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Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee of the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee

September 5, 2017 5:30 PM
2nd floor Conference Room
City Hall, 41 Green Street, Concord, NH

<u>Members Present:</u>	<u>Members Not Present:</u>
Craig Tufts (Co-Chair)	Karen Paddleford
Ursula Maldonado (Co-Chair)	Greg Bakos
Dick Lemieux	
Robert Baker	
David Sky	
John Stoll, Senior Planner	<u>Guests:</u>
Jeffrey Warner (staff representative)	Melissa Bernardin

Committee – review / accept minutes

The June minutes were reviewed and accepted.

City Hall Bike Rack Replacement

The committee continued the discussion from last month regarding the removal of the bike racks between City Hall and the Annex. New racks were proposed in the City Hall campus site plan which was removed from the project due to the cost of the combined heating conversion/site plan project. Public Properties may reintroduce the site plan into the 2019 budget but there is no assurance that the project would be funded and if not, racks would be furthered delayed. Therefore, the committee recommends that: 1) the racks which are in storage be placed at the Library on the existing concrete slab near the Green Street entrance, 2) a wheel bender rack be placed temporarily at City Hall in the vicinity of the former pay phone, 3) TPAC review the recommended racks in the Bicycle Master Plan and prepare an updated list of recommended racks. Jeff will reach out to Public Properties to see what can be done in the short term.

The committee also inquired as to how the number of bicycle parking spaces should be determined for the library or other facility. Jeff explained that the Association of Bicycle and Pedestrian Professionals published a Bicycle Parking Guide which Engineering uses to determine a recommendation.

Traffic Signals Detection

CNHBC has ordered the 1/8" thick stencil that Jeff suggested be purchased. A delivery date has not been determined. The committee suggested an educational effort on what the symbols represent and how to use them should be coordinated with the painting of the symbols. A submission to the City Manager's memo should also be made to inform the City Councilors and the public of the project.

It was also noted that two signals which detect vehicles with video technology do not appear to detect cyclists. These intersections include: 1) the left turn from northbound on North State Street to Penacook Street and 2) the left lane, eastbound approach on Pleasant Street onto Main Street.

Sheep Davis Road Striping

NHDOT recently resurfaced Sheep Davis Road at I-393. The City submitted a request to NHDOT asking that additional shoulder width be provided between the I-393 westbound on ramp and Loudon Road. NHDOT reviewed the request and proposed a modified design which provided for wide shoulders along both the northbound and southbound directions of Sheep David Road.

NH 202 at North Main Street Striping

NHDOT Resurfaced NH 202 at North Main Street this summer. The City submitted a request to NHDOT that the lane configurations be changed such that, between North Main Street and South Commercial Street, the eastbound lanes be configured with a 5' shoulder, 11' lane, 10' lane, with a 2' shoulder against the median. The westbound configuration should be: a 15' shared lane (where no edge line exists today), 11' lane, 10' lane, with a 2' shoulder against the median. Craig reported that it appears that NHDOT will implement the changes as suggested.

Conservation Commission Land Acquisition

Craig reported that the Conservation Commission discussed the idea of purchasing the Pan Am Railroad property along the Concord-Claremont line which was discontinued in 2008. The corridor runs from Horseshoe Pond Lane to North State Street and has transportation, connectivity, and recreation value. There are a few encroachments along the corridor as well as a large washout. The Conservation Commission expressed interest in purchasing the portion of the property south of the Smokestack Center as it has conservation value relative to the river and bluffs. The Commission did not support the purchase of the northern portion of the property with conservation funds due to limited conservation value and the number of occupations along the corridor. The Commission will discuss the purchase further at the September 13 Commission meeting. Volunteer, Tim Blagden is organizing a site walk of the corridor with Pan Am and others. A date has not been set for the walk.

Bike Share Update

Chair Tufts explained to the committee that he has requested a report to the full TPAC from city staff on bike share feasibility in Concord. Attendees discussed some information on different bike share programs throughout New England and the rest of the country. Most bike share programs utilize a limited number of bicycle hubs/stations where bicycles may be rented and returned. An alternative to this approach provides more bike racks over a wider area than the traditional program and also allows the rented bicycles to be left anywhere within the service area. The committee questioned whether if the organizations with an informal bike share program (NHDES, St. Paul's, NHTI) would be interested in participating with a new system.

Central NH Bicycling Coalition (CNHBC) Update:

CNHBC held a back to school bike swap on July 29.

CIP and Private Development Update/Plan Review

11-35 Canal Street, Penacook. Major Site Plan, Minor Subdivision. 54 units of multifamily housing.

TPAC-BP members offered the following recommendations for this project:

- There should be a real entrance to the building directly from Canal Street.
- Applicant should consider covered bicycle parking or possibly dedicating some common area on the 1st floor for indoor bicycle parking.
- Existing power lines on Canal Street should be buried or moved to the other side of the street where other lines currently exist.
- The sidewalk along the frontage should be relocated to provide a grass panel similar to the adjacent property, Penacook Family Physicians.

285-287 Loudon Road. Major Site Plan. Two retail buildings and a restaurant.

TPAC-BP members offered the following recommendations for this project:

- Eliminate right turn only curb cut/driveway
- Provide some sort of pedestrian access from Old Loudon Rd.
- Provide openings in proposed fence along Old Loudon Rd or possibly consider landscaping as an alternative.

Capital Area Wellness Coalition:

The Wellness Coalition will be hosting the following events:

- Family Wellness Festival: October 14 from 10 am – 2 pm.
- Mayor's Walk: Wednesday, September 27, 12 pm at the Smile Building, 49 S. Main Street & Saturday, September 30, 9 am at the Sewalls Falls Trailhead on Sewalls Falls Road.

Bike Walk Alliance:

The Bike Walk Alliance is working on three initiatives to clarify that: 1) people riding bicycles may use a blinking light, 2) motorist may cross a solid stripe pavement marking to go around a person riding a bike to comply with the 3-foot law, and 3) an extended right arm is a legal signal for a right turn.

Coordination with Concord Police Department:

TPAC-BP would like to keep the discussion with Concord Police Department (CPD) open and current. They would like to invite CPD to a TPAC-BP meeting along with the City Councilors who sit on TPAC for an open discussion. Jeff will discuss with Rob and work to facilitate a meeting.

Coordination with General Services:

TPAC-BP would like to improve their working relationship with General Service. Communication and the installation/maintenance of complete street elements has not always been easy.

Bicycle Friendly Driver Program:

David offered to facilitate a Bicycle Friendly Driver class to TPAC and General Services. "The Bicycle Friendly Driver program is a 1 1/2 hour interactive class, taught by Bicycle Ambassadors aimed at educating all drivers on the best and safest ways to share the road with people on bicycles." David has presented the program to Delta Dental and will be presenting to the NH PUC and Insurance Department. <http://www.cnhbc.org/education>

Merrimack River Greenway Trail:

The Friends of the Merrimack River Greenway (FMRGT) closed their petition with over 1600 signatures supporting the project. FMRGT will be updating City Council at an upcoming Council Meeting and presenting to the Governor, Concord's legislative delegation and the NHDOT Commissioner.