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Transportation Policy Advisory Committee

November 15, 2018, 6:00 PM
2nd Floor Conference Room
City Hall, 41 Green Street, Concord, NH

Members Present:

Dick Lemieux (Vehicle Traffic Safety Operations; Chair)
Ursula Maldonado (Pedestrian and Trails Community)
Rebecca McWilliams (At-Large)
Jim Sudak (Public Transportation Representative)
Rob Mack, Traffic Engineer (City Manager's Designee)

Members Absent:

Brent Todd (Council Representative) - excused
Rob Werner (Council Representative) - unexcused
Craig Tufts (Bicycling Community) - unexcused
Sheila Zakre (At-Large) - excused
Ryan Buchanan (At-Large) - not excused
Greg Bakos (At-Large) - excused

Staff and Guests:

Sam Durfee (Senior Planner)
Mayor Jim Bouley

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order. As there was not a quorum present, the meeting would be limited to general discussion.

2. Approval of Minutes

The chair tabled review of the October 25, 2018 meeting minutes due to lack of a quorum.

3. Public Comment - None

4. Presentations - None

5. New Business - None

6. Old Business - None

7. Consent Reports

a. Acceptance of Subcommittee Minutes

The following subcommittee reports were accepted by unanimous consent: Bicycle/Pedestrian – October 1, 2018.

8. City Council Meeting Update

Rob Mack reported that City Council accepted the following TOC/TPAC consent reports at its November 13, 2018 meeting: Pearl Street sight-line concerns at N. State Street; and Thorndike Street sight-line concerns at South Street.

9. TPAC Referrals from City Council, Staff and Chair

- a. None

10. Status Report on Subcommittees

a. Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee (TPAC-BP), Craig Tufts

Sam Durfee reported that TPAC-BP met this month and continued planning for a potential buffered bike-lane demonstration project. The location being considered is along South Street between Allison Street and the school campus, perhaps in fall 2019 when school is in session. Grant funding is being sought and the subcommittee plans to reach out to the schools in planning the event. Southwest NH Regional Planning Commission has some temporary bollards that were used for a similar demonstration project and may loan them for the Concord event.

b. Public Transportation Committee (TPAC-PT), Sheila Zakre

Rob Mack reported that TPAC-PT's meeting is scheduled for next week. Jim Sudak noted that the two new CAT buses are now both in service.

c. Traffic Operations Committee (TOC), Rob Mack

Rob Mack reported that TOC is scheduled to meet next week. To be considered is a resident request to install street lighting on Triangle Park Drive. In general, potential installation of street lighting along the street is complicated as there are no above-ground power poles to mount lights on. However there may be an option to install a street light on an existing utility pole at the Sheep Davis Road/Triangle Park Drive intersection.

11. Staff Updates

a. Merrimack River Greenway Trail (CIP 543)

Dick Lemieux noted that the design team continues to work with Land and Water Conservation Trust staff to consider options for the repurposing of current grant funds to provide additional trail improvements in Terrill Park rather than on the initial boardwalk section. The last chance to walk the Pan Am rail alignment from Horseshoe Pond northerly to the Northern Rail Trail terminus in Boscawen has been rescheduled for this coming Saturday morning. Several attendees plan to attend.

b. I-93 Bow-Concord / Storrs Street Extension North

The Chair noted that the NHDOT's public hearing on the I-93 Bow-Concord project was held yesterday, Wednesday, November 14, 2018. The hearing was very well attended and included the latest Preferred Alternative plans. A comment period will follow for several weeks. Several TPAC attendees were at the hearing. The City Manager was also at the hearing and presented a letter to Commissioner Sheehan that noted that Concord was a unique NH city along the I-93 corridor in that the freeway bisects a densely-populated portion of the city. He requested that NHDOT further consider, with the City, creative ways to unify both halves of the city and reconnect the city to its natural resources. Suggested was consideration of incorporating attractive pedestrian bridges that could link the project to the river as well as to a greater complete streets urban road network. A copy

of the Manager's letter was distributed to attendees. TPAC attendees concurred with the Manager's aspirations for this project as summarized in his letter.

- c. **Langley Parkway Phase 3 (CIP40)**
No report.

12. Other Discussion Items

- a. **TPAC Duties and Responsibilities**

Rob Mack reported that, after further staff consideration, it was felt that NH Statutes do not provide for a Council-appointed committee such as TPAC to also act as advisory to a quasi-judicial board such as the Planning Board. It was felt that potential TPAC member feedback on Planning Board (or other boards) considerations would be appropriately communicated via staff through the Board's formal staff-review process. TPAC attendees concurred.

- b. **CNHRPC's Upcoming FY2021-30 Transportation Improvement Plan**

Rob Mack described the latest process by which the regional planning commissions (RPC's) will compile municipal requests for transportation projects that might be considered by the NHDOT for inclusion in the state's Ten Year Plan (TYP). New this year was that potential projects within Urban Compacts would now be eligible for TYP consideration. Each RPC would be charged with recommending project(s) within its region totaling about \$4.4M for NHDOT consideration. These projects should also be proposed with the understanding that it could be about 10 years for project implementation. Staff is considering potential CIP projects that might be reasonable candidates for CNHRPC and NHDOT consideration.

- c. **Community Drive Neighborhood Meeting**

Rob Mack noted that Engineering staff, including CPD and MVSD representatives, are planning to meet with the Penacook Valley Village Association and the Community/High Street neighborhood on November 29, 2018 at the MV High School cafeteria at 6:00 PM. Featured will be a discussion of neighborhood traffic concerns, access to the MVSD campus and potential traffic management improvements.

- d. **General Discussion**

Mayor Bouley joined the meeting at this time. Attendees discussed the City's potential goals and aspirations in planning for new transportation infrastructure projects. Also discussed was the need to fill three vacant TPAC membership positions.

13. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at about 7:35 PM.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: December 20, 2018
 January 24, 2019
 February 28, 2019