

Forest Home Infrastructure Planning Task Force

Meeting #2 – May 2, 2025
1:00 pm - Ithaca Town Hall

NEXT MEETING: May 30, 2025 @ 1 pm – Town Hall

MEETING NOTES

ATTENDING

- Town of Ithaca: Rod Howe, David O'Shea, CJ Randall, Joe Slater,
- Cornell Univ: Susan Riley, Leslie Schill
- Forest Home Community: Robin Blakely-Armitage, Ari Lavine, Jennifer Loucks, Ruth Mahr, Charlie Trautmann
- Tompkins County: Fernando de Aragon

KEY TASKS

Town

- Follow CFA proposal process
- Written tentative timeline for the process going forward (subject to funding)
- Draft RFP/RFQ for selecting a consultant (subject to funding)

Forest Home

- Low hanging fruit for implementation by Town now (crosswalks/repainting options)
- **Priorities for implementation from the 2007 Traffic Calming Plan (what is still relevant)**
- Discuss design of 4-foot side paths along streets with residents
- Check NESTS
- Check with Cayuga Hts. re process with sidewalks (community agreement, funding)

Cornell Univ.

- Communicate the goals and general process of this project to relevant people at the University

MEETING NOTES

- Dave: would need a consultant to evaluate safety of any measures being planned
- Leslie: Cornell has tested intersection reconfiguration with short experiments
- Fernando: Changes in intersections do not have to be forever

- Dave: Any changes with public funds must meet guidelines and specifications
- Ruth: Snow on side paths is a problem
- Joe: A consultant we'd hire will have capability to model the impact of proposed changes
- CJ: Funding Options – Climate Smart funds, NYS will be issuing CFA offering soon
- Fernando: State is better option for funding, feds more problematic
- Ari: We will provide a listing of our wants
- Rod: A study such as this might well be \$150K
- CJ: Town would issue an RFQ (an RFP would need more specificity)
 - There is only a handful of firms that can do what we want – community engagement, traffic calming experience, traffic modeling capability
 - CFA will likely come in late May
 - Will need letter of support,
 - Can create shared document for proposal
 - PROWAG (Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines) site has guidelines that must be followed for public funding

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