

# SCARSDALE STRATEGIC MOBILITY + PLACEMAKING PLAN

Walk Audit

March 29, 2022, 1:00 – 1:30 p.m.

## Introductions and Visioning

After introductions, Michael Ahillen (FHI Studio) asked participants to note one priority that participants would like to see addressed. Participants noted the following priorities:

- More spaces for gathering
- Improved traffic circulation
- Reduced traffic crashes
- Improved parking management
- More pedestrian traffic
- Activation of public space
- More flexible spaces, such as farmers markets on certain days
- Improved bicycle/pedestrian safety
- More art and music
- Playgrounds and activities for children
- LED streetlights
- Create a lively community that serves as a destination
- Link parks
- Elimination of tripping hazards
- Better linkages to neighborhoods
- EV charging stations
- Improved maintenance
- Streetscape upgrades

## Boniface Circle

Challenges	Opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tree is unwell</li> <li>• War memorial is not ADA accessible</li> <li>• The park is not connected to businesses and Chase Park across the street</li> <li>• Circulation of cars; lots of cars going the wrong way down Boniface Circle</li> <li>• Trees block view of businesses.</li> <li>• Walking path does not follow a desired route for pedestrians.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Park is important for holiday decorations, including the trees</li> <li>• Potential for fountain</li> <li>• Movable seating has been popular and is generally well used.</li> <li>• Shade is needed during summer</li> <li>• Need for a dog park in the community</li> </ul>

## Dine in the 'Dale Tent

Challenges	Opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tent feels enclosed. Would like to see something more open.</li> <li>• It's a pilot, but people are interested in more permanent space and structure. Desire for a more attractive option.</li> <li>• Tent replaces 12 parking spaces, some of which are directly in front of grocery store.</li> <li>• Uncertainty how the tent will create circulation challenges when full commuting returns. Area was used as a pick-up and drop-off area.</li> <li>• There has been some traffic congestion associated with the tent.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It's been important for community-building. Tent is well used by community members. Organizations have meetings in tent, and there have been food drives and music programming. Provides a place for teenagers.</li> <li>• Business owners maintain the space. This is a major volunteer effort.</li> <li>• Potential for removable bollards or pop-up bollards.</li> <li>• There is more demand for programming than the tent can provide.</li> <li>• Bronxville, Rye, Burlington, and the Ithaca Commons are successful areas Scarsdale could look to for inspiration.</li> <li>• Lights at the holidays are popular.</li> </ul>

## Popham Road/Depot Place

Challenges	Opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High vehicle speeds</li> <li>• Bridge has a design characteristic similar to a divided highway.</li> <li>• No infrastructure to indicate the gateway to the Village Center.</li> <li>• Lack of bike access on Popham Road.</li> <li>• Long wait time for pedestrians</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depot Place is a missed opportunity. The Village owns the historic structure, which is currently empty. There is a trail and space for a beer garden to activate the property adjacent to the Bronx River.</li> <li>• Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPis) could help with crossing times.</li> </ul>

## Crane Road

Challenges	Opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intersection with East Parkway confusing</li> <li>• Turning from Fox Meadow Road is challenging.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trail entrance near the intersection with Chase Road</li> <li>• Sidewalk on south side of Crane Road</li> <li>• Could potentially make a one-way street to allow for safer bicycle and pedestrian access</li> </ul>

## Attendance

Max Grudin	Overhill Neighborhood Board
Aylone Katzin	Village Manager's Office
Randy Whitestone	Trustee
Bruce Wells	40 Chase Road
Lena Crandall	227 Fox Meadow Road
Steven DeIBene	Police Department
Eric LoGiudice	Police Department
Jeff Coleman	Scarsdale DPW
David Goessl	Scarsdale Engineer
Michael Caliendo	Scarsdale Engineer
Greg Cutler	Village Planner
Ingrid Richards	Assistant Manager
Randi Culang	FMNA
Marcy Berman-Goldstein	Scarsdale Business Alliance
Jane Veron	Village Mayor
Jeremy Gans	Trustee Elect
Justin Arest	Trustee
Karen Brew	Trustee
Rob Cole	Village Manager
Jonathan Lewis	Trustee
Ron Schulhof	CAC, LED Streetlights
Susan Douglass	Scarsdale Forum, Downtown Revitalization Committee
Michelle Sterling	CAC, LED Streetlight Committee