Last Mile (or less): Site Plan Review for Multimodal Transportation

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- Evaluate the site plan review process in a community to ensure that it is supporting multimodal and pedestrian focused projects.
- Connect active transportation users to the front door of an establishment and make sure that the final steps of their journey are safe and direct.
- Support municipal boards by providing materials and trainings.
RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)

12. Collaborate with RTS, major regional employers, and developers to provide integrated public transit and pedestrian/bicycle access to encourage and increase walking, biking, and public transit use in lieu of single occupancy vehicle use throughout Brighton.
Transit Plans

Stage 1: Frequent Fixed Routes
(For the Mass Transit Network)

KEY
- Frequent Network
- Local Service
- Crosstown Route
- Connection Hub
- Community Mobility Zone

Timeframe

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Notes:
- Times are approximate
- Routes may vary during holidays
- Local service runs every 15 minutes or less

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These planning efforts are much less effective unless site development addresses the “last mile” (or often much less)
Solutions?
Municipal site plan review process

“Factors for consideration during preliminary site plan review. The Planning Board review of a site plan shall include but is not limited to the following considerations:

Adequacy and arrangement of pedestrian traffic access and circulation, including separation of pedestrians from vehicular traffic, sidewalks, linkages, control of intersections with vehicular traffic and pedestrian convenience.”
The bad...
The bad...
The less bad...
The better...
The better...
The better...
Municipal Survey

► 102 municipalities responded

► Question related to:
  ○ What elements are reviewed?
  ○ Does site plan review require pedestrian connection and safety elements?
  ○ How many and what types of projects are reviewed?
  ○ Does the site plan review process result in quality projects?
Monroe County Session

► Has site plan review led to positive development outcomes?
► What is your municipality doing to encourage or require pedestrian/active transportation connection and safety?
► Does your site plan review process need to change or be updated?
► How can communities in the Region work together to streamline the process for more cohesive development?
Improve the Process

A Best Practices Model for Streamlined Local Permitting

Bringing it all Together: Land Development Checklist

General
- Is the project site located within a Landscaped Growth Area?
- Is the project site located within a High Density Growth Area?
- Is the project site located within a Low Density Growth Area?
- Is the project site located within a Mixed Use Growth Area?

Bicycle/Pedestrian
- Does the project site have an adjacent existing sidewalk/walkway?
- Does the project site have bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure elements included in the plan?
- Is there a proposed new sidewalk/walkway system included in the plan?
- Does the proposed new sidewalk/walkway system achieve ADA accessibility requirements, if applicable?
- Is the proposed development a commercial, industrial, or institutional development?
- Is there an existing sidewalk/walkway system adjacent to the proposed development?
- Are there any existing sidewalks/walkways connecting the proposed development to the nearest building entrance or existing pedestrian system?

Public Transportation
- Is the project site located within an existing public transit route? If yes, is it on the route?
- Are there any existing bus stops located at or adjacent to the development?
- If yes, how many daily riders are associated with that stop?
- Is there a new bus stop proposed with the development? If yes, are there sidewalks/walkways connecting the proposed bus stop to the nearest building entrance or existing pedestrian system?
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