



Meeting Name:	Public Visioning Meeting	Meeting Date:	January 11, 2018
Facilitator(s):	Ramond Joseph & Tara Paxton	Meeting Time:	2:00 PM – 3:30 PM
Timekeeper:	Geoffrey Gray-Cornelius	Recorder:	Maria Connolly
Location &/or Dial In:		401 Chambers Bridge Road - Brick, NJ – Engineering	

Invitees/Attendees			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ramond Joseph, <i>Local Planning Services (LPS)</i> • Geoffrey Gray-Cornelius, <i>LPS</i> • Maria Connolly, <i>LPS</i> • Bernie Cooke, <i>Brick Planning Board</i> • Michael Fowler, <i>Brick Planning Dept.</i> • Joanne Bergin, <i>Brick Administrator</i> • Andrew Ciesla, <i>Brick Retired State Senator/Bike Shop Owner</i> • Keith Rella, <i>Brick Public Information Department/Environmental Commission</i> • Heather DeJong, <i>Brick Councilwoman</i> • Tara Paxton, <i>Brick Planning Dept.</i> • Elissa Commins, <i>Brick Engineering Dept.</i> • Chief James Riccio, <i>Brick Police Dept.</i> • Sgt. Neal Pederson, <i>Brick Police Dept.</i> • Captain Timothy Boyle, <i>Brick Police Dept.</i> • Thomas Gialanella, <i>Brick Board of Education</i> • Anthony Tagliata, <i>Ocean County Planning</i> • Jennifer Mance, <i>Ocean County Planning</i> • C. Roberts Mulloy, <i>Ocean County Engineering</i> • John N. Ernst, <i>Ocean County Engineering</i> • Jessica Burrell, <i>Brick Chamber of Commerce</i> • Chelle Hulse, <i>Brick Chamber of Commerce</i> • Jerry Foster, <i>Greater Mercer Transportation Management Association (GMTMA)</i> • Elise Bremer-Nei, <i>New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT)</i> • William Riviere, <i>NJDOT Pedestrian Safety</i> 			

Meeting Goals/Purpose

1. Provide an update and analysis of the issues and needs; and
2. Working Committee discussion on network evaluation criteria and facility type and design recommendations.



AGENDA ITEMS

Item

1. Issues and Needs Analysis Presentation

- a. Issues from Public Open House
- b. Crash Data Analysis
- c. Issues from Online Survey
- d. Level of Stress Analysis

2. Working Committee Discussion

- a. Network Development Criteria
 - b. Preliminary Network
 - c. Public engagement follow-up
 - d. Public Open House II schedule
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- Ramond and Geoffrey presented the Issues & Needs analysis using PowerPoint, discussing the above topics.
 - Key items that arose from results of the Public Information Session emphasized safety and linkages for pedestrians and bicyclists.
 - For example, residents want sidewalks constructed where there are gaps, protected bike lanes on Princeton Avenue, and improved crossings at intersections and at midblock points where two activity generators/attractors interact.
 - Residents also want education to be a component of both driver and pedestrian/bicyclist safety
 - To date, 336 participants responded to the online survey – 38.6% Male/61.5% Female – 55.2% full-time employed/14.2% part-time employed/27.6% retiree/homemaker.
 - School students were under represented in the sample (only 3.1% completed the survey).
 - During the working committee discussion, Sgt Neal Pedersen(NP), noted that Brick does do some pedestrian safety enforcement.
 - Elissa Commins (EC) noted that Mantoloking Rd has egress/ingress issues. Bicyclists can't anticipate when someone will pull out.



- Tara Paxton (TP) wants to put the online survey on the school district's website for students and parents.
- Andrew Ciesla (AC) stated that the county does not want to make more bicycle-friendly roads because they have been told by their attorneys that it increases their liability. The county considers the Princeton Ave bike lane to be a vehicle shoulder. Jerry Foster (JF) stated that according to a NJ Supreme Court case (Polzo vs. Essex County), if the county is on notice that the county road is used in that way by bicyclists, then they must maintain it anyway. EC noted that the county wants the municipality to take over the bicycle lane if the municipality wants to have it outside the roadway. Municipality would own the improvement, county does not want to take responsibility.
- RJ asked JF what the experience is in Mercer County. JF answered that Mercer County has a Complete Streets Policy, while Ocean County does not. We cannot make the county do the Complete Streets Policy, but Brick can do their own. JF also said that if a municipality in Mercer County requests a bike lane, the county usually complies.
- JF said that there is a perception of a liability issue but not a real liability issue. He clarified that in the cartway, bicycles are not intended but permitted; in the bike lane, they are intended and permitted; and in the shoulder, they are not intended or permitted. JF said that NJDOT is currently asking its attorney general's office to review bicycles being allowed in the shoulders.
- Working Committee is okay with the Community Vision & Goals. EC would like the plan to focus more on every school (all on county roads), and getting people to the reservoir and beach. Brick Plaza is not a high priority.
- AC would like to see improvements to existing trails, more challenging trails, maintenance of trails, connecting trails together. AC also agreed not to focus on Brick Plaza (recreational riders do not go here, though some workers ride bicycles to jobs in this area) and we also need to break out the users.
- JF recommended we separate priorities by state, county and municipality. The Committee agreed.
- TP would like there to be a focus on who is going to fund the recommendations. How do they fit in existing grant program priorities? The end goal is how to get this built.
- Bill Riviere (BR) stated that funding programs change annually and it's good to have a plan in place with DCA/state stamp of approval. Plans can't be implemented all at once anyway.
- Working Committee is ok with the network development criteria. Need separate criteria for state, county and municipal roads and emphasize funding.
- TP states that design standards are not the problem; it's the condition of safe infrastructure; roadway, intersection conditions; lighting.
- EC noted that the parking lights that the public requested at the open house are too difficult to do. TP explained that it could be done in specific areas, such as state/county intersections.



- Police representative, Sgt Neal Pedersen, noted that most pedestrian/bicycle accidents are the fault of the pedestrian or bicyclist. They are crossing against the light, not crossing at intersections, wearing dark clothing, etc.
- JF states that adding crosswalks will help, including count down signals that let you know how long you have to cross.
- Keith Rella (KR) stated that he thinks that most of the accidents on Mantoloking Road are from people coming out of commercial driveways.
- RJ recommended an off-road multi-use trail network in the northern section of Brick that connects the Sawmill Tract to adjacent public open space from south of the Sawmill Tract to Allaire State Park.
- TP states that the connection to Allaire State Park may not be used by Brick residents unless it's challenging.
- RJ asked Township representatives as to the probably of support for implementation of separate and protected bicycle lanes on LTS IV roadways? JF noted that if you have enough shoulder width, they are recommended as per NJDOT Complete Streets Design Guide. He also noted that there are ways to add physical barriers inexpensively; but they must be taken up in the winter. EC noted that there are very few streets in Brick where this can be done since there are so many driveways and intersections (bike lanes would give a false sense of security).
- TP cannot say that the Township would approve separate bike lanes with physical barriers at the moment. They would need to see examples of what it could look like, including how driveway conflicts are addressed.
- TP will get back to the LPS project team regarding scheduling a date for the 2nd Open House. TP and KR will work on contacts for neighborhood groups, PTOs, and other stakeholders for follow-up meetings. Next Working Committee meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2018 at 2 PM.

PLANNING TASK & SCHEDULE

Planning Tasks/ Follow-ups with responsible Party				
Date Opened	Planning Task	Assignee	Due	Status
11/4/2016	Draft and finalize Scope of Work with Township contact	Project Team: Ramond Joseph et al	12/14/2016	Complete



11/4/2016	Adopt resolution designating the Working Committee and approving the Scope of Work	Tara Paxton et al	2/7/2017	Complete: Resolution No. 98-17
6/26/2017	Schedule Kick-Off Working Committee Meeting and LPS Site Visit	Ramond Joseph & Tara Paxton	8/23/2017	Complete
8/23/2017	Share crash data for Brick to project team	Sgt. Neal Pederson, Brick Police Dept.	8/30/2017	Complete
8/23/2017	Share GIS layers of most recent Sidewalks, Paths and Bike Lanes Inventory map	C. Roberts Mulloy, Ocean County Engineering	8/30/2017	Complete
8/23/2017	Data Collection and Review of Existing Conditions—WC bicycle ride through problem areas	Ramond Joseph & Tara Paxton	8/30/2017	Complete
8/23/2017	Data Collection and Review of Existing Conditions Report Draft	Project Team: Ramond Joseph et al	10/12/2017	Complete
8/23/2017	Data Collection/Existing Conditions Review and Visioning Session Prep Meeting	Project Team & Working Committee	10/19/2017	Complete
10/19/2017	Working Committee Conference Call to discuss Visioning session	Project Team & Working Committee	11/20/2017	Complete
8/23/2017	Visioning, Goals & Objectives (Community Input) Session (s)	Project Team & Working Committee	11/29/2017	Complete
11/29/2017	Vision, Goals & Objectives Report Issued	Project Team	12/15/2017	Complete
11/29/2017	Issues and Needs Analysis	Project Team & Working Committee	1/11/2018	Complete



11/29/2017	<i>Network Development: Evaluation Criteria; Policy Changes; Network Identification; Facility Types & Design; Recommendations; Performance; & Monitoring</i>	<i>Project Team & Working Committee</i>	3/08/2018	<i>Working committee meeting scheduled</i>
1/11/2018	<i>Public Open House #2</i>	<i>Project Team & Working Committee</i>	4/12/2018	<i>Public Open House #2 proposed</i>
1/11/2018	<i>Draft Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan & Complete Streets Policy</i>	<i>Project Team & Working Committee</i>	5/10/2018	<i>Working committee meeting schedule proposed</i>
5/10/2018	<i>Planning Board presentation of draft Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan & Complete Streets Policy</i>	<i>Project Team</i>	5/25/2018	<i>Planning Board agenda date proposed</i>
5/25/2018	<i>Final Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan & Complete Streets Policy</i>	<i>Project Team, Working Committee, & Planning Board</i>	<i>A month after Planning Board adoption</i>	<i>TBD</i>