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Minutes

Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee of the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee of the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee met at 5:30 p.m., on November, 6, 2023, in the Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall at 41 Green Street.

Attendees: Chairman Craig Tufts, Members Dick Lemieux and Boyd Smith

Absent: Member Greg Bakos

Staff: Alec Bass (Senior Planner)

Guests: Ian McGregor (TPAC), Susan Woods

1. Introductions

2. Minutes – February 06, 2023 and September 11, 2023

On a motion made by Chair Tufts, seconded by Member Lemieux, the minutes for February 6, 2023 and notes of September 11, 2023 were approved. All in favor. The motion passed.

A motion made by Chair Tufts, seconded by Member Smith to recommend TPAC appoint Nicole Fox to the Bike/Pedestrian Subcommittee. All in favor.

Paving Schedule and the CIP

3. CIP 17 – Sidewalk, Bikeway and Streetscape Improvements – Updates

Mr. Bass provided an update that upcoming CIP 17 work on Chenell Drive, Pembroke Road and Airport Road are progressing, with TPAC Bike/Pedestrian suggestions being taken into consideration. Member Lemieux recommended the subcommittee look at the most recent design proposals with other business. Chair Tufts suggested a public meeting, or at least information provided with work mailings about the installation of sidewalks.

4. CIP 78 –Annual Highway Improvement Program

a) North Main Street Improvement Considerations

The committee began discussions on concepts of how to improve safety on North Main Street. General

agreement that this section of roadway is not only bike unfriendly, but very unsafe for pedestrians. Chair Tufts would like to have crash and accident data provided to assist with evaluation.

Mr. Bass informed the committee that the CIP #18 – Storrs Street Extension is slated for final design, permitting and construction in FY 2026. Part of that project would include a possible reconfiguration of the Storrs @ North Main Street intersection.

The committee entered into a work session reviewing a map of North Main Street between Storrs St and Bouton Ave. Evaluating many concepts and began drafting the following proposals. An emphasis placed on improving pedestrian crossings. The committee feels as though reducing the number of lanes would provide the most significant improvement to pedestrian safety. If four lanes of traffic needs to be maintained, pedestrians refuge islands should be considered.

Proposal 1 – Conduct a traffic study to evaluate the feasibility of reducing the number of lanes along the corridor to bring North Main Street closer to a complete street.

Proposal 2 – Provide a 5'/10'/11'/8'/11'/10'/5' typical section to provide a refugee crossing island at crosswalks.

Further evaluation still needed for all crossings, layout and reducing curb cuts. The committee recommends that TPAC consider recommending a traffic study, survey and possible funding to perform engineering work on North Main Street.

New Business

5. Pedestrian Safety Concern Letter

Tabled to next regularly scheduled meeting

6. E-Bikes and E-Scooters

Tabled to next regularly scheduled meeting

Private Development Update / Plan Reviews

7. Whitney Road Mixed Use Development

Tabled to next regularly scheduled meeting

Other Business

8. August 1, 2022 Priority Topic List

Tabled to next regularly scheduled meeting

9. 2017 Pedestrian Master Plan

Tabled to next regularly scheduled meeting

10. 2010 Bike Master Plan

Tabled to next regularly scheduled meeting

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm