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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 June 6, 2022, in the second-floor conference room, City Hall 41 Green Street.

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

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

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

Boyd motioned to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2021, September 13, 2021, or December 6, 2021 meetings. Greg seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **2. Review of Paving Schedule**

The group looked at a map of the streets proposed to be reclaimed in Penacook to look for potential opportunities for bicycle and pedestrian improvements. Merrimack Street was the primary focus as the majority of the other streets were short, low-speed, neighborhood streets. After much discussion, the group decided against making any recommendations as Merrimack Street does not have any striping and is relatively narrow.

Also discussed was location where Canal Street intersects with Village Street. The Canal Street intersection approach currently has a bike lane situated between the left and right turn lanes. The group looked at the possibility of formalizing a bike lane on Canal Street, though the existing on-street parking provides a challenge. It was determined that a conversation with Matt Walsh would be necessary to understand any changes that may or may not be made to the on-street parking relative to the development of a riverfront park in this location.

The Lilac, Meter, and Village Street intersection was discussed briefly, but upon inspection of the revised striping as seen in 2020 aerial imagery, the group had no changes to recommend.

A general discussion was held over the paving schedule review process. An annual meeting between General Services, Planning, Engineering, and members of TPAC should be held at the beginning of each calendar year. This meeting should be a collaborative approach to evaluating low cost opportunities to improve the pedestrian and cyclist experience on City streets. These improvements could take the form of changes to striping, shifting curbing, and the removal or reconfiguration of on-street parking. The group discussed the importance of corridor planning and members were curious how certain corridors become their own CIP items vs. simply being incorporated into the paving

program.

Dick expressed concern over a number of roads in poor condition that are not on the paving plan for next year. These included Oak Hill Road, parts of Hoit and Shaker Road, Sanborn Road, Old Turnpike Road, Long pond Road, and Little Pond Road.

### **3. Bike Event for 2022**

Craig shared some thoughts on a Bike Fix-It station ride. A route has been developed, but there is currently no organization offering to organize and run the event. Decisions will need to be made as to which stations to stop at along the route and what to say to participants at these stops. Sam suggested that instead of addressing multiple topics at a single meeting, a single topic should be discussed at each meeting so that proper planning and decision making can be done. This event would require its own meeting at which the group would flesh out the details.

### **4. Federal Transportation Grants and TIP Projects**

The group briefly discussed the various funding opportunities that are being announced from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Craig and Sam shared that at the recent regional TAC meeting, NH DOT explained that they would be providing guidance on which programs projects should apply for as the guidance from US DOT is broad. The group recognized that substantial staff time would be needed to identify projects and put together strong applications. McKee Square was one such project suggested.

### **5. Other Business**

Boyd asked the group about what has been going on with Langley Parkway given some recent discussions among citizens. The group responded that nothing has changed and there is really no movement on the project. The project was mentioned at the State of the City speech and residents of the area took that to mean the project was moving forward. All relative studies would need to be updated before the project gets moving again, if and when that happens.

The next meeting will serve as a visioning session for the group to establish priorities and set new meeting formats for the purpose of dedicating the necessary time to specific items in order to accomplish tasks productively.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM