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## MINUTES

### **Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee of the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee**

May 7, 2018 5:30 PM  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor Conference Room  
City Hall, 41 Green Street, Concord, NH

Members Present:

Craig Tufts (Co-Chair)  
Ursula Maldonado (Co-Chair)  
Robert Baker  
David Sky  
Sam Durfee, Senior Planner  
Jeffrey Warner (staff representative)

Members Not Present:

Karen Craver  
Greg Bakos  
Dick Lemieux

Guests:

### **Committee – review / accept minutes**

The February and March minutes were approved (as amended).

### **CIP Discussions**

TPAC-BP reviewed the CIP relative to pedestrian and bicycle improvement projects. It was noted that CIP 380 which was used for Safe Routes to School projects was being removed. CIP 17 targets pedestrian, bicycle and streetscape projects. TPAC-BP reviewed the bicycle and pedestrian master plans to identify potential project to be considered under CIP 17. Items worth noting included:

1. Craig will compile a list of the areas that were identified as areas of concern in the master plans, and that are not associated with a CIP other than #17, to see if the committee feels they are appropriate for CIP #17.
2. A project should be considered for improving bicycle/pedestrian facilities along Loudon Road from Ft. Eddy Road to Airport Road.
3. The description for CIP 588 – Loudon Road Bridge Improvement Project should be changed to include the widening of the bridge to allow multi use paths along at least one side of the bridge and include a pedestrian path(s) under the bridge at the abutments.
4. The resurfacing/reconstruction of the path under 393 between Ft. Eddy Road and NHTI should be added to the CIP. To facilitate the project, TPAC should ask Engineering to research the ownership of the path to see who is responsible for maintenance, City or State.

### **I-93 Bow Concord**

Craig reported that TPAC was trying to schedule a meeting for either May 10 or 17 to identify specific ideas to share with the State and McFarland-Johnson at the May 24 TPAC meeting that should be considered prior to selecting the preferred alternative. Some ideas may include: 1) Can the rail be relocated? 2) Why were previous options eliminated? 3)

Consider a multiuse bridge over the river. 4) Consider a pedestrian/bicycle connection between Stickney Avenue and the Hannaford / L.L. Bean plazas. 5) Consider a pedestrian/bicycle connection to the MRGT.

### **Traffic Signals**

Robert will reach out to the Traffic Signal Technician to see if the zones where bicycles can be detected can be identified at a few key intersections where it is difficult for cyclists to get a green light.

### **Bike to Work Day, May 18**

Bike to Work Day events will be hosted by Central NH regional Planning Commission at the State House and by NHDES on their campus on the morning of May 18.

### **Bike Share Update**

Sam Durfee recently replaced John Stoll as the Senior Planner who will be coordinating this effort. Sam did not have new information to share.

### **CNHBC Bike Swap**

The annual Central NH Bicycling Committee (CNHBC) bike swap is scheduled for May 19-20. Donations/consignments can be dropped off at S&W Sports a few days in advance. A volunteer sign up will be circulated.

### **Private Development Update/Plan Reviews**

- 1) Goodwill along Loudon Road is under construction. The project was approved by the Planning Board over a year ago. The existing building will remain with some changes to circulation, donation drop off, and improved pedestrian access. The access to Branch Turnpike will remain unchanged.
- 2) Irving Energy at the corner of North State Street and Penacook Street is currently closed. Planning/Engineering has not received any plans indicating what the owner has planned for the property.
- 3) Concord Litho at the corner of Old Turnpike Road and Terrill Park Drive is planning to reconfigure their parking lot and reduce the uncontrolled driveways which currently exist.

### **Landscaping at the Exit 16 Roundabout**

After the conclusion of the construction of the Exit 16 roundabout, Susanne Smith-Meyer sent a letter to City Council(?) expressing concern that the density of landscaping was not planted per the approved plan or as it was presented to the community. Ursula will reach out to the City Clerk to obtain an update on the subject.

### **City Hall Bike Rack Replacement**

A replacement for the bike rack located on the City Hall campus which was removed during the heating conversion project from steam to gas has not been replaced. Jeff indicated that the budget for the City Hall Campus project which was supposed to replace the rack may have been reduced such that racks may not be in the budget.

### **ThinkBike**

Heather Shank and Sam Durfee have a skype call with representatives from the Dutch Cycling Embassy on Wednesday May 16th to discuss the possibility of a holding a ThinkBike Workshop to explore ways of improving Concord's bike-ability.

### **Pedestrian and Bicyclist Counts**

Counts are scheduled for the second and third week in May. Craig distributed a summary of the past count locations. The committee considered whether data collection should focus on a corridor such that a corridor summary could be provided or focus on spot locations which may provide some data for upcoming project. Based on the number of volunteers,

counts will focus on the Route 3 corridor, but also count at Loudon/Stickney, Ft Eddy/393 underpass to NHTI, Eastside Drive/Hazen.

## **Education**

David reported that at a recent Concord Wellness Coalition meeting, the need for additional education relative to bicycling was discussed. David informed the group that while TPAC-BP does not focus on education, CNHBC does. CNHBC (David) has offered a number of educational opportunities but few have been held due to lack of interest. The committee briefly discussed if/how the State includes bicycles in the driver education/license process. It is believed the Bike Walk Alliance of NH worked with the State to get a few questions that pertain to driving/bicycling rotated into the exams.