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Pedestrian Crossing Technology Proposal

Adam Roy Cohoon advocates for improved pedestrian crossing technology to accommodate individuals with disabilities who struggle to press buttons due to the pandemic's sanitation concerns and physical limitations. Adam suggests that cities should adopt technologies like Wi-Fi or Bluetooth-enabled apps or remotes to allow people to activate crossings via smartphones. Cohoon emphasizes the need for independent activation of crossings without relying on others and hopes his concerns will be addressed by city staff.

Action Items

- [] @Adam Roy Cohoon [name = Adam] - Forward the information discussed in the meeting to other city staff so they can contact Adam to have a conversation on this issue.

Outline

Challenges with Pedestrian Crossing Buttons Post-Pandemic

- Adam Roy Cohoon highlights the issue of pedestrian crossing buttons that are difficult for individuals with disabilities to press, especially since the pandemic began.

- Adam mentions that people are less likely to press buttons without hand sanitizer, which poses a problem for those who need to use the buttons.
- Adam points out that current buttons are not easily accessible with elbows or other objects, making it difficult for some people to use them.
- Adam suggests that better technology is needed to allow individuals with disabilities to independently activate pedestrian crossings without relying on others.

Proposed Solutions for Improved Pedestrian Crossing Technology

- Adam discusses existing solutions in other cities that utilize Wi-Fi or Bluetooth to enable people to interact with buttons using smartphones or remotes.
- Adam emphasizes that while these solutions might not be the cheapest, they are viable options for improving accessibility.
- Adam expresses his hope that his concerns will be heard and that city staff will be informed about the need for better technology in pedestrian crossing devices.
- Adam thanks the audience and expresses his willingness to provide more information and have further discussions on this issue.