

CENTRE SOUTH

STREETSCAPE AND TRANSPORTATION ACTION PLAN

Citizens Advisory Group Meeting

November 23, 2009

Flip Chart Notes from Streetscape Guidelines Discussion

SIDEWALK RECOMMENDATIONS

- Difficult to implement feature strips on narrow sidewalks in JP
- “Heat island of dark pavement must be balanced
- Would granite be permeable? How set?
- “Special Places” – can this include off-corridor locations?
- Will all sidewalks be reconstructed?
- Sidewalks are the only item in common – should be consistent
- Okay to be ordinary
- Accessibility, especially regarding sidewalk width
- Should be functional and maintainable
- Saw cut is more accessible
- Feature strip as “platform” for expression – not programmed
- School involvement in “art” tiles – Davis Sq, Chelsea
- Must be “shovelable”

CROSSWALKS

- Street print with accessible center is unpopular
- City standard (street print) is too fancy – maybe use a different style
- Crosswalks more effective than stop signs to calm traffic
- Crosswalks must be recognizable
- Function and purpose are more important than aesthetic
- Other materials – inlaid ladder??
- Painted crosswalk/colored pavement
- Cones for fines at crosswalks
- Apex ramps have few advantages
- Support for exploring “Raised Crosswalks” across side streets

STREET LIGHTING

- Fixtures should be neighborhood focused, not just downtown examples
- Function must be considered first
- “dark sky” friendly should be an important factor
- Greater height at key nodes/intersections
- Energy efficiency – is there a difference between few high light fixtures and more lower light fixture?
- Rule of thumb – 4:1 height: spacing
- Different fixtures for different segments?
- Lighting may be the biggest design element