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Transportation Policy Advisory Committee

December 15, 2016, 6:00 PM
2nd Floor Conference Room
City Hall, 41 Green Street, Concord, NH

Members Present:

Dick Lemieux (Vehicle Traffic Safety Operations; Chair)
Brent Todd (Council Representative)
Jennifer Kretovic (Council Representative)
Jim Sudak (Public Transportation Representative)
Craig Tufts, (Bicycling Community)
Sheila Zakre (At-Large)
Rob Mack, Traffic Engineer (City Manager's Designee)

Members Absent:

Rob Werner (Council Representative)
Ursula Maldonado (Pedestrian and Trails Community)

Staff and Guests:

Ed Roberge - City Engineer
Heather Shank - City Planner
Don Lyford - NHDOT
Brian Colburn – McFarland Johnson
Jeff Santacruz – McFarland Johnson
David Sky - Resident
Eric Steinhouser - Resident
Karri Makinen - Resident

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order. Members and guests attending were introduced.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 17, 2016 meeting were approved as submitted (Motion-Todd; Second-Tufts; Unanimous).

3. Presentations – NHDOT’s I-93 Bow-Concord Study

Brian Colburn of McFarland Johnson led a discussion of project history, purpose and need, and select alternatives reviewed to date. A copy of his PowerPoint presentation is available at the link below:
<http://www.i93bowconcord.com/Documents/Concord%20TPAC%20Presentation%2012-15-16.pdf>

There was considerable discussion of potential interchange alternatives being reviewed in the Concord area from I-93 Exit 12 to Exit 15. The discussion also focused on the proposed Storrs Street North Extension to I-393 and Commercial Street which is also being studied by Engineering staff and its consultant. Don Lyford, NHDOT project manager, said NHDOT plans to continue meeting with established local groups (such as TPAC, its subcommittees, the Chamber of Commerce, etc.) to discuss the study as it evolves and gather feedback from the local community. The Chair suggested that TPAC was very interested in the project and would look forward to meeting with the NHDOT project team again in a few months. Members suggested that the study team review the recommendations of the City’s Opportunity Corridor Master Plan as it is a result of substantial public review and feedback over many years. As the study moves forward to larger public meetings, it was suggested that traffic modeling/simulations of select alternatives would better illustrate to the general public the intended operation of each of the alternatives presented.

4. Public Comment - None

5. New Business - None

6. Old Business

a. Review final draft of the Concord Pedestrian Master Plan

Members discussed the latest draft of the Pedestrian Master Plan. Discussion items included: how to refer to the needed pedestrian and safety improvements along Loudon Road in light of the recent Council decision against the three-lane conversion project; expansion of recommendations for improvements at signalized crosswalks; and minor grammatical changes. Members concurred that additional time to review the draft document was needed. Ed Roberge would have select Engineering staff review the document and would return comments and suggestions to Craig Tufts by December 23, 2016. Other TPAC members requested additional review time over the coming weeks too. Craig Tufts will incorporate any additional comments into the document and will redistribute it to members at the January 26, 2017 TPAC meeting for final review. Following TPAC approval, the document would be submitted to the Planning Board for their consideration as a potential amendment to the Master Plan.

7. Consent Reports

a. Acceptance of Subcommittee Minutes

The following subcommittee reports were accepted by unanimous consent: Bicycle/Pedestrian – October 3 and November 7, 2016; Public Transportation – October 18, 2016; and Traffic Operations – November 15, 2016.

8. City Council Meeting Update

Not discussed.

9. TPAC Referrals from City Council, Staff and Chair

a. None.

10. Status Report on Subcommittees

- a. **Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee (TPAC-BP), Craig Tufts**
No report.
- b. **Public Transportation Committee (TPAC-PT), Sheila Zakre**
No report.
- c. **Traffic Operations Committee (TOC), Rob Mack**
No report.

11. Staff Updates

- a. **Loudon Road Corridor Improvements (CIP 19)**
No report.
- b. **Mountain/Shawmut/East Side/Exit 16 Roundabout (CIP 24)**
No report.
- c. **Merrimack River Greenway Trail (CIP543)**
No report.
- d. **I-93 Bow-Concord (NHDOT)**
No report.
- e. **Storrs Street Extension North (CIP18)**
No report.

12. Other Discussion Items

Members discussed changing TPAC’s regular meeting space from Council Chambers to the 2nd Floor Conference Room in City Hall beginning with the January 26, 2017 meeting. It is a better-sized room for the committee, offers good access to the computer and digital projector and obviates the need to move tables and chairs. The regular meeting schedule will remain the same: the 4th Thursday of the month, with exception of November and December when TPAC typically meets a week earlier to avoid holiday weeks.

13. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at about 9:00 PM.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: **January 26, 2017**
 February 23, 2017
 March 23, 2017