed beginning and end points of the road diet test
 - Preliminary discussion was that at a minimum it should be Coe to Curtner, but ideally from Curtner to San Carlos.
- Identification of side streets that should be monitored before and during the test to determine any impact of the road diet (such as Settle, Blewett, Pine, Bird, Glen Eyrie, Camino Ramon, Kotenberg, etc.). It was noted that we need to find out what metrics DOT may already have on these areas, so need to include DOT in the next meeting.
- Identification of any critical logistical issues to be addressed in the road diet test plan, such as:
 - Deliveries
 - Emergency vehicle access
 - Signage
- Identification of other issues that should be addressed in conjunction with the road diet test to maximize potential for it to be successful, such as:

- Crosswalk improvement alternatives, such as implementation of pedestrian scrambles (all traffic is stopped and pedestrians can cross in all directions, including diagonally, at the same time – [see this video for more information](#)) at Minnesota/Lincoln and Willow/Lincoln
- Traffic light timing, including on Willow to address traffic congestion there
- Location of bus stops to prevent traffic backing up behind stopped buses
- Speed limit reduction and better signage
- Concerns regarding the planter “bump outs” affecting flow of bikes, etc.

3. Committee Meetings

Discussed the frequency of meetings and whether these meetings should be open to the public. This working group was formed to give the DOT a small, manageable working group partner to figure out the details of how to implement this road diet test. All agreed that public feedback on issues and concerns related to the road diet test is vital to this committee’s work, but it will be solicited through:

- Working group member representation of constituents - Tom Trudell reiterated that all working group members are expected to actively solicit feedback from their constituents and bring any concerns back to the RDWG for discussion
- Peter Allen has created a dedicated email address (lincolnroaddiet@gmail.com) and a google form for anyone to provide feedback. This form will be put on the WGBA website (willowglen.org) and also on the WGNA website and all RDWG members will have access to view all comments received
- A second public meeting will be scheduled in January for review of the first draft plan of the road diet test and to give another opportunity for public comments
- All minutes of RDWG meetings will be published on the WGBA website

Action Items from this meeting:

- Jim Lightbody will check with Hans Larsen, Director of DOT, regarding availability for the next meeting, preferably December 3 or 4
- Bill Cardoza will reach out to San Francisco’s DOT to get input on road diets that have been implemented there
- Valerie Merklin will email the committee a link to the video about the Carlsbad pedestrian scramble

Meeting Adjourned at 9 pm. Minutes submitted by: Valerie Merklin, WGBA Executive Director