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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 September 13, 2021, in the second-floor conference room, City Hall 41 Green Street.

Attendees: Craig Tufts, Dick Lemieux, Greg Bakos (via phone)

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

Absent: Boyd Smith

#### **1. Minutes of the July 12, 2021 Meeting**

A vote on the July 12, 2021 meeting minutes was postponed to the October meeting.

#### **2. South State Street and South Street Reconstruction**

Both South State Street and South Street will be fully reclaimed next year from Pleasant Street to South Main and Pleasant Street to Clinton Street, respectively. During road reclamations, curb is rest, making this an opportunity to adjust curbing to provide bumpout for pedestrians and street trees. Staff has been discussing possible intersections along these corridors that would be good candidates for intersection treatments and have walked the corridors with committee volunteers and staff from General Services to further evaluate potential locations. Based on these observations, the following intersections have been identified as possible locations for bumpouts and were discussed by the subcommittee:

- South State & Fayette

Karen stated that there should be consistency in striping crosswalks. At this location there are only two crosswalks for four crossings. Karen presented a sketch showing bumpouts on the southern side of the intersection, facilitating the crossing of South State Street. The bumpout on the southeast corner provides an opportunity for a tree. Sam added that lot on the south east corner will likely be redeveloped with multi-family housing in the near future and the development and surrounding neighborhood would benefit from improved pedestrian facilities at the intersection. The bumpout on the southwest corner would improve pedestrian movement around the utility pole that is currently located in the middle of the sidewalk ramp.

- South State & Thompson

This location currently has four crosswalks striped. Karen noted that there is additional area striped as “no parking” on the southwest side of the intersection. A longer bumpout could be constructed here. Utility line are above this area so consultation with the tree committee would be required to recommend a suitable species that would not conflict with the overhead wires. Craig offered to bring this up with the Tree Committee.

- South & Fayette

The subcommittee liked the locations of the bumpouts on the south side of the intersection. They aid in the crossing for the park and would compliment the landscaped area edging the adjacent parking lot. A discussion ensued regarding striped lane width on South Street. The subcommittee agreed that travel lanes on South Street should be striped no wider than 11 feet. Parking lanes should be kept to 8 feet where parking spaces are delineated with tick marks. Any additional roadway space should be allocated between the travel lane fog line and the parking lane tick marks to allow for bicycle passage.

- South & Thompson

There are only 3 crosswalks at this intersection. Karen’s sketch proposes bumpouts with a new crosswalk on the south side of the intersection. During her walk with General Services, they pointed out that there are challenges with making the curb ramps work on the northeast corner and they would like to remove the northern crossing. The subcommittee prefers to keep the crossing, reasoning that pedestrians would cross there anyways.

- South & Concord

The subcommittee discussed this intersection and the applicability of a bumpout given the skew of Concord Street. A bumpout would effectively have an eastbound pedestrian cross South Street from the northside of Concord Street to the southside of Concord Street. Craig could see such a crossing result in some confusion, but Dick observed that the bumpout would facilitate all pedestrian movements and supports a bumpout in this location. It was deemed worth having staff take another look at this location and draw up a concept.

- South & Monroe

Bumpouts already exist on the south side of this intersection; however, the crosswalk is skewed. Karen presented a sketch that would move the curb ramp on the east side southernly to square up the crossing. The subcommittee discussed and concluded that the skew was not a significant enough issue to necessitate a change.

In summary, the subcommittee supports the installation of bumpouts at all the above locations as described, but does not recommend any changes to the South & Monroe intersection. The subcommittee makes this recommendation to TPAC and will rely on the Tree Committee for input on tree species and locations. Karen and Craig will attend the tree committee meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8 AM. Staff will work to set up a public meeting for the residents and property owners in the area of these proposed improvements.

Craig asked what plans are for a neighborhood meeting. Sam said they are working on setting up a meeting sometime in late September or October. It was noted that it may be worth reaching out to a few property owners near some of the proposed bump-outs in advance of the neighborhood meeting.

### **3. Lane Striping Policy**

The subcommittee briefly discussed the draft striping policy. Dick began by stating that this policy should serve as a guide for road striping and should not make recommendations on how contracts with striping contractors are written. The group agreed and Sam requested that everyone take another look at the draft policy ahead of the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM