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Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee of the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee

June 5, 2017 5:30 PM
2nd floor Conference Room
City Hall, 41 Green Street, Concord, NH

| <u>Members Present:</u> | <u>Members Not Present:</u> |
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| Craig Tufts (Co-Chair) | Karen Paddleford |
| David Sky | Greg Bakos |
| Dick Lemieux | Ursula Maldonado (Co-Chair) |
| Robert Baker | |
| John Stoll, Senior Planner | <u>Guests:</u> |
| Jeffrey Warner (staff representative) | |

Committee – review / accept minutes

The May minutes were reviewed and accepted as amended (addition of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail to the wish list).

Silk Farm Road Easement

The surface condition of the portion of Silk Farm Road, which was discontinued after the completion of Langley Parkway, continues to be flagged as a safety issue by some as evidenced by a recent letter to the editor in the Concord Monitor. Also up for debate was whether St. Paul's School is meeting the intent of the February 9, 2010 easement. Jeff shared some of the past correspondence and will forward the information to the committee. Some questioned if the City should step in and assist in to get the surface improved while others felt that it is the responsibility of St. Paul's School and spending public funds on a private site would be inappropriate.

North-South Bike Lane Project

The committee discussed that the shared use pavement markings along South Street from Avon to Rockingham have not been painted since the street was resurfaced in 2016 and that the remaining markings are in need of painting. Dick will reach out to Jim