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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 October 7, 2019, in the second floor conference room, City Hall 41 Green Street.

Attendees: Craig Tufts, Dick Lemieux, Greg Bakos

Absent: Ursula Maldonado

Staff: Sam Durfee, Senior Planner, Staff Representative

1. Minutes of the September 2, 2019 Meeting

Dick motioned to approve the minutes of the September 2 meeting, Greg seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Demonstration Project

The Subcommittee reviewed the pictures, videos, and survey results from the demonstration project on October 2nd, while Sam and Craig summarized the day's events. While the weather was not ideal, an estimated 40+ bikes used the bike lane and another 20+ rode on the sidewalk. Most of the sidewalk riders were students riding to and from school. 15 respondents had taken the survey and the majority of responses were positive to the project

There was some discussion over locations for a future project, the merits of different alignments relative existing striping alignments, and the amount of work and funds that may be required for various project scenarios.

3. Statewide Bike-Ped Plan Outreach

Craig reported that 87 people participated in the sticker exercise at the September 28th outreach event at the Saturday farmer's market. The most common hindrance to increased cycling is the perceived lack of safety for cyclists on the road. Staff at the table reported good turnout and insightful conversations with participants.

4. TPAC-BP Project List and Strategy

Discussion took place over the future of the Subcommittee. Given the few number of members currently on the Subcommittee and the occasional difficulties in having a quorum for meetings as a result, Craig proposed the idea of meeting on an on-call basis when TPAC refers an item to

the Subcommittee. The members present agreed with the reasoning and the idea. Craig would like to hold one more meeting before moving to this model in an effort to attract two people with whom he has spoken with about possibly joining the committee.

5. I-93 Bow-Concord Update

Craig reported that a meeting was held between DOT and some members of City leadership and the Concord Business community. Mike Tardif of CNHRPC was in attendance and reports that TPAC's letter to DOT citing issues with the Preferred Alternative was one of the handouts provided. No news of future meetings has been shared by DOT.

6. CNHBC Update

Nothing to report

7. Bikeshare Update

Sam stated that he spoke with Julie Chizmas of Nashua relative to the recent VeoRide launch of scooters. The scooters have greatly increased overall ridership, but it appears that many of the scooter rides seem to be recreational, rather than for commuting. Sam hopes to speak with VeoRide in the near future to explore the possibility of a partnership with the City of Concord.

8. Private Development Update/Plan Reviews

The Subcommittee had questions in regard to the proposed development off Black Hill Rd. Sam explained an amendment the Gateway Performance District will be appearing before Council this month to allow residential uses in the district. Sam also shared that the developer is working through the FEMA process to fill parts of the site to raise buildings out of the 100 year flood plain.

The Subcommittee is very interested in the preliminary drawings as they do show an area for the Merrimack River Greenway Trail and the Subcommittee would like to have input on the design of the trail through the development.

9. Other Discussion Items

In light of the restriping of Pleasant Street by the Hospital which reduced to existing should to mere inches in some places, Dick opened a discussion on how mistakes like this can be avoided in the future. He explained that, years ago, he would sit down with the City Engineer and General Services and go over the paving plan to identify areas where shoulders could be expanded and suggesting this practice start up again. Sam stated that he would check in with Engineering and General Services as to why this mistake was made and if it can be corrected.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM