



# City of Ann Arbor Pedestrian Safety & Access Task Force



**Community Wide Meeting #2**

**Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 to 8:30 PM**

**Multi-purpose Room , Downtown Library**

[www.a2gov.org/pedsafety](http://www.a2gov.org/pedsafety)



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# Introduction & Background

## Task Force Members:

- Vivienne Armentrout
- Scott Campbell
- Ken Clark (Secretary)
- Neal Elyakin
- Linda Diane Feldt (Chair)
- Owen Jansson
- Anthony Pinnell
- Sarah Pressprich  
Gryniewicz
- Jim Rees



- Council appointed Task Force
- 12 meetings to date
- After exploring issues and best practices they are now focusing on recommendations
- Will report recommendations to City Council in the Fall of 2015



# Tonight's Agenda

- Overview of public input received to date
- Fill out potential solutions worksheets
- Group discussion
- Next steps



**Meeting Purpose:**  
To get input on potential solutions for pedestrian safety and access issues

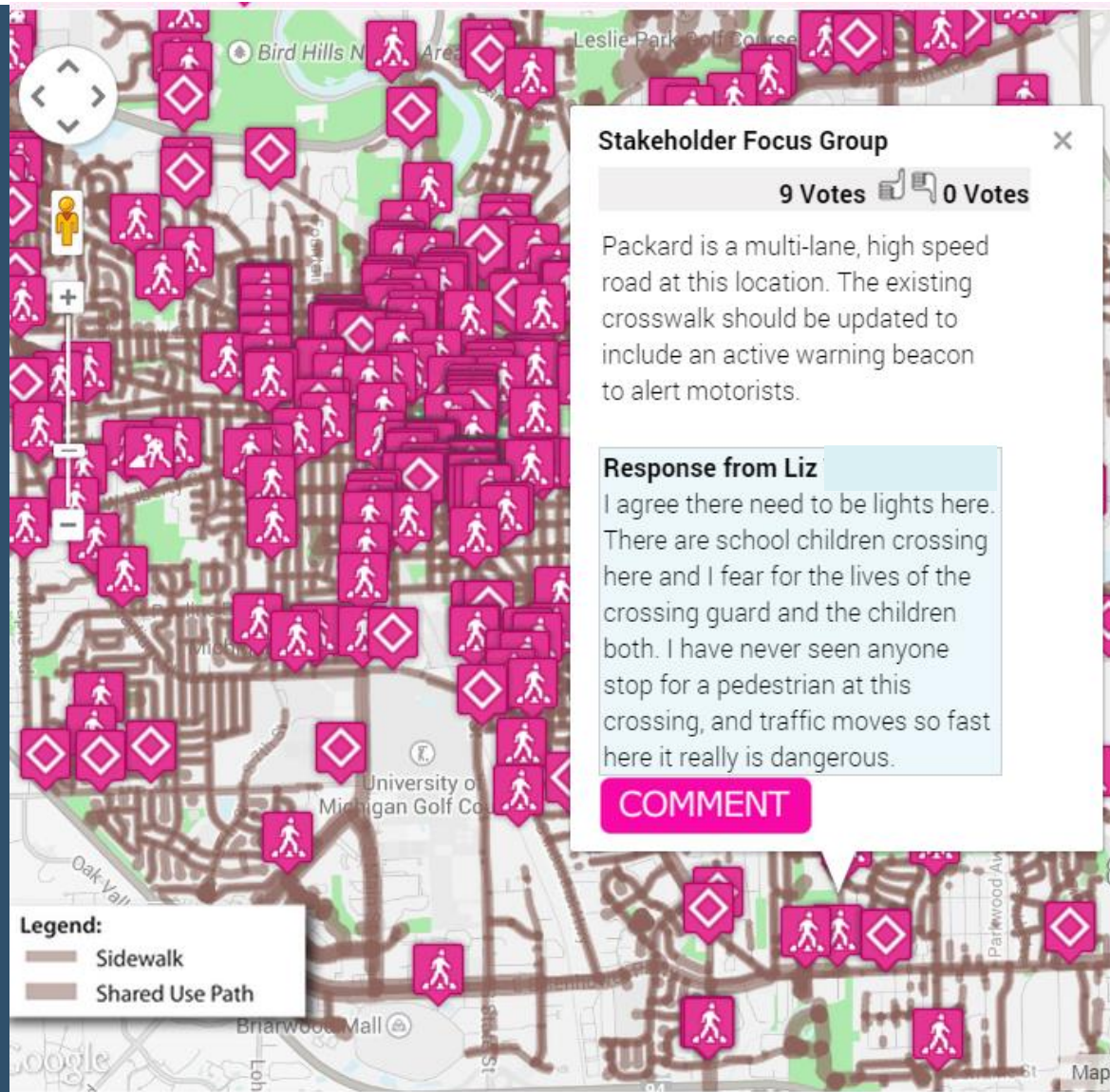
*Today's meeting will be recorded solely for the purpose of documenting input*





