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Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee of the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee

December 5, 2016, 5:30 PM
2nd floor Conference Room
City Hall, 41 Green Street, Concord, NH

<u>Members Present:</u>	<u>Members Not Present:</u>
Craig Tufts (Co-Chair)	Ursula Maldonado (Co-Chair)
Greg Bakos	Karen Paddleford
Robert Baker	Tim Farmer
Dick Lemieux	Heather Shank, Assistant City Planner
David Sky	
Sheila Zakre	
Jeffrey Warner (staff representative)	<u>Guests</u>

Committee – review / accept minutes

The November minutes were reviewed and approved.

Pedestrian Master Plan (PMP)

Concord Monitor Interview: Craig was interviewed by the Concord Monitor for a story regarding the master plan. The date of publication is unknown.

PMP to TPAC: The PMP is on the December TPAC agenda for discussion. With TPAC's approval, it will be forwarded to City Council for acceptance.

Additional content: Sheila suggested that additional content be added for: 1) Snow Removal at Bus Stops: Sheila expressed concern that the PMP does not include stronger language suggesting that the City place removing snow at bus stops as a higher priority than it currently is. 2) Pedestrian safety at roundabouts, especially multi-lane roundabouts, and 3) the need for improved lighting along walking corridors.

TPAC Meeting with Concord Police Department (PD)

TPAC facilitated a discussion with the PD (two officers were present) and TPAC and TPAC subcommittee members on November 17. From that discussion, the committee offered the following. 1) There were no citations or warnings for the 3-foot law. 2) Is the 3-foot law enforceable? 3) Are any other communities enforcing the 3 foot law? 4) The bicycle/motor vehicle crash on Route 106 was discussed. 5) To some it appears that the City favors motor vehicles over the vulnerable users. 6) The discussion should be expanded to include General Services. 7) The meeting with the PD should be repeated. 8) Council representation should be considered for TPAC-BP. 9) It would be helpful if PD would feed their observations

regarding cyclist and pedestrian behaviors to TPAC-BP. 10) PD is interested in participating in the demonstration project on bike/walk to work day. TPAC-BP should meet with PD and plan ideas for bike/walk to work day. PD may be interested in a simple listening session to hear from the public.

Pan Am Railroad Abandonment

Craig reported that Pan Am plans to abandon the railroad from Horseshoe Pond to Boscawen. This opportunity places the rail corridor as the preferred alignment for the Merrimack River Greenway Trail. Jeff could not provide any information on the Storrs Street extension project and how it will incorporate a shared use path. The question should be posed at the TPAC meeting. Jeff also noted that the Loudon Road bridge is slated for deck replacement. There may be an opportunity to widen the bridge to accommodate a shared use path.

Traffic Signals

TPAC-BP felt that marking the locations where cyclists should stop to get a green light is a priority for the committee. Jeff indicated that if the committee wanted to proceed with a marking project, TPAC would need to prepare a report to Council which outlines the need, the process, the donation, and have Council accept the report. After Council acceptance, GSD would have any obligation to participate in the marking.

Demonstration Bike Lane Project

No new developments relative to this project.

Private Development Update/Plan Reviews

Goodwill Industries of Northern New England on Loudon Road submitted a new application to the Planning Board for consideration. The application retains the existing building, reconfigures the parking and moves the drop-off location to the east side of the building. The opportunity to improve the walkability to the site and along Loudon Road is lost due to the decision to retain the existing building.

Trees Associated with Planning Board Approved Projects

With the dry summer, the committee noted that trees located in parking and along D'Amante Drive have died and questioned if the trees should be replaced so that the development remains in compliance with a Planning Board approved application. Jeff indicated that was the case and that Code Administration would be the lead relative to enforcement.