

Tredyffrin Township Sidewalk Subcommittee
October 7, 2010 Public Meeting – Comments Received

Summary of Themes:

Most comments were in support of sidewalks.

Sidewalks were most desired on higher traffic roads.

Many people want pedestrian connections to the Tredyffrin Public Library, shopping centers (Gateway, Valley Fair, Paoli and downtown Wayne specifically noted), parks (Valley Forge, Strafford, Teegarden), and Chester Valley Trail.

Bike connections wanted to Valley Forge Park.

Berywn Area Comments

SUPPORT:

252 high priority for biking

Need footbridge over Howelville Road Bridge (access to fields, etc)

Howelville between Bodine and Cloverly. A walking path on that small stretch would allow an entire neighborhood of children to walk safely to Hillside (and go in the back way from Cloverly), = 200 ft of sidewalk

Highest priority – Howelville (5 people) – now dangerous and close to a school

Need a sidewalk on Hickory – lots of kids to HES and T/E

Need a sidewalk on Greene between Irish and Cassatt

I think sidewalks should be on the busy streets with traffic. Side, quiet streets are pretty safe for walkers – it is the main thoroughfares with faster traffic that are more dangerous.

Interest in sidewalks or walkways to allow safe walking from Devonshire/Castlewood to Jenkins Arboretum and Teegarden Park. Also focus on footbridge to shopping on Contention.

OPPOSITION

This section of Bodine Road leading into Crabby Creek Park is not actually part of dedicated Bodine Road. This is a private parcel of land and driveway for 65 Bodine Road.

Bodine Road is a “no outlet” road with limited (very) pedestrian use (residents only). It is quite wide and steep. A sidewalk or path is unnecessary. Lighting would be helpful.

Devon/Strafford Area Comments

SUPPORT

Sidewalk/walkways opposite library side (along Upper Gulph), Old Eagle School to Croton.

Upper Gulph is currently utilized by pedestrians and bicyclists.

We want sidewalks in the panhandle from St Davids CC to Old Eagle School Road, on the Tredyffrin Library side of the street.

Bus Stops – children waiting for busses on the street!

We don't need sidewalks on the non-busy roads – they are already safe to walk on while Upper Gulph is very dangerous. It needs a sidewalk.

Need connecting path from Swedesford Road and Valley Forge Road to Conestoga Road

I live on the south side of Upper Gulph. A sidewalk between North Wayne and Old Eagle School would be great – even on my property.

Must have sidewalks on all parts of Upper Gulph Road

So I can walk places when my mom doesn't want to drive. It's safer obviously.

639 Upper Gulph Road - sidewalks please!!

Love this sidewalk (N. Wayne) as a way to walk to Wayne (Deepdale to Tredyffrin border) about 350 homes.

Need sidewalks all along Upper Gulph this section (North Wayne to Library?) for bike and pedestrian safety. Library is prime destination. Needs to be walkable for kids.

Need cement sidewalks with curb on Upper Gulph between Red Fox and Old Eagle School Road on the north side of the road.

Existing sidewalks and paths already encourage walking!

8 pedestrian generators – Cabrini College, St. Davids Golf Course, Mazie Hall Park, Mt. Pleasant R-4 neighborhood, VFMA, Tredyffrin Library, Strafford Park

Re:Upper Gulph speeding vehicles – police should make it a priority area to control for public safety.

Existing sidewalks discontinuity - pedestrian facilities should be continuous and consistent and connected along routes to pedestrian generators.

OPPOSITION

No walkway on Upper Gulph. Traffic moves faster than speed limit – unsafe to walk on existing sidewalks.

757 Upper Gulph Road – 20 ft. from pavement, There is no room for sidewalk and buffer

Chesterbrook/Great Valley Area Comments

SUPPORT

Connect Warner Spur with Horseshoe Trail at Howells

Extensive survey results with 10 plus pages of comments was given /shared with the BOS in Feb 2010. Take this feedback into consideration regarding the Warner Spur.

Is there a way to accommodate cyclists without making major changes in the width of Yellow Springs? Hundreds of cyclists every weekend.

Need bike lanes along North Valley between Yellow Springs and Swedesford. Too many bikers riding along this narrow and dangerous road.