# Overview of Public Input to Date

- First Round of Public Engagement in Fall of 2014
- Focus on identifying issues
- Initial issue identification through the Pedestrian Safety and Access Task Force
- Stakeholder Focus Groups expanded initial list
  - 35 participants
- Survey prioritizes and refines list of issues
  - Over 900 participants
- Web map identifies location of specific issues
  - Over 300 participants
- Community Wide Meeting expanded the list of issues
  - 39 participants



Results are posted on the Google Drive  
[www.a2gov.org/PedSafety](http://www.a2gov.org/PedSafety)



# Survey: Top Ten Issues

1. Motorist passing other vehicles that are stopped for pedestrians in a crosswalk
2. Distracted driving
3. Motorists failing to stop for pedestrians at school crosswalks
4. Misunderstanding of existing crosswalk laws by nonresidents and visitors
5. Motorists failing to stop for pedestrians at midblock crosswalks
6. Inconsistent signing, marking and signaling of crosswalks
7. Misunderstanding of crosswalk laws by residents
8. Motorists failing to yield to pedestrians when turning at intersections
9. Snow and ice accumulation on sidewalks
10. Speeding in residential areas



List based on the percentage of survey responses indicating that the issue is “very important”

Many of the top ten issues listed here have to do with crosswalks





# Recommendation Process

- The Pedestrian Safety Access Task Force is beginning to draft recommendations
- Addressing issues identified by the public
- Going through a multi-step vetting process
  - Preliminary review and comments from the Task Force
  - Input from City Staff



Final recommendations will be presented to City Council in the fall of 2015



# Stakeholder Focus Groups

- Meetings held March 12<sup>th</sup>
- 34 people attended three meetings
- Discussed potential solutions for the Top Ten Issues identified in the survey



Compiled, simplified and categorized the potential solutions into the “Five E’s”:

- Engineering
- Education
- Enforcement
- Encouragement
- Evaluation



# #1: Motorists passing other vehicles that are stopped for pedestrians in a crosswalk

## ENGINEERING:

- Consistent signage
- Bigger/brighter signs
- Overhead lighting at crosswalks
- Lower speed limits
- Narrow the road at mid-block crosswalks
- Change flashing yellow light on RRFB to red
- Evaluate existing crosswalks to see if they should be removed

## EDUCATION:

- Consistency in laws between State, City and UM
- Better education of the crosswalk laws

## ENFORCEMENT:

- Consistency in enforcement between State, City, AAPS, UM and other agencies

## ENCOURAGEMENT:

## EVALUATION:

## OTHER:

- Regular maintenance of signs and markings





## #2: Distracted Driving

### ENGINEERING:

- Advancements in car technology to reduce risks

### EDUCATION:

- Approach car insurance companies to help with campaign against distracted driving and walking
- Educate drivers

### ENFORCEMENT:

- Ban all cell phone use
- State law for hands free driving
- Enforce jaywalking
- Increase enforcement
- More police patrolling on foot

### ENCOURAGEMENT:

- Lobby City Council/public figures to take a stand on this issue
- Encourage people to use transit where they can use mobile device during their commute

### EVALUATION:

### OTHER:



# #3: Motorists failing to stop for pedestrians at midblock crosswalks

## ENGINEERING:

- Use refuge islands and RRFB on multi-lane road crosswalks
- Mid-block crosswalks on high speed roads with high number of crashes should be given priority
- Lighting
- Advanced warning signs
- Raised crosswalks
- Change flashing yellow on RRFB to red
- Provide visual cues when changing from business to residential zone
- Adopt crosswalk guidelines as policy

## EDUCATION:

- Provide signs at City entrances
- List fines on signs
- Make signs unique so they attract attention

## ENFORCEMENT:

- Use a graduated fine system
- Have cameras take picture of motorists at crosswalks
- Tax downtown drivers

## ENCOURAGEMENT:

## EVALUATION:

## OTHER:



# #5: Motorists failing to stop for pedestrians at school crosswalks

## ENGINEERING:

- Flashing lights during school hours for speed limit
- Pedestrian islands

## EDUCATION:

- Incorporate messages into school education
- Educate parents on process for getting pedestrian issue addressed
- Educate parents

## ENFORCEMENT:

- Encourage principals to enforce traffic violations on school property

## ENCOURAGEMENT:

- Provide safe drop-off zones away from school property and have students walk in

## EVALUATION:

- Track number of cars in drop-off lane to monitor progress

## OTHER:





## #6: Misunderstanding of crosswalk laws by residents

### ENGINEERING:

- Signs “drive like your kid lives here”
- Temporary signs to highlight new crosswalks or during UM move-in
- On-site signs
- Align bus stops with intersections to reduce mid-block crosswalks
- Use signs that public understands

### EDUCATION:

- Social Media (Facebook, Twitter)
- Traditional Media (TV, Radio, Newspaper)
- City emails and publications
- Student/staff/faculty orientation at UM
- QR codes around town
- Videos on website
- Get community partners to spread the word
- Catchy phrase
- Makes sure everyone can understand message (braille)
- Driver’s education classes
- Education campaigns
- Grass-root, door-to-door communication

### ENFORCEMENT:

- Sting Operations
- Follow Michigan uniform traffic law rather than local law

### ENCOURAGEMENT:

- Encourage use of GoPass!

### EVALUATION:

- Develop evaluation system to identify where we need crosswalks

### OTHER:



# #7: Motorists failing to yield to pedestrians when turning at intersections

## ENGINEERING:

- No right turn on red at some locations
- Pedestrian scramble at intersection
- Countdown pedestrian signals
- Consistency in pedestrian crossing signals
- Leading pedestrian signal
- Longer “green” at busy intersections for left turns and pedestrians crossing
- Signs reminding motorists to yield
- Make safety a priority over vehicle efficiency

## EDUCATION:

## ENFORCEMENT:

- Fines for “blocking the box” at intersections

## ENCOURAGEMENT:

## EVALUATION:

## OTHER:

- Regular maintenance of pedestrian signals



## #8: Inconsistent signing, marking and signaling of crosswalks

### ENGINEERING:

- Countdown pedestrian signals
- Consistent signs and signals
- Overhead beacons on speeds over 25 mph
- Raised crosswalks
- Rumble strips at crosswalks
- Bollards at ends of refuge islands
- Place crosswalks in safe locations
- Narrow motor vehicle lanes at crosswalk
- Signs in braille at street corners
- Leading pedestrian interval

### EDUCATION:

- Understanding of crosswalk laws and enforcement
- Understanding of crosswalk signs and pavement markings

