

Borough of Hightstown
Complete Streets Committee

08/28/2024 – Committee Meeting

Minutes

6:30 pm

Hightstown Library

CALL TO ORDER

STATEMENT: Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231. Said notice was provided to the *Trenton Times* and the *Windsor-Hights Herald* and is posted in the Borough Clerk's office.

- Roll Call

Member	Attended	Absent
Steve Misiura, Chair	X	
Henry Wang, Vice Chair	X	
Beverly Asselstine, Secretary, Planning Board representative	X	
Council Member Joe Cicalese	X	
Dave Zaiser, Environmental Commission representative	X	
Alex Costantino		X

- Approval of Agenda **Approved**
- Approval of Minutes June 2024 **Approved**

PUBLIC COMMENT

OLD BUSINESS

- Vision Zero **Bev reported on the Mercer County Vision Zero Action Plan Steering Committee meeting held on July 29 and shared the presentation, which provided an update on the “local safety plan inventory” and the project timeline. It also included a detailed review of the safety data analysis using crash data from 2017 to 2021 (the most complete five years of data available from NJ DOT). The Steering Committee then discussed considerations for selecting emphasis areas for our Action Plan. A poll was conducted and the top areas identified were as follows:**
 - **Pedestrian & Bicyclists**
 - **Aggressive Driving**
 - **Lane Departure**
 - **Drowsy/Distracted Driving**
 - **Intersections**

The next step will be to develop recommended policies and countermeasures to address the emphasis areas identified as most important. This will include standards established for roadways with certain characteristics that can then be implemented by local governing bodies. An example would be setting lower speed limits, such as 20 mph, on local streets with pedestrian and bicycle activity. The next meeting is scheduled for September 23. Some form of public comment process will take place later this year.

- **Master Plan Reexamination** The draft Master Plan Reexamination Report has been posted to the Borough website and notices have been distributed for a public hearing on Monday, September 9 at 7:30, during the regular Planning Board meeting. The hearing will cover the reexamination, the revised goals and objectives and the new 2024 Stormwater Management Plan. The Committee discussed creating an additional map showing sidewalks, bike routes, trails, etc. in order to focus our thinking and priorities for new efforts.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Condition of the Greenway** The Committee discussed the condition of the trail and the need for regular maintenance. Joe will raise the issue at Council.
- **South Main Street “Your Speed” Radar Signs** There have been a number of speeders on South Main Street. The Committee discussed the need to be diligent about placing the signs on streets that are the gateway to the Borough. We recommend acquiring more signs in order to accomplish this goal.
- **The Committee had a general discussion about maintenance issues and small expenditures, such as repairing the greenway, repainting crosswalks and replacing faded signs.** These have been discussed in the past. The Chair recommended we develop an annual report and request list by year end in order to provide input into the maintenance budget planning process.

BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATE Joe reported: A resident complained about general traffic issues and a recent serious traffic injury at the last meeting. Downtown Hightstown is interested in offering suggestions for the sign ordinance.

PLANNING BOARD UPDATE No further update.

ADJOURNMENT

2024 Meeting Schedule:

			August 28, 2024
September 25, 2024	October 23, 2024	November 20, 2024	December 18, 2023

**Mercer County Vision Zero Action Plan Steering Committee
July 29, 2024 Meeting Exercise**

During the meeting, we took a poll to prioritize the emphasis areas to focus on for the plan. Everyone ranked the top three areas they thought we should focus on. Here are the results:

Emphasis Area	Fatalities	Serious Injuries	Total KSI	Weight			Weighted Total
				1	0.67	0.33	
				Rank 1	Rank 2	Rank 3	
Pedestrian and Bicyclists	56	66	122	4	2	2	6
Aggressive Driving	66	218	284	2	4	2	5.3
Lane Departure	59	211	270	1	2	1	2.7
Drowsy/Distracted Driving	38	126	164	2		1	2.3
Intersection	45	107	152	0	1	3	1.7
Unbelted Occupants	66	150	216				0
Railcar - Vehicle	0	0	0				0
Work Zone	1	6	7				0
Motorcycles	13	33	46				0
Heavy Vehicles	23	27	50				0
Younger Driver (16-20)	12	50	62				0
Impaired Driver	13	63	76				0
Unlicensed Driver	18	66	84				0
Older Driver (65+)	20	76	96				0

The next meeting is scheduled for September 23rd at the Mercer County Admin Building in Trenton. Look for a calendar invite soon.