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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 5:30 p.m., on May 3, 2021, via Zoom.

Attendees: Craig Tufts, Dick Lemieux, Greg Bakos, Boyd Smith,

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

1. Minutes of the April 5, 2020 Meeting

Greg motioned to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2021 meeting with typo corrections, Dick seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Loudon Road Bridge Replacement

The group discussed the merits and challenges of locating the shared use path (SUP) on either side of the bridge. On the north side, the SUP would provide easier access to Fort Eddy Rd. from the Heights; however, there are more opportunities for conflicts with traffic on the north side of Loudon road as there are more crossings. The south side has fewer conflict points with traffic, but the crossings are at high-volume intersections. Once beyond I-93 there are multiple ways of connecting with the Storrs Street North extension. Other associated challenges include navigating from the cornfields through the Loudon Rd office park to Loudon Rd. Easements or the restriping of the driveway may be required.

Dick Lemieux offered to create a pros and cons matrix for the various options to discuss at the next meeting. Bike and pedestrian counts at the Fort Eddy/Loudon Rd intersection may be necessary.

3. Paving Schedule and CIP 17

Craig noted that Penacook Street was repaved and the sidewalk as repaired. Karen stated that because the roadway was fully reclaimed, the sidewalk was repaired. General Services carries money in their paving budget for sidewalk repairs only when roads are being reclaimed. With this knowledge, the subcommittee will track the paving schedule and program projects into CIP 17 in coordination with the paving program to make improvements to the streetscape when sidewalks are being repaired in conjunction with roadway reclamation. It will also track the paving schedule to see where CIP 17 could be programmed for new sidewalk construction.

It was noted the South State Street and South Street are examples of roadways that may be due for reconstruction that could also host spot improvements.

A conversation with General Services should take place as to when spot treatments to sidewalk/streetscape areas can occur outside of a full roadway reclamation. The subcommittee will continue to monitor the paving schedule and develop restriping layouts when roads are only receiving an overlay to better accommodate bicyclist where possible.

4. Demonstration Project for 2021

The group discussed the importance of clarifying the desired impact of a demonstration project and using that to define what the project should actually be. Things like building advocacy capacity, interest in engagement, and creating culture shift were touched on. Boyd stated that he would connect with Sam outside of a subcommittee meeting to discuss a demonstration project and come back to the subcommittee with a clear project idea. The idea of doing something in conjunction with the bike swap at S&W Sports at the end of July was briefly discussed.

7. General Transportation Project Updates

Nothing to report.

8. CNHBC Update

Craig shared that there will be a bike swap on July 31st.

9. Private Development Update/Plan Reviews

Sam shared that the Brixmor project at 80 Storrs Street appeared at the April 21st Planning Board meeting. There are still a number of significant issues that still need to be addressed and conversations between the City and the applicant continue.

10. Old Business on Hold

Nothing to report.

11. Other Discussion Items

Nothing to report

Meeting adjourned at 7:14PM