

PTSA TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

2020-2021

4/19/21 meeting: (Short-term to-dos in bold)

Mt. Hope / Rosedale intersection:

- Room for more sidewalk on Rosedale
- Intersection is part of the system with the Ravensdale potential changes; will have to pick and choose
- Goal is to have intersection redesigned by September

Hillside Ave:

- Worse with rain/snow
- Worse in the afternoons—**Police to look this afternoon**
- **Chief Dossin and Trustee Georgia will look at signage this week (need more? move?)**

Drop-off Zones on Farragut:

- Need overall Farragut Ave designs first in order to create drop-off zones on Farragut (both sides of street near Burke)
- Need an engineer to look to make sure safe
- Goal: test for a few months in September

School Street One-Way:

- **Mark to resurrect the survey he created; will add in Hillside Ave**
- Will collect data for about two weeks
- Possibly could have senior students help
- Georgia to resurrect plan to meet with residents about making it one-way

Additional Parking Near Burke:

- Creating safe drop-off/pick-up zones will lead to need for staff parking
- Could have 40-50 spots
- Stimulus money coming for capital expenditures could pay for it

Hillside Elementary:

- Need to get rid of parking on Lefurgy. Emergency vehicles cannot get through.
- **Tammy to check in with Hillside PTSA about a cadre of volunteer parents who are friendly faces around the traffic lines**
- **Maureen to check whether limited time for drop-off are causing more traffic (will ask Liz her thoughts)**

Incentives to Walk to School:

- **Maureen to talk with building principals if they're on board (are they comfortable with using aides to track walkers and with potential congregating)**

- Could use Downtown HOH gift cards
- Could have competition by grade (per school?)
- Parents could sign a pledge

Safe pathways:

- Trustee Georgia's new project! Yay!
- Goal is to have a map of safe pathways by September
- We will help with auditing secret stairways.
 - **Rhiannon to do Wilson steps**
 - **Tammy to do 100 Mt. Hope steps**
 - **Georgia to let us know which other ones she would like help with...**

May 6, 2021 meeting:

- 1) Police presence on Hillside Ave is effective. Even sporadic presence works.
- 2) Signage on Hillside Ave
 - Need additional, more visible signs that say 1) No Standing before the crosswalk and 2) Drop-Off Zone after the crosswalk.
 - Not enough room to have a cone in the crosswalk
 - Does the Village purchase these signs? How soon can they be purchased?
- 3) Crossing Guards
 - Now that schools can hire crossing guards, **Maureen will post internally and recruit custodial staff** (with enough to cover absences).
 - **Chief Dosin to provide training**
 - Crosswalks to cover:
 - 1) Hillside Ave crosswalk over to Reynolds Field
 - 2) Farragut and Mt. Hope (need crossing guard to continue til 3:30/4:00 for athletes crossing over to the Burke)
 - 3) Rosedale and Mt. Hope
- 4) Street painting on Farragut
 - Paint boxes (where cars cannot block the box)—are these already in the plans?
- 5) Steps project
 - Is there grant money that Safe Routes to Schools can access to rebuild the ones that are in bad shape? **Sarah to find out.**
- 6) Is there a way that parents can drop off at the Burke near Burnside?
 - Too tight to turn right on Stratford
 - Any other options? (there's water over there)
- 7) Should we provide busing for kids who live in the Donald area? Would need some kind of study to assess
- 8) Incentivizing walking
 - We need to create a survey to figure out who is walking, what prevents people from walking, and what could help people walk (i.e., being able to leave instruments at school); people will indicate their neighborhood
 - **Mark to make a first draft and email it to us prior to next meeting.**
- 8) School St / Hillside Ave survey
 - **Mark to create a survey for Hillside Ave**
 - **Maureen to contact Lou/Melissa to see if any seniors would be interesting in capturing data for a two week period (is that right?)**

May 26, 2021 meeting:

1. Crossing Guards

- Maureen has found a few people who are interested (she'll need backups too)
- Will begin training in June so that they are **ready for September!**

2. Georgia's updates:

- She has a meeting with the County about Farragut on Friday; bike path has been approved but there's a difference of opinion re: layout; will get a better idea of timeline
- Safe Routes to School meeting last night; the Route 9 Committee needs voices speaking up; there will be a march in early fall that PTSA can be part of; Marisa to reach out to Mary Lambert to see if we can send letter of support; Rivertowns Parents could be another group to support effort
- Rosedale/Mt. Hope intersection: it's in the budget, but she hasn't seen designs and costs; will follow up. Can we help push this?
- Crosswalks on High Street are being designed
- Signs on Hillside; Georgia to talk with Dosin about temporary cone; Village to get new signage for fall.

3. School / Hillside Ave surveys:

- Hold off til September when normal traffic patterns resume

4. Walking Survey:

- Wait til fall so that the questions about how kids are getting to school is cleaner
- Include a question about barriers; remove question about whether people are happy; identify cross streets so that we can stratify by neighborhood
- Marisa to put into Google form; pilot over summer
- Be at Farmers Markets in fall so that people can take survey on laptops or on paper (provide facepainting and snacks)
- Present at BOE meeting our findings and what we've accomplished to date

5. Traffic congestion across from tennis courts on Chauncey

- Maureen to ask Dosin if parking could be removed; the street is too tight for parking, pedestrians, and 2 way traffic.

6. 5 Corners intersection — we'll tackle that later!!

June 21, 2021 Meeting:

1. Crossing Guards

- Maureen is hoping to train 8 people (including subs) this summer.
- Maureen will arrange training with Dossin. Perhaps they'll train during the summer camp at the Burke and during the Superintendent's Conference Days. They primarily need to get familiar with their areas.
- Locations are: Farragut at Mt. Hope, Mt. Hope at Farragut, Rosedale & Mt. Hope, Hillside Ave (between Reynolds and FMS)

2. Bike Lanes

- Approved along Farragut from 5 Corners to Ravensdale; makes Farragut one lane (and will be striped as such)
- Some parking along the east side will be removed; won't affect drop-off zones
- Some crosswalks reimaged: across Olinda at Farragut and Ravensdale across Farragut
- Timeline: done by spring 2022
- May accelerate need/plans for school staff parking lot. Maureen and Georgia to meet once we get drawings back.

3. Painting boxes (Don't Block the Box)

- Need them at Farragut and Mt. Hope and at Farragut and Hillside Ave.
- Hope to paint them for the school opening in the fall
- Need to be included in striping along Farragut when bike lanes are put in

4. Hillside Ave no parking/standing signs

- New ones to be put in by the start of school in the fall

5. Buses (from other schools) parking in illegal areas during athletic events

- Maureen to talk with Drew about alerting schools about alternative parking areas (i.e., Chemka lot)

6. Rosedale and Mt. Hope intersection

- Still waiting for the plans
- Could traffic bumps be installed where cars travel down Mt. Hope to slow them down?

7. Traffic Survey

- Decided to focus on AM
- Marisa to share with PTSA co-chairs so that they can approve
- The PTSA will blast it.
- Opportunity to take survey at Farmers Market (have posters that show the new developments (Tammy & Mark to work on, using District maps and copiers))
- PLEASE TEST IT OUT! <https://forms.gle/5X1RX2MLfpi5vt8L7>

8. PR

- Late summer email blast from PTSA that talks about all that's coming in the fall (crossing guards, don't block the box, signage) and what's coming down the pike (bike lanes, new crosswalks, revamped intersection at Rosedale and Mt.Hope). Include survey.
- Farmers Market (posters, t-shirts, lollipops, Pace Car magnets, survey)
- Need to ask Jerry if he could make us a t-shirt design