

Minutes
Age Friendly Louisville (AFL) Workgroup – Mobility & Accessibility (M&A)

December 8, 2021

NOTE: No meeting was held in November due to a lack of a speaker

The AFC Workgroup – Mobility & Accessibility met on Wednesday December 8, 2021, 2:00 PM, via Zoom virtual meeting. Following is a summary of the formal action taken during the meeting (a more detailed summary follows below):

- **Dirk Gowan, Transportation Division Manager, Louisville Metro Public Works Department, presented an overall picture of sidewalk, crossing, bike lane and other pedestrian oriented improvements that are in the planning stages for 2022.**

Facilitator Larry Sloan called the meeting to order at 2:02pm. The following people attended the meeting:

- Larry Sloan, Co-Facilitator
- Anastasia Johnson, VISTA Volunteer, AFL Leadership Coordinator
- Dirk Gowan, Transportation Division Mgr, Louisville Metro Public Works Dept. Presenter
- David Algood, Center for Accessible Living
- Allison Woosley, Office of Aging & Disability, Metro Government
- If you attended and your name is not listed, please contact Larry Sloan at larry.sloan@yahoo.com.

Dirk Gowan used a power point to describe the work being done by the Public Works Department under the recently passed (2020) Complete Streets Ordinance.

- One of the first in the nation.
- Incorporated public transportation into the overall planning.
- Has performance measures to see how we are progressing.
- Because of Covid we have been delayed in implementing the plan.
- This plan has strong guidance on how we make our city more complete.
- The Vision Zero Rule has been incorporated into the planning. In essence this rule makes zero pedestrian and driver fatalities the standard goal. We have too long accepted these fatalities as part of everyday city life. The goal is to reduce these to zero. This plan has the methods described to achieve that.
- Fatalities for 2021 on the nation's roadways are up 21% which is unacceptable.
- Dirk cited Lexington Avenue as a good improvement to reduce accidents and fatalities.
- Larry mentioned that he's noticed improved synchronization of signal on Lexington Road and Dixie Hwy.
- Some city streets will go from four lane to three lanes (two driving lanes, a middle turning lane and wider margins along the curbs for bikes and pedestrian sidewalk safety.
- City sidewalks have been surveyed and work is progressing on smoothing out sidewalks to make them safer.

The group thanked Dirk for his presentation and invited him to come back annually and update us.

Here is a link to the Complete Streets Manual:

<https://louisvilleky.gov/government/public-works/complete-streets-0>

TAAC's next virtual/in-person meeting will be at 10:00 AM, Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at TARC Headquarters.

Next AFL M&A meeting: Wednesday, December 12, 2022, 2:00PM (Zoom)

Minutes submitted by Larry Sloan, Facilitator, December 23, 2021.

M&A ACTION PLAN UPDATE

GOAL 1: Work with RMC to ensure that TARC is affordable, and maps are accessible and understandable to everyone.

OBJECTIVE	ACTION	PARTNERS	DEADLINE	METRICS/UPDATE
Have workgroup members on RMC, TAAC to advocate for Goal 1.	1. Our members attend RMC to advocate for Goal 1 and participate in TARC's Comprehensive Operational Analysis. NOTE: RMC HAS NOT MET SINCE FALL OF 2019 TARC is considering reactivating RMC.	Potentially Louisville Office for Aging/Disabled Citizens (OADC), AARP, KIPDA	2019	Allison Woosley, OADC, is currently a member of our workgroup. David Algood is a member of RMC
	2. Have members on TAAC	OADC, AARP, KIPDA	2019	Larry Sloan is a council member of TAAC Allison Woosley, OADC, attends TAAC meetings.
	3. Collaborate on TARC strategic planning (Comprehensive Operational Analysis).	M&A Work Group, Age Friendly Leadership	2021	On September 8, 2021, Aida Copic, Dir. of Planning for TARC, I presented the Comprehensive Operational Analysis for TARC.

GOAL 2: Improve sidewalks, crosswalks, and signal crossing times/options to ensure everyone can access their communities safely.

OBJECTIVE	ACTION	PARTNERS	DEADLINE	METRICS/UPDATE
Work with the MPO (Metro Planning Org) to ensure that Age Friendly improvement of sidewalks, crosswalks and signal crossing times and options are included in the MTP (Metro Transportation Plan).	1. Have one member of our group attend mobility and access meetings to communicate to the group his/her findings and strategized on implementing our Goals.	M&A Work Group Potentially Louisville Office for Aging/Disabled Citizens (OADC), AARP, KIPDA, Institute for Optimal Aging	2019	Allison Woosley, OADC, is currently a member of our workgroup.
	2. Advocate for funding for age-friendly activities and projects, to include city funding allocation, grants, and donation.	M&A Work Group Age-Friendly Leadership	2021	Metric: Amount of funds allocated to age-related projects/efforts.

NEW GOAL 3: Publicize the new DOT Strategic Long Range Plan for Accessible Transportation

OBJECTIVE	ACTION	POTENTIAL PARTNERS	DEADLINE	METRICS/UPDATE
Work with aligned organizations who are stakeholders on lobbying for important improvements in accessible transportation	1. Have group members who belong to stakeholder organizations become advocates for getting feedback sent to the DOT.	Associations for the Blind, Deaf, Disabled physically or cognitively.	December 31, 2021	U.S. DOT PUBLICATION: ACCESSIBILITY: STRATEGIC PLAN FRAMEWORK ATTACHED TO THESE MINUTES.
	2. Put on our website information for giving feedback to DOT on this plan.		ASAP April, 2021	