

City of Pittsburgh / Allegheny County

Task Force on Disabilities

January 22, 2018

Meeting Minutes

**Task Force Members in Attendance**

Paul O'Hanlon, James C. Noschese, Joe Wasserman, Richard McGann, John Tague,

**Also In Attendance**

Richard Meritzer, Ali Abdullah, Felipe Palomo Sophia Robison, Ryan Niespodzianski, Jalal Johnson, Maria dredger ,Sharon D. Clark , ail Abdulla, Felicia , alexander,

**Welcome and Introduction**

The meeting started at 1:00 pm and began with the introduction of the Task Force members and individuals in the audience.

Beechview "T" Project

Thank you for have me here. The Beechview and Broadway Avenue project is the Beechview Public Realm, which is the actual name of the project it is a result from smart street study. It was about six years ago that the smart street study, a study identified assets in the business district in Beechview, and basic they needed to identified areas for transit and the redevelopment of the business district specifically in Beechview. The study was done by the help community and the city and the team of consultants and there is many other study out there. However this project, Broadway Avenue Public Realm, is the first project from this study. The process in this study in the community in June last year at the first community meeting. It was very well attended. About 150 people in attended to listen to the need in community and to oppose the first leads for Broadway Avenue. You can look on the screen. There is a section shown the Broadway Avenue.

In the business district, the location the t Red Line, the train goes on the street level. The line goes inbound and outbound and are shared lanes with the drivers. So cars and train share the same foot print inbound and outbound at each section. There is a scenario at the islands which each user of the t utilizes into the train. Unfortunately the islands are in between the parking lane and the driver's lane. The parking lane intersections transit via a Slip lane. A car can pass the train through the Slip lane and the islands become a hazard for pedestrian and users. The islands is only 3 feet wide when you get off the train on the islands. If you're not careful enough you can see a car right behind you when you get off the train. At the same time the community attacked many times how fast car flew down the avenues because of the width of the street. There is a special scenario with curb bumps with of 64 ft. in the business district. They is a very wide streets translate into drivers speeding. Another thing, the community feels unsafe at intersections because of the width of the Avenue and long crosswalks. There is a need to improve that and at the time it is call for a beautification of the streets scape. There will be new streets tree, new trash cans, new recycle cans and new city benches at the courtyard. This is the first thing we needed to identify and we will. At the front table there are some flyers for the next public meeting. We will be showing a similar presentation to what we are showing you today. Basically what we are presenting today is the first line North of Coast Avenue that shows the diagonal parking and the shared lanes and width the T and the parallel parking on the right side. On this next slide it is showing the new portal in the business district. Here the parallel parking starts on the right but right now we are painting a line on the driver's lane and the shared lanes with the T visually narrow. The lane for drivers and here really figuring the angle parking to a reverse angle parking. The reverse angle parking is much safer by many reasons. First it is safer for the drive to back out. In reverse angle parking it will be safer for the drivers to leave the parking spot once they merge into the drivers' lane. And the drivers who have a clear view leave the parking spot. And there are some new street tree in the existing tree pits. And there is no new tree pits pose they are be implanted in the existing tree pits. We are hoping to have this tree pits. Upgraded to ADA Standards. We are ADA tree grid turbid grill. And we are go to work with Richard on this aspect. L wanted to go to the outbound. It's going to be the first diagram to be to show you how to new stations Upgraded we have the stations at Belasco it is at the middle of the courtyard in Beechview. This diagram you see this outbound T stations at Belasco the red T train have two

## **Committee Structure**

## **Vox Pop**

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 pm. The next meeting will be scheduled next month on Monday, February, 26 at 1:00 pm in the first floor Conference Room of 200 Ross Street.