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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 at 5:30 p.m., on March 4, 2022, in the second-floor conference room, City Hall 41 Green Street.

Attendees: Craig Tufts, Boyd Smith, Greg Bakos

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

Guests: Councilor Stacey Brown – Ward 5

1. Minutes of the July 12, September 13, and December 6, 2021 Meetings

No vote was taken on the July 12, 2021, September 13, 2021, or February 7, 2022 meeting minutes.

2. South Street Lane Striping Review

Karen provided an overview of a possible striping concept for South Street from McKee Square to Thorndike Street following the reclamation of South Street. The reason the subcommittee is considering a striping change to this section of South Street is because it is part of a City designated bike route. The cross-section of the concept from west side of south street to the east side is as follows:

- 5' shoulder/bike lane
- 11' travel lane
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- 5' bike lane
- 2' buffer
- 8' parking lane

The concept would remove an underutilized parking lane on the west side of south street from Thorndike to 150' south of Perley Street. A slight lane shift would be required to accommodate the easterly bike lane and buffer. Traveling north, the lane would shift back to the east and meet with existing bumpout at Thorndike with a 2' gap between the travel lane and the curb.

The group was favorable of the concept overall and discussed the possibility of the easterly bike lane being parking protected, but concluded it would be too difficult and not necessarily safer for cyclists. The "door zone" was discuss as was the possibility of taking 6 inches of width from each travel lane

and giving it to the bike lane buffer to create the recommended 3' buffer between a bike lane and parked cars. Additional discussion occurred around the lane transitions, Karen stated she would smooth out the transitions ahead of a presentient to full TPAC.

Craig motioned to send the concept to full TPAC for consideration and a vote to recommend the change to City Council, Boyd seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Federal Transportation Grants

The group discussed the Notice of Funding Opportunity released by USDOT. This is a 5-year bill with potentially 4 rounds of applications. Concord would likely apply for the RURAL funds and the group discussed potential eligible projects such a Langley Parkway, Storrs Street north, MRGT, McKee Square, or even something in conjunction with the new middle school. Sam and Karen stated that they have been attending webinars relative to the application process, but will need approval from administration to devote time to a grant application.

4. Bike Event for 2022

Councilor Brown provided an update on the status of the triathlon, stating that sometime in September is the target for holding the even and the organization of the even will begin toward the end of April.

Craig shared that the Bike Coalition is open to organizing a bike-fix-it station ride.

5. Striping Policy

The group agree not to move forward with formalizing a striping policy and to opt for a regular annual meeting between General Services, Planner, Engineering, and a TPAC rep to coordinate on the paving program.

6. Snow Removal

Not discussed

7. Other Business

An open and free discussion took place on possibilities for the bicycling and walking network citywide, and connectivity ideas that may be investigated in future planning activities such as the update to the Master Plan.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM