

City of Newburgh Transportation Advisory Committee  
Minutes for **Wednesday, February 10, 2021** at 6:45pm

**Roll Call:**

Present: AJ, Naomi, Jessica Ridgeway, Gabe, Ali Church

Guests/Advisors: George Garrison, NB DPW

**Public Comment/Presentation Period** (30 minutes)

1. Marianne Marichal – question about what do when it has not plowed, or all ice has frozen, can we suspend ASP for the first 48 hours, references George Garrison's comment on my post about how DPW organizes/strategizes.
2. Sertaira Boyd – Prospect St. Several accidents. Lots of speeding down the street. There is no traffic light. Ms Boyd has video and documentation of recent accidents. Its making life hard because homeowners have to go through insurance companies for things that aren't their fault. Speed bumps lose effectiveness. Stop signs and flashing lights aren't doing it. They're doing it to avoid Robinson Ave.
3. GG: it's a state road, 200-250,000 price tag. State will say "it doesn't warrant a traffic light". Maybe do a 4 way stop to see what kind of progress we have. It's a truck route. Unclear why it's a truck route. Committee should write a letter to the state to address the situation. Two options, (stop signs and stop lights). FD/PD pulled data. Ali sent it to us. Gabe will follow up with Ms Boyd, to begin letter to state DOT. Sertaira Boyd 347-417-1191 sboyd1@yahoo.com

**Announcements** (0 min)

**Topics** (75min)

- **Pedestrian/Walkability** (Naomi/Jessica) (10 min)
  - **Pending:** Complete Street Checklist - Status of Implementation? Ali needs to speak with planning board, they will codify something to trigger TAC notification. Some threshold to be decided
  - **Update:** Newburgh Sidewalk Improvement District Feasibility Study Applications due late last year, projects selected in January. Project gets added to spending plan of Transportation Council. OCTC wants to schedule a site visit (mentioned in award letter). Then goes to RFP. Then consultant is selected. Starts in spring time (assuming march adaption)
    - State Senator Skoufis has application to submit budget requests This committee should submit a request.
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- **Bicycle** (Naomi) (15 min)
  - **Update:** Mini-Bike Community Action Plan- Drafted report received last night.
  - **Update:** Library has installed a bicycle repair station we should notify the community
  - **Update:** IMPACT & TAC & Pratt Design Corps: "Rise and Ride"- need bikes and bike mechanics.
  - **Update:** Bike Library & Bicycle Rack Competition *SKIPPED*
  - **New Item:** May is Bicycle Month. Earth Day ideas. 511NY rideshare (sponsored by NYS DOT) has a planning committee. Bike share providers, first mile last mile solutions, roundtable discussion, can someone from city of nb join? They can help us plan interactive virtual events. They are a free resource. They can help with most of the items on our list. Rideshare contact info: Feel free to email at [erosenkranz@511nyrideshare.org](mailto:erosenkranz@511nyrideshare.org)
- **Buses** (Gabe) (0 min)

- **Car & Parking** (30 min)
  - February 2020 Snow storms
  - Emergency snow regulations and ticketing/towing
  - We had 2 feet of snow. That's a problem anywhere. George and his whole crew came in that night.
  - 4 of the main roads, 4 sections. 2 big trucks. Each section has 2 big trucks with big plows, also 5 smaller trucks to do "housing tracks' smaller streets.
  - DPW invites us to come ride in the truck.
  - 24 hour parking. George says in big storms if we can have 48 hour parking. The challenge would be the signs I guess.
  - When people have a snow blower, or shoveling their car. They are throwing the snow back out in the street.
  - A lot of the piled snow on Broadway is from private snow clearing, who dump it in the road and create extra work for DPW. It creates ice pockets and people get stuck.
- **Ferry & Airport** - (0 min)
- **General** (Gabe, Ali) (5 min)

OCTC meetings going forward, there is public comment period, advocacy from riders, 1-2 people per city. There's a new web page up. Shaunice valentine is interested. [shaunice.valentine@yahoo.com](mailto:shaunice.valentine@yahoo.com)