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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 January 6, 2020, in the second floor conference room, City Hall 41 Green Street.

Attendees: Craig Tufts, Ursula Maldonado, Dick Lemieux, David Scharlotte (guest)

Absent: Greg Bakos

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

1. Minutes of the October 7, 2019 Meeting

Dick motioned to approve the minutes of the October 7 meeting, Ursula seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Washington and Centre St Intersection

Dave Cedarholm and Karen Hill presented three alignment options (attached) for the Washington and Centre St Intersection, based on the Subcommittee's early discussions of the dangers of this intersection. The distinguishing characteristics centered around the separation between the cross streets of Pine and Washington, turning radii, the location, crossing distance, and number of crosswalks, and the depth of the throat of Washington Street as it comes to a T with Centre Street. After discussing the merits and challenges of each alignment at length, alignment B was considered to be the most appropriate as it accomplishes the reduction in crossing lengths and provides separation between Washington and Pine Street without too great of an impact to the triangle of land on the east side of intersection.

The consideration of a left turn lane from Centre onto Washington was discussed, but it was quickly realized that a left turn lane would compromise primary goal the reduced crossing distance and would be rendered obsolete once the Langley Parkway Extension is constructed.

3. CIP 17 Sidewalk, Bikeway, and Streetscape & CIP 78 Paving Program

The purpose of this discussion was to identify priority sidewalk projects that match up with streets in the paving program to supplement priority intersection and corridor improvements already recommended for CIP 17 by TPAC. Dave and Karen shared that they had reached out to General Services for a 5, but preferably, 10 year paving program in order to better inform

the planning of sidewalk construction and upgrades. The group reviewed the priority sidewalk locations from the Pedestrian Master Plan as well as a document supplied by Karen identifying a list of sidewalk recommendations for CIP 17 from the Engineering Division. The group concluded that adding sidewalks when paving is being done should be the first priority as that is the most cost effective. After that, the group discussed targeting priority streets that have no existing sidewalks, then, working from downtown out, targeting the priority streets that have sidewalks on only one side.

It was also noted that neighborhood meetings and discussion with property owners are an important step in advancing of sidewalk project. It was discussed that there are sensitivities when a small number of property owners may oppose a sidewalk when there are many others who may benefit.

4. CNHBC Update

Craig shared that the movie Motherlode is playing at Red River Theaters on January 7th. It is an inspiration and educational movie/documentary about moms and cargo bikes.

5. Bikeshare Update

Sam stated that he while he has emailed several VeoRide contacts about a potential partnership with the City of Concord; he has not received any replies.

6. Private Development Update/Plan Reviews

The Subcommittee had further questions in regards to the proposed Manchester Street/Black Hill Road development; specifically the progress of the development, details on the proposed trail that would serve as part of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail, and overall walkability of the area. At this time, there have been no further updates to share. The layout of the development as currently proposed was also discussed.

7. Other Discussion Items

Craig mentioned that the Planning Commission will be submitting an application to the League of American Bicyclists to become a Bicycle Friendly Business and recommended that the City do the same as an employer. He added that the application rounds are quarterly. There is a \$50 fee associated with it. If funding the application is a hurdle, TPAC-PB could reach out to the Central NH Bicycling Coalition for a donation. Sam stated he would talk to the appropriate administrative staff and see about getting an application started.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM