

Upper Makefield *Township*

Traffic Advisory Committee

October 26, 2022

The October 26, 2022 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Traffic Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Sean Cottrell at 12:00 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Traffic Advisory Committee: Chair Sean Cottrell, Vice Chair Leena Saini and Secretary Ellyn Spiewak. Supervisor/Liaison Tom Cino, Township Manager David Nyman and Assistant Township Manager Judy Caporiccio were also in attendance.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Cottrell at 12:00 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Spiewak and seconded by Ms. Saini to approve the September 28, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

III. Brainstorm Strategy to Evaluate Pedestrian Safety Levels

Each member provided updates on their research since last meeting.

Ms. Saini suggested consideration of:

- Traffic calming measures in the Village as drivers exit the Washington Crossing Bridge and enter the Township.
- Build up cityscape at the entrances into the Township and along sidewalks. For example, add a tree line along sidewalks, edge roads with brick or other era-appropriate material.
- Consider aesthetics with all improvements, keeping the colonial aspect in mind.

Mr. Cottrell also suggested traffic calming measures as drivers exit the bridge and enter the Township.

- Add small island or planters to change the traffic pattern near bridge and slow traffic.
- Extend sidewalks near McConkey's Ferry Inn.
- Maximize the opportunity to improve visual impact around the 4-way intersection.
- Use aesthetics to connect to the residential area by creating a uniform design with cobblestone, bricks, light posts, etc.

Mr. Cino provided information about easements, right of ways and road ownership. Routes 532 and 32 are both PennDOT-owned roads.

Ms. Spiewak suggested a need for additional parking spaces and more effective signage, particularly noting the lack of a directional sign near Taylorsville Road pointing visitors toward the Village.

The open area near Embarcation Road was discussed, and Mr. Cino clarified that the area is owned by the Historic Park.

Consensus was to divide the project area into four quadrants for the purpose of meeting topic discussions. Traffic calming and pedestrian safety would be reviewed for each quadrant as well as strategies to anchor and connect the spaces.

Quadrant 1 – From the Washington Crossing Bridge to the 4-way intersection

Quadrant 2 – River Road from the Visitors Center to the 4-way intersection

Quadrant 3 – River Road from the Embarcation Road lot to the 4-way intersection

Quadrant 4 – Route 532 from 4-way Intersection to Taylorsville Road, including Taylorsville Road businesses

Next meeting topic discussion: Quadrant 1.

IV. Other Business

Consensus was to keep the same meeting day/time for 2023.

V. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Cottrell and seconded by Ms. Saini to adjourn the meeting at 12:56 p.m.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approved: March 29, 2023