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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 May 6, 2019, in the second floor conference room, City Hall 41 Green Street.

Attendees: Crain Tufts, Ursula Maldonado, Dick Lemieux, Greg Bakos

Absent: Robert Baker

Staff: Sam Durfee, Senior Planner, Staff Representative
Dave Cedarholm, City Engineer

1. Minutes of the March 11, 2019 Meeting

Dick motioned to approve the minutes of the March 11 meeting, Ursula seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Demonstration Project

Sam and Craig informed the subcommittee that they had attended Southern NH Planning Commission's (SNHPC) Transportation Advisory Committee meeting for presentation on pop-up demonstration materials SNHPC has available for loan. Sam explained that there are stipulations on the borrowing of these materials that would significantly reduce the scope of the demonstration project previously proposed.

The subcommittee discussed alternatives to the currently proposed demonstration layout that would respect the SNHPC stipulations and eliminate the concern of theft from leaving portable bollards out overnight. A new project idea was drafted that consists of creating two temporary bump outs on Broadway at the southern sides of the intersection with Pillsbury and protected bike lanes on South Street from Pillsbury Street to the school driveway.

The subcommittee is supportive of this layout because it provides amenities for both bikes and pedestrians, the bump outs on Broadway are part of a CIP 17 project TPAC identified as a priority, and the reduced scope would respect the SNHPC stipulations, allowing access to the materials – greatly reducing project costs. The group discussed possibilities for piggy-backing on events to increase the visibility of the project. Walk to school day could be an option and there is the possibility of creating additional programming in cooperation with school administration.

3. TPAC-BP Project List and Strategy

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4. City and NHDOT Paving Program

The subcommittee reviewed the lists of 2019 City and State paving projects to identify opportunities for improving striping for bicyclists and gaps in sidewalks on roads slated for paving. Pleasant Street between N. Fruit Street and Rum Hill Road was discussed as a sidewalk currently extends through this stretch on Pleasant Street on the south side of the road and residents of the neighborhood off the north side of Pleasant Street currently have no crossing facilities to access the existing sidewalk. The group also noted that shoulder striping has been inconsistent in the past, resulting in narrower shoulders. The subcommittee would like to see the travel lanes narrowed in order to support shoulders of at least five feet in width. This would be consistent with a design Jeff drew up before he left of Pleasant Street west of Fruit Street.

On the State paving program, US 4 at I-93 Exit 17 was discussed for bicycle safety. The current striping requires an eastbound cyclist to cross a significant length of the southbound onramp given its angle of approach. The subcommittee recognized this would most likely need to be handled as part of a redesign of the onramp, though the possibly for bike cycle crossing signage and dashed striping across the onramp was discussed. The northbound off-ramp merge with US 4 was discussed and the subcommittee expressed the desire for some sort of signage, either a “Yield” or “Watch for Bicycles” to be positioned for drivers merging onto US 4.

Along the NH 106 corridor, the subcommittee suggested that it be asked of NHDOT to maintain 5’ shoulders and reduce the width of the center turning lane to provide additional should width where possible. The subcommittee observed several intersections including those with the entrances to the mall and Walmart where the shoulder striping curves into the entrance, effectively reducing a cyclist’s usable shoulder area. The subcommittee would like to see these issues resolved.

5. Statewide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan

Craig reminded the subcommittee to fill out the survey for the Statewide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan at <http://nhpedbikeplan.com>.

6. I-93 Bow-Concord Update

Nothing to report

7. CMAQ Funding Round Open

Continued to next month

8. CNHBC Update

Craig informed the group Bike/Walk to Work Day is May 17 and that the annual Bike Swap is May 18, and that there is a Bike Rodeo at the Mall on June 1.

9. Bikeshare Update

Craig informed the subcommittee that Manchester’s pilot period with Zagster is nearly complete and the City has issued a RFP for bikeshare providers and that VeoRide plans to respond. This may be an indication that VeoRide may have more interest in partnering with Concord for a bikehsare service.

10. Private Development Update/Plan Reviews

Nothing to report

11. Other Discussion Items

Craig shared a spreadsheet of historic bicycle count locations in the City and asked the subcommittee which future counting locations should be prioritized. The subcommittee agreed that placing counts in areas slated for upcoming roadway infrastructure improvements would be important to get “before” data. Other areas of importance include the Green Street sidewalks and the new roundabout up at Exit 16.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM