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Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee of the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee

January 7, 2019 5:30 PM
2nd floor Conference Room
City Hall, 41 Green Street, Concord, NH

Members Present:

Craig Tufts (Co-Chair)
Ursula Maldonado (Co-Chair)
Greg Bakos
Sam Durfee, Senior Planner
Jeffrey Warner (staff representative)

Members Not Present:

Karen Craver
David Sky
Dick Lemieux
Robert Baker
Guest
Henry Herndon

Committee – review / accept minutes

The December minutes were reviewed and approved.

CIP 17 Discussion

Craig began a discussion on potential improvements along Broadway, specifically looking at the intersections with West St, Allison St, Pillsbury St, and access to Rollins Park. Bump outs were the primary improvement discussed as they would aid pedestrians in making the lengthy Broadway crossing. Bump outs for access to Rollins Park would need to be located just north of the park entrance to avoid conflicts with driveways and catch basins. Both Allison and Pillsbury Streets seem viable for bump outs without much difficulty. Greg shared that in previous designs, refuge islands were proposed and there is space to accommodate them if they would be desirable. The West Street intersection is complicated and would hopefully be ameliorated by the construction of a roundabout at McKee Square, the subcommittee will continue to support this project.

Demonstration Project

Sam shared with the subcommittee that he has spoken with Terry Crotty, Transportation Director for the Concord School District, who advised Sam to observe traffic patterns at the end of the school day. Terry noted traffic queuing on South Street and students leaving the school through the neighborhood north of the schools. This will be important information to take into account as it may significantly impact the demonstration project. The subcommittee decided that portable delineators would be ideal for the buffer zones along the bike lanes. Sam presented a model from Seton that comes as an orange tube. The subcommittee would like to

see if it can be manufactured as white, if not, they will likely need to be painted. Greg said that the Bike Walk Alliance of NH would be willing to apply for a People for Bikes grant to support the project and Craig said that CNHRPC would be willing to manage the equipment.

CNHBC Update

Nothing to report.

Bike Share Update

Sam shared that he received an email only a few hours before the meeting from a VeoRide rep stating that the economics of Concord would not support VeoRide's involvement this year, but they will revisit a partnership with Concord in the fall of 2019. The subcommittee was disappointed in this finding because VeoRide appeared to be an excellent fit for Concord. In the meantime, Sam will explore other bike share opportunities.

I-93 Bow-Concord Update

Craig reported that City Manager sent a letter to the Bow-Concord special committee urging them to reject the NHDOT preferred alternative, citing many of the concerns TPAC PB and TPAC have also expressed. It was noted that the town of Bow is also not satisfied with the preferred alternative, but for different reasons. TPAC will follow developments.

Private Development Update/Plan Reviews

74-76 South Main Street: The subject property is scheduled to appear before the Zoning Board to request variances needed to change the use on the property to a bank with a drive through. Sam noted that the plan the applicant submitted to the ZBA differs from what was generated after conversations with Planning and Engineering staff. The subcommittee has concerns with the property and its contrast with the existing character of Main Street, the location of the drive aisle and parking being in front of the building, the fact that customers who park in the front must cross the drive aisle, and there being a second curb cut on Perley Street as proposed in the plans shared with staff.

406 South Main Street: The subject property is scheduled to appear before the ZBA to request a variance to not provide an accessible walkway from the South Main Street sidewalk to the entrance of the hotel. The subcommittee noted that while the ZBA can grant a variance to the zoning ordinance, the ADA sidewalk is required by federal law. Given the site is within walking distance of the south-end neighborhood and a restaurant is proposed for the site, an accessible walkway to the entrance of the building would be beneficial.

Other Discussion Items

It was shared that Bob Spiegleman of the Friends of the Merrimack Greenway Trail will be requesting of Gov. Sununu that \$5 million be included in the biennium budget specifically for the development of non-motorized trails.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM