



Progress Report: Oakland/CMU Pedestrian Safety Mobility Study

Management

1. Working Group:

The core group includes the two project sponsors (OTMA/CMU) and community partners and GAI Consultants. Organization representatives include:

- Carnegie Mellon University: Bob Reppe
- Oakland Transportation Management Association: Mavis Rainey, Elizabeth Tillman
- City of Pittsburgh—Department of City Planning: Jason Kambitsis
- City of Pittsburgh—Bureau of Transportation Engineering: Amanda Broadwater
- Oakland Planning & Development Corporation: Wanda Wilson
- GAI Consultants: John Wojtyna, Todd Brant, David Kundrat, Mary Raulerson, Jamie Parks
- PennDOT District 11-0: Jeff Skalican, Ben Devore

The first working group meeting was held on June 30, 2010. The project scope was reviewed. OTMA provided photographs of the targeted intersections within the project scope to assist the working group to become visually familiar with the current conditions at each location.

GAI Consultants presented the Oakland/CMU Pedestrian Safety and Mobility Study Request for Transportation Planning Data task(s) outline. Representatives from each organization within the working group were asked to provide specific types of information and statistics that would assist GAI with data collection. (See Task Outline at www.otma-pgh.org/pedestrianstudy)

GAI Consultants is currently developing the bi-weekly progress report meeting schedule which will begin in August 2010.

On Friday, July 30, 2010 in Baltimore GAI, CMU and CMU's Master Plan Consultant met. The GAI team was presented with the outline documents of the three new areas of expansion for the university. Building footprints were presented and during the meeting desire lines evolved from these documents and upon approval by the university they will be advanced into concept solutions for future needs of the campus and Oakland pedestrian and bicycle populations

2. Stakeholder Group:

This group represents the public interest in this project and would include residential and community organizations, businesses and others:

- Allegheny Conference-Ken Zapinski
- Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh-Ron Graziano
- Carnegie Museums of Art & Natural History-Kevin Hiles
- City of Pittsburgh School Board-John Walluck
- Craig Street Merchants-Paul Loy
- Diocese of Pittsburgh—Central Catholic High School-Brother Bob Schaefer
- Oakland Community Council (OCC)-Nathan Hart
- Oakland Task Force (OTF)-Renny Clark
- Port Authority of Allegheny County-Wendy Stern
- Shadyside Action Coalition-TBD
- Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition-Ray Baum
- Pittsburgh City Council, Councilman Bill Peduto's office-Dan Gillman
- Pittsburgh City Council-Councilman Doug Shield's office-Judy Feldman
- Bellfield Area Citizen's Association (BACA)-Holly Dick

GAI will conduct phone interviews with each group in order to capture their individual feedback about the project scope and goal, identify their particular wants related to the project's intent and answer questions they may have. All of which will be incorporated into the final report. Interviews will begin in September 2010.

3. Contracts

- PennDOT CMU: Executed Reimbursement Agreement #118115 May, 3, 2010
- CMU GAI: Contract signed July 26, 2010
- CMU OTMA: Contract signed _____ (date)

Data Collection

(See Task Outline at www.otma-pgh.org/pedestrianstudy)

Outreach

There are various phases and levels of outreach that are ongoing and will begin in the coming months.

- Project Website: www.otma-pgh.org/pedestrianstudy was created and went live on March 21, 2010. This website was one of the key mechanisms that consultants had to use to submit 'Letters of Interest' and qualifications for the project. The project ad, history of the project, a map of the key study area intersections, partner information and a link to the Pennsylvania Commuter Transportation Initiative program website are accessible on the Oakland/CMU Pedestrian Safety Mobility Study project website.

Plans are underway for updates to the website that will include: (1) identification of GAI Consultants as the selected consultant to conduct the study (2) inclusion of the detailed scope of work (3) inclusion of the project study area including parking

availability and (4) an updated project timeline, and (5) Community Survey Questionnaire

- Community Meetings: After Phase 1 of the project has been completed, CMU, OTMA and GAI will partner to host a town hall meeting for public input and feedback on the work that has been completed to date.