Near West Neighborhood Land Use Plan  
Transportation Work Group  
First meeting  
Haughville Branch Library  
April 16, 2013

**Attendance:**  
James E Baker  
Teresa Combs, MCPO  
Richard Cornell, WINC  
Frank Danbeck  
Patrice Duckett, Near West Collaborative  
Riik Fuller, Stringtown Neighborhood Association  
Tom Glass, 500 View Neighborhood Association  
Joanne Hamilton, MCANA-Wayne Township  
Martha Judkins, Fairfax Neighborhood  
Shanna Martin, MCCOY  
Michael McGuigan  
Elizabeth McMillin, SWNO  
Nancy Mobley, Haughville Branch Library  
Kathy Parker, 500 View Neighborhood Association  
Bryan Pedigo, Hoosier Rails to Trails  
Francetta Peterson, Haughville  
Sally Root, Fairfax Neighborhood  
Sean Smith, Efficient Systems  
Becki Viewegh, Wayne Township Trustee’s Office  
Richard Vonnegut, Hoosier Rails to Trails  
Matthew D Whooley, Near West Collaborative

**Staff:**  
John Byrnes  
Alice Gatewood  
Keith Holdsworth  
Betty Smith-Beecher

**Summary:**  
The meeting began with a summary of the planning process to date.

*Transportation issues and concerns prioritization*  
A presentation was made on the prioritization of transportation issues and concerns. The issues and concerns were heard during interviews and meetings in the preparation phases of the planning process. The prioritization of the items was done at the kick-off meeting. It was noted that pedestrian, transit and bicycling items tended to rate as higher priorities than issues concerning vehicular transportation.
An issue that was high on the priority list was street lighting. It was noted that the new street lights are dimmer than previous lights. People are encouraged to call IPL and request higher wattage lights for their area.

It was also noted that many of the street trees in the area are in bad condition and in many locations their roots have lifted sidewalk panels.

It was noted that the recently built White River Greenway trail south of Washington Street is down on the floodway of the river so it is frequently flooded out. It was suggested that the trail should be relocated up the river banks ten to fifteen feet.

Review of existing plans
A summary of existing plans was handed out and boards illustrating the plans’ proposals were displayed. The summarized plans were the Thoroughfare Plan, IndyConnect, the Indianapolis Pedestrian Plan, the Regional Bikeways Plan and the Greenways Plan. Participants were asked to look at these plans and suggest additions or deletions from them.

It was suggested that there is a need for one or two full-fledged north-south arterials through the neighborhood.

Results of a study into the conversion of Michigan and New York Streets to two-way traffic through IUPUI are expected in the next few months.

It was recommended that Michigan Street be a pedestrian corridor as Washington Street, 10th Street and 16th are shown in the Indianapolis Pedestrian Plan.

Numerous additions were made to the proposals of the Regional Bikeways Plan. These additions included north-south routes on Tibbs Avenue, Kessler Boulevard, Holmes Avenue and Belmont Street. Also recommended were routes along the south and north edges of Central Greens, connectors between Central Greens and Holmes Avenue and a bike boulevard on New York Street between White River Parkway and Belmont Street. It was recommended to extend the proposed Greenway on the former B&O rail line from Tibbs Avenue to Michigan Street. A low intensity bike route along Walnut Street from Concord Street across Haughville Park to Belmont Avenue was also proposed.

A map of existing sidewalk in the area was shown. Participants looked at the map and offered corrections. Participants were asked about places that were particularly in need of sidewalks. These locations were:

- St. Clair Street east of Belleview Place
- Walnut Street between Concord Street and Tibbs Avenue
- The west side of Tibbs Avenue between Washington Street and Walnuts Street
- The west side of White River Parkway, including a crosswalk and other improvement at the intersection with New York Street
- The 500 View neighborhood in general
A date for the next meeting was not set, but will likely be in May.