### ENFORCEMENT:

- Consistency in enforcement between State, City and UM

### ENCOURAGEMENT:

- Encourage both pedestrians and motorist to take responsibility

### EVALUATION:

### OTHER:

- Regular maintenance of crosswalk pavement markings and ADA signals/devices





## #9: Snow and ice accumulation on sidewalks

### ENGINEERING:

- Pervious pavement to reduce slush
- Heated sidewalks
- Increase signal timing for pedestrians crossing

### EDUCATION:

- City should identify acceptable methods for removal of ice and snow
- Responsibility of island and curb ramps
- Responsibility of grass extensions and pads at bus stops
- Responsibility at schools

### ENFORCEMENT:

- Consistent enforcement of businesses
- Enforce snow emergency
- Sliding scale discount for fines based on rate of income
- ADA compliance

### ENCOURAGEMENT:

- Promote A2 Fix It
- Encourage use of sand and salt

### EVALUATION:

### OTHER:

- Ensure storm drains are clear
- Hire more City staff to clear pedestrian routes in City
- Coordinate efforts between City and AAATA for clearance at bus shelters
- Increase budgets for clearing at schools
- Slower snow plows to keep slush off sidewalks



## #10: Speeding in neighborhoods

### ENGINEERING:

- Speed humps / bumps
- Flashing speed limit signs
- Safe crossings that are visible to drivers
- Consistent standards of speed humps for private roads
- More park and rides
- Lighting
- Use sign of kid playing with ball
- Sign fatigue

### EDUCATION:

- Education of what “stop” means

### ENFORCEMENT:

- Policy for 25 mph City wide speed limit
- Increase enforcement in neighborhoods
- Decoy police cars on local roads

### ENCOURAGEMENT:

### EVALUATION:

### OTHER:

- Trim vegetation that blocks view of stop sign and speed limit signs
- Slower snow plows so slush



# Meeting Input Process

- Focusing on the Top Ten Issues
- Potential Solutions Worksheet
  - 20 minutes
  - Getting your solutions down on paper
- Group Discussion
  - 40 minutes
  - Share your solutions with the rest of the group



You will also have some time at the end of the meeting to add comments to your worksheets





# Potential Solutions Worksheet

- We want to hear from you!
- Write down potential solutions for the issue listed on the worksheet attached to your agenda
- Feel free to discuss and share ideas with the people around you
- 20 minutes to fill out the worksheet
- You will also have time at the end of the meeting to complete if you don't have time now

## Potential Solutions Worksheet:

*The following ten issues were identified through a public engagement survey that received 939 responses. These items are listed in order, based on the number of survey responses indicating the issue is "very important". Please list potential solutions for each issue. We will be collecting these sheets at the end of the meeting.*

1. Motorists **passing other vehicles** that are stopped for pedestrians in a crosswalk
2. Distracted driving
3. Motorists failing to stop for pedestrians **at midblock crosswalks**

**Please remember to turn in the worksheet before you leave at the end of the meeting!**



# Large Group Discussion

- One comment per person until everyone who wants to speak has a chance to do so
- Please keep your comments brief < 3 min.
- Your comments will be recorded
- Please use the microphone so all can hear
- You also have the opportunity to provide additional input on the potential solutions worksheet



Please be respectful of all solutions offered

Please focus on solutions



# Next Steps

- Based on public input the Task Force will be developing Pedestrian Access and Safety Recommendations as they pertain to Planning, Engineering, Education, Enforcement, Law, Operations, Funding and Evaluation
- Next Community Wide Meeting
  - May 28, 2015
- Final Recommendations
  - August 2015







# Turn in Worksheets

- Complete the Potential Solutions Worksheet that is attached to the agenda
- Turn In the Worksheet before You Leave:
  - Hand to a meeting facilitator; or
  - Place next to sign in sheet on your way out
- Feel free to detach the agenda from the worksheet if you would like to keep it



Meeting ends at 8:30 pm

Thank you for Participating!





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## Questions?

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