

# Worksession

<b>Agenda Item #</b>	3
<b>Meeting Date</b>	June 22, 2009
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<b>Approved By</b>	Barbara B. Matthews City Manager

<b>Discussion Item</b>	Safe Roadways Committee Annual Report																								
<b>Background</b>	<p>The Safe Roadways Committee was established A) to advise the City Council on transportation-related issues including pedestrian and bicycle safety, traffic problems, and transit services; and B) to encourage Takoma Park residents to use alternatives to driving including walking, bicycling, and transit.</p> <p>In support of this mandate, the members of the Safe Roadways Committee have met to enhance the existing Bike Route Sign System by correcting some of the signage and adding a new route that connects the Takoma Metro Station to the Community Center and the Sligo Creek Hiker Biker Trail via Cedar and Maple Avenues. Other routes that the Committee worked on include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sligo Creek Hiker Biker Trail to the Community Center via Maple Avenue</li> <li>• Sligo Creek Hiker Biker Trail to Long Branch Trail via Garland Avenue</li> <li>• Sligo Creek Hiker Biker Trail to Langley Park Shopping Centers via Wildwood Avenue</li> </ul> <p>The Safe Roadways Committee also partnered with the Takoma Park Police, Housing and Community Development, and the Office of Communications and City TV in order to educate and inform residents on issues relating to pedestrian and bicycle safety, safe routes to schools, and the Americans With Disabilities Act.</p> <p>The educational interviews will be included in <i>Takoma Snapshots</i> episodes that are aired on Takoma Park City TV. The Committee coordinated interviews with Chief Ronald Ricucci, Safe Routes to School Coordinator Lucy Neher, and Carol Kachadoorian of Toole Design Group, Inc.</p> <p>Members of the Safe Roadways Committee include:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Name</u></th> <th><u>Ward</u></th> <th><u>Term Expiration</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Sheryl Gross-Glaser</td> <td>Ward 1</td> <td>6/30/10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sanjay Grover</td> <td>Ward 3</td> <td>6/30/11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Robert Patten (Chair)</td> <td>Ward 3</td> <td>6/30/10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dan Turner</td> <td>Ward 1</td> <td>6/30/09</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jay Ulfelder</td> <td>Ward 5</td> <td>6/30/09</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Margaret Warner</td> <td>Ward 1</td> <td>6/30/09</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eric Weissman</td> <td>Ward 2</td> <td>6/30/10</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>	Sheryl Gross-Glaser	Ward 1	6/30/10	Sanjay Grover	Ward 3	6/30/11	Robert Patten (Chair)	Ward 3	6/30/10	Dan Turner	Ward 1	6/30/09	Jay Ulfelder	Ward 5	6/30/09	Margaret Warner	Ward 1	6/30/09	Eric Weissman	Ward 2	6/30/10
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	<p>Wolfgang Mergner (PSCAC Representative) 6/30/09  Vacant 6/30/10  Vacant 6/30/11  Vacant 6/30/11</p> <p>Committee members are appointed to staggered three-year terms. Currently there are three vacancies on the Committee. The Committee encourages the Council to appoint members from unrepresented wards to fill the vacancies.</p>
<b>Policy</b>	To create and to maintain a livable community that is vibrant, healthy, and safe with convenient transportation for all of its residents.
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	None
<b>Attachments</b>	None
<b>Recommendation</b>	Staff recommends that the City Council meet with the Committee in September to discuss proposed projects for Fiscal Year 2010.
<b>Special Consideration</b>	N/A