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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SAFE STREETS ROADSHOW
UNDERWAY THIS SUMMER**

Resident Feedback on Multimodal Safety and Impact of Reckless Driving Needed at Public Meetings

The Milwaukee County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) launched a new safety initiative earlier this summer. The **Complete Communities Transportation Planning Project** is an effort to increase multimodal safety and address reckless driving across all 19 municipalities in Milwaukee County. Details about the project, including funding and project background, can be found on the project website: <http://county.milwaukee.gov/CompleteCommunities>.

Milwaukee County's vision to be the healthiest county in Wisconsin by achieving racial equity cannot be achieved without taking a new approach to transportation safety, addressing the root causes of reckless driving, and protecting our most vulnerable roadway users. The planning process and resulting plan will use an equity lens to center communities of color who often experience the greatest harm.

As an opportunity to engage with and hear from residents, Milwaukee County is hosting a **Safe Streets Roadshow** throughout the summer with meetings in each of its 19 municipalities, including one Spanish-only session in the City of Milwaukee on August 24th. Residents are invited to attend any meeting regardless of where they live within Milwaukee County. The meetings for the month of July are:

Municipality	Date and Time	Venue
Franklin	July 12th, 3PM	Franklin Public Library (Fadow Room)
Glendale	July 12th, 6PM	Glendale City Hall
Bayside	July 13th, 2PM	Bayside Village Hall (Board Room)
Wauwatosa	July 13th, 6PM	Wauwatosa City Hall
Milwaukee	July 18th, 5PM	Milwaukee Public Library - Good Hope Branch
Hales Corners	July 19th, 6PM	Open Flame Restaurant
West Allis	July 22nd, 10AM	West Allis Public Library (Constitution Room)
Milwaukee	July 22nd, 1PM	Milwaukee Public Library - Center Street Branch

The **Safe Streets Roadshow** offers residents the opportunity to share their feedback on how they are impacted by reckless driving. Residents will also hear an overview of the project including goals and timeline. If residents are unable to attend a meeting and wish to contribute feedback, they can complete a digital survey. The survey can be accessed here: <https://bit.ly/mcdotsurvey>.

What Have We Heard? Milwaukee County hosted five Safe Streets Roadshow meetings in June and is hosting another 16 throughout July and August. At the meetings in June, 200 pieces of digital, written, and place-based feedback were gathered from participants. A few high-level takeaways include drivers feeling more anxious and a perception of speeding and distracted driving as leading factors in crashes. Participants suggested safe street solutions to slow traffic such as implementing protected bike lanes, lowering speed limits, and installing more speed bumps. An example of a resident's feedback is:

"I wish drivers slowed down and looked out for pedestrians and bikers. Pedestrians and bikers also need to be careful and not just dart out into a car's path. We all need to look out for one another."

Cudahy community member

In addition to the Safe Streets Roadshow, this effort will be informed and guided by municipal partners throughout Milwaukee County through steering committees including a Public Advisory Committee (PAC) comprised of community leaders, advocates, and non-profits, and an interdisciplinary Safety Working Group (SWG) comprised of industry leaders and professionals. Both groups will convene at key moments throughout the process to inform the outcomes of the study.

Learn more about Complete Communities and see a complete list of dates and locations for the **Safe Streets Roadshow** on the project website <http://county.milwaukee.gov/CompleteCommunities>. The project is expected to conclude in late 2024.

Please reach out to Jeff Sponcia, Transportation Program Planning Manager at MCDOT (jeff.sponcia@milwaukeecountywi.gov), for any questions.

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