

Traffic Safety Process Review Committee

Objective: Review the Traffic Safety process and make recommendations that will help to align the process with the City's vision for Living Streets and advance Living Streets implementation.

Support: The City Council adopted the Living Streets Policy in 2013 and the Living Streets Plan in 2015. According to the Plan, Living Streets will be implemented through the neighborhood street reconstruction process, and through standalone stormwater, pedestrian, bicycle, and safety projects. The City will promote and apply the Living Streets Policy and Plan through "all City departments supporting the vision and principles outlined in this Plan in their work."

ETC Role: The ETC was established to help guide the City in implementing its vision for an integrated, multi-modal local transportation system. The ETC is responsible for advising the City Council on the operation of the local transportation system (all modes, users, and abilities); developing strategies, plans and recommendations to implement the City's multi-modal transportation vision; and reviewing and commenting on citizen transportation concerns, traffic complaint reports, and data.

Each year, the City Council approves the ETC work plan. The 2015 Council-approved ETC work plan includes "Review and recommend modifications to Traffic Safety Request process." At the October 2015 ETC meeting, the ETC formed a committee to make progress on this work plan item by the end of the year. Committee members are Katherine Bass, Jennifer Janovy, and Ralf Loeffelholz.

Committee Vision: The ETC holds accountability for making recommendations that will help to advance and implement Living Streets. Sometimes, the ETC recommends updates to City code or policy. Sometimes, the ETC recommends process improvements. An example of the latter is the ETC's work earlier this year to recommend revisions to the neighborhood street reconstruction survey so that the survey can be a useful tool in advancing the implementation of Living Streets. In a similar way, the Traffic Safety process holds great potential for helping to communicate the Living Streets vision to residents and advancing Living Streets implementation. It is through the lens of Living Streets implementation that the Committee views its task.