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REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Transportation Policy Advisory Committee
DATE: August 21, 2019
SUBJECT: Application to the League of American Bicyclists for renewal of the Bicycle Friendly Community Status.

Recommendation

Accept this report.

Background

By Resolution No. 2170, adopted March 10, 2008, the City Council created the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC) which was specifically charged to develop policy related to city-wide traffic and transportation systems including long-range multi-modal transportation planning, bicycles, and pedestrian facility planning as well as public transportation services and high speed rail.

TPAC has created working subcommittees with a focus on pedestrian facilities, bicycle facilities, public transportation, and neighborhood traffic management for the purposes of ensuring future development follows a pattern consistent with the City's 2015 Comprehensive Transportation Policy. The Bicycle subcommittee worked with its membership, other bicycle organizations, and the general public to implement the Bicycle Master Plan that was accepted by City Council in March of 2011.

Discussion

In 2010, Council authorized the City Manager to apply to the League of American Bicyclists to have Concord be designated as a Bicycle Friendly Community. Concord received this distinction, the first in New Hampshire, at the "bronze" level for a period of four years. In 2015, the City successfully applied for a renewal of the City's Bicycle Friendly Community status and was redesignated at the "bronze" level. The current designation expires this year. Unfortunately, the deadline to renew was earlier this month and TPAC and staff were only made aware of that fact subsequent to the last Council meeting. Based on these exigent circumstances and past City Council support and TPAC's recommendation for this designation, the City Manager authorized an application on behalf of the City be submitted On August 8, 2019.