

# Complete Streets Working Group

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*August 26, 2022 Meeting Minutes DRAFT*

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The New Orleans Complete Streets Working Group held an in-person public meeting on Friday, August 26, 2022, at 2:00pm. Laura Bryan, Director of the Mayor’s Office of Transportation, chaired the meeting.

I. **Roll Call**

A roll call of Working Group members was conducted.

II. **Approval of the February 16, 2022 Minutes**

No amendments or corrections were offered by members of the Working Group. Jennifer Ruley made a motion to approve the February 16, 2022 minutes. David Lee Simmons seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

III. **Performance Metrics Update**

Convening a performance metrics working group was proposed to collect and maintain performance data. The transportation safety dashboard, which presents fatalities, impact of fatalities, frequency, and health indicators, was discussed. New federal funding available was announced - Safe Streets for All. A safety dashboard will be a public facing component.

Discussion will take place with Health Department staff about how it would interact with traffic safety dashboard.

IV. **Presentation: ADA Transition Plan Update**

David lee presented the ADA Transition Plan, of which Public Works did a comprehensive update. The purpose of the update is to self-evaluate the policies to show how we can improve and then update. The Plan shows how the City will bring the public-right-of-way into ADA compliance.

An ADA dashboard has been created. Internally DPW is working on a closeout process for each project for multimillion dollar projects to your basic maintenance projects for one or two ramps.

Visit [Nola.gov/dpw](http://Nola.gov/dpw), “[Accessibility in New Orleans](#)” and review the updates. View the legend and review compliance/noncompliance. The dashboard also shows construction projects going on, so one can view the overlaps with construction projects, in most cases red/noncompliant ramps will be addressed with construction. DPW is fundamentally shifting how it plans scopes for projects.

Tara asks how to find measure of compliance? Jennifer explains there’s a pie chart and welcomes other suggestions. Marin asks about connection between corners to sidewalks. What about an accessibility study for the street infrastructure. Jennifer explains there is no baseline of the City and we haven’t been tracking for the quality of the sidewalks. DPW is developing an Asset Management program for visual

data: signs, roadway markings, sidewalks, sidewalk condition, etc., which can then be used to assess level of compliance.

V. Presentation: Community Engagement Process

David Lee presented DPW's outreach for Complete Streets. Marin asked how the Complete Streets Coalition works with the working group. David Lee says every Thursday they check in with Bike Easy. The current level of engagement effort exceeds the minimum requirements set forth in the Complete Streets policy, which requires at least one public meeting for street redesigns that reallocate lanes.

Discussion: Does the development of a team and system for Complete Streets outreach in the policy enough? Documenting type of outreach and engagement is important. The biggest lesson is to be persistent and consistent and diverse in ways we reach out.

VI. Closing

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