Need walkways along North Valley between Yellow Springs and Swedesford – too many school kids walking to and from bus along road. A safety need!

Would like walking and biking routes along Yellow Springs between North Valley and Valley Forge national Park.

Build sidewalks on Chesterbrook Boulevard!

Need path from Chester Valley trail to Wilson Park and Gateway shops.

We (our neighborhood) would like a footbridge on Contention over the railway into the Shopping Center.

Re:Chesterbrook Blvd – I feel strongly there should be walkways and bike arrangements on Chesterbrook Boulevard. Kids could walk to Wilson Park, Chesterbrook Village, VFES, VFMS, without walking in the street.

Connect from future Chester Valley trail to shopping center.

OPPOSITION

None

Paoli Area Comments

SUPPORT

Add “Landing Lights” like in Bryn Mawr.

Add crosswalks from Woodgate Paoli Woods, etc to Paoli Library.

Add crosswalks on East Central to get to sidewalks.

Safety – make safer around train station.

Need safe biking and walking out of Valley Knoll anywhere.

Need access to Chester Valley Trail from Ridge.

Need Walk/Bike access to CHS, HES to Wilson Park, VFNP

Low cost improvements to help walker/biker passage. Better markings, signage, low speed limits, cutting back over hanging shrubs, barriers,

OPPOSITION

Route 30 is dangerous. We need passive traffic controls.

Valley Forge/Glenhardie Area Comments

SUPPORT

Footbridge over Contention Bridge

Safety Audit – DVRPC – West Valley and Valley Forge overpasses to Chester Valley Trail

Safe walkways needed between VFMS and Gateway

I think sidewalks should be on streets with traffic. I have a sidewalk today on my cul-de-sac – I worry about my kids on busy roads like Valley Forge with faster, heavier traffic

Walkway into shopping center (Gateway)

Very much in favor of connecting Brookmead Farms/Valley Forge Road via walkway/bike path with Gateway, Barnes and Noble, etc.

Very much in favor of a sidewalk along VF Road from Swedesford to VF Park

Would like walkways/bike lanes need along Valley Forge Road between VFMS and VF National Park – safety for children.

Remove center lane on 252, add wide shoulders.

Add marked shoulders to Thomas into park

Extend walkway into Valley Forge park to link with the 5 mile Loop.

Need walkway route to access Walker/Thomas to VF park

Need marked shoulder on Walker and Old Eagle.

OPPOSITION

No sidewalks on Pugh Road

Bike Lane Comments

SUPPORT

What about connections to the Radnor trail?

Crosswalks from neighborhoods to shopping, library, etc.

Route 30/Lancaster Avenue should be a high priority bike lane for east/west commuter use. Busy road with adequate shoulders for much of Tredyffrin.

Missed bike lane opportunity along Old Lancaster where new sidewalks went in. Instead of “traffic calming” bump outs (ridiculous) there could have been a lane. Now it is extremely unsafe for bikers. Look at every sidewalk project as potential for bike lane.

Chester Valley Trail will be an asset. Tredyffrin needs to plan safe access from north and south to the trail. From the south, routes are narrow and hilly.

Thanks for making biking a priority, Routes to VF park, 252/Thomas.

Teach drivers how to share the road!

Restripe Route 252 into VF park; remove center turn lane, and widen shoulder.

Do not eliminate bike lanes, signs in intersections. Please most dangerous/most needed area!

Need ends: 1. Transportation centers, 2. Shopping centers.

Need tie in with: Chester County Cycling Coalitions, Chester County Planning, PennDOT

Extend bike route into Valley Forge park and link with 5 mile loop.

Need to state/declare this Committee’s charter/goals/priorities to aid planning process.

Highest priority for greatest # of bikers is Valley Forge Road linking to park.

Consider bike routes that traverse longer routes.

Widen the bike lane from Valley Forge to Betzwood Trail (“422 Bridge”)

Propose bike lane through Strafford park leading out to hillside.

OPPOSITION

“Network” Connect paths, parks, bike lanes! All

Chesterbrook feels safe enough as is due to wide lane.

Upper Gulph Road hazard to bikes. Try other less busy roads.