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Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee of the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee of the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee met virtually at 6:00 p.m., on June 2, 2020, via Zoom.

Attendees: Craig Tufts, Ursula Maldonado, Dick Lemieux, Greg Bakos

Staff: Sam Durfee, Senior Planner, Staff Representative
Karen Hill, Transportation Engineer

1. Minutes of the January 7, 2019 Meeting

Ursula motioned to approve the minutes of the January 7 meeting, Greg seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. CIP 17 Sidewalk, Bikeway, and Streetscape; General Transportation Project Update

Karen Hill gave an overview of a document she had prepared as tool to help prioritize future sidewalk projects. The subcommittee discussed the document and suggested that Craig, Karen and Sam work together ahead of the next meeting and use the document to develop a priority list starting with West Concord.

Dick asked if there are funds for CIP 17 in the proposed budget. Karen and Sam did not think so given the next funding year is in FY 2022, but would review the proposed budget to check.

3. CIP 78 Paving Program & Pavement Markings

Dick had asked if the sharrows on Main St and other downtown streets would be repainted. Sam shared an email from Jim Major of General Services stating that the painting crew is working on crosswalks and stop bars and would then move onto arrows and turn only's. Sharrows would be painted last, weather and health permitting – hopefully by late summer/fall. It was noted that the sharrows did not appear to have been painted last year.

Dick commented on the excellent condition of the recently repaved Bog Rd and inquired as to if the road would receive fog lines and if so, would it be possible to stripe 10' lanes to provide for a paved shoulder for bikes. Sam stated he would contact Jim Major for more information.

4. Demonstration Project

Sam shared his hopes to be able to launch some sort of demonstration project despite the coronavirus. He shared a potential idea for a cyclovia, where a stretch of road would be closed to car traffic and bicyclists and pedestrians would have free reign of the road. Sam noted that cyclovias are typically paired with other events and he proposed holding this over a weekend to coincide with the farmers market, or working with InTown Concord to brainstorm other event ideas. The subcommittee was supportive of the idea noting that further research and planning is needed.

5. Transportation Alternative Program Grant Round

Craig asked if anyone had heard if the TAP round would open on schedule. No one had and some speculated that it would not open on schedule as some TAP projects have been pushed back due to the current crisis. Craig stated that there will be a meeting of the regional Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and there would be members of NHDOT present who may be able to provide some further information.

6. Bike-Ped Counts

Craig asked members of the subcommittee if they had any locations that could use some counts. He added that CNHRPC has recently done counts on the Northern Rail Trail in Boscawen and a new stretch of trail in Hopkinton which showed high usage of the facilities.

Karen stated that Engineering had recently done the required counts on Main Street for TIGER reporting and said that the counts were well below normal – likely a result of the coronavirus.

7. CNHBC Update

A bike swap is planned for July 25th at S&W Sports on South Main Street.

8. Private Development

Sam informed the committee about a major site plan application that was received for a two-building development on the Capitol Shopping Center lot (80 Storrs St) on the corner of Storrs St and Pleasant St Extension. He explained that the applicant has also petitioning City Council for an amendment to the zoning ordinance to allow drive-through facilities in the Opportunity Corridor Performance (OCP) District. He provided a background on the master planning for this area and summarized that the single-story development as proposed does not fit with the vision for the district, but wanted the subcommittee's feedback on the site design.

Though some members could understand why the developers are asking for such an amendment from a business model standpoint, overall the committee is opposed to the idea of a drive-through in a district that is envisioned to be pedestrian and bicyclist-oriented.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM