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Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee of the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee

July 17, 2017 5:30 PM
2nd floor Conference Room
City Hall, 41 Green Street, Concord, NH

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

Committee – review / accept minutes

The June minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Conservation Commission Land Acquisition

The committee 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. The potential purchase will be discussed at the August Conservation Commission meeting. There are a few encroachments along the corridor as well as a large washout. The committee felt that these compromises to the corridor should be taken into account when negotiating with Pan Am.

Sheep Davis Road Striping

NHDOT will be resurfacing Sheep Davis Road at I-393 this summer. The committee recommends that the southbound lanes be striped with 11' lanes to increase the shoulder width and improve bicycle accommodation through the I-393 interchange. TPAC-BP requests that TPAC/City Council work with NHDOT to incorporate this change into the project.

I-393 at North Main Street Striping

NHDOT will be resurfacing I-393 at North Main Street this summer. The committee recommends 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. TPAC-BP requests that TPAC/City Council work with NHDOT to incorporate this change into the project.

Bike Share Update

The City and Zagster (a bike share provider) discussed the concept of bike share in Concord. Zagster is to provide more information to the city, including pricing options. Manchester and Portsmouth uses Zagster. The Manchester program is privately funded, while Portsmouth is funded through the City's parking and transportation budget. Ideas for share locations include: Delta Dental, S&W Sports, Center for Health Promotion, Concord Hospital, Lincoln Financial, State office parks, and City Hall campus. The Manchester program is a two-year pilot and some felt it appropriate to wait until Manchester has a chance to evaluate the program before launching a program in Concord.

Silk Farm Road Easement

The need for a safe walking/riding surface along the discontinued portion of Silk Farm Road continues to be a priority for the committee. Communication with St. Paul's appears to open and a resolution is being sought. TPAC-BP did not recommend any additional action by TPAC at this time.

North-South Bike Route Maintenance

As a follow-up to the discussion last month, General Services indicated that maintenance of the markings is in the plan for later this year.

Traffic Signals Detection

Jeff indicated that he marked the detection zone at a number of intersections for testing and some on the committee reported that the test markings for the detection zone have worked well for them. The locations are marked with a pink B. The Central NH Bicycling Coalition has agreed to fund the purchase of a stencil (within a maximum amount) as long as they have assurance that it will be used.

Central NH Bicycling Coalition (CNHBC) Update:

1) CNHBC will hold a back to school bike swap on July 29 from 9:00 – 5:00. 2) Walk to School Day is October 4. CNHBC may be organizing a walking school bus. 3) CNHBC will have a booth at National Night Out. 4) CNHBC is promoting the Hike for the Health of It, trail passport program which is sponsored by the Capital Area Wellness Coalition.

CIP and Private Development Update/Plan Review

No new applications with potential implications to pedestrian and bicycle usage were submitted for the July Planning Board.

Bike Parking at the City Hall Campus

Bike parking was removed between City Hall and the Annex as part of the steam to gas heating conversion project. There does not appear to be a plan to replace the parking. The committee stressed the importance of the parking and the need to replace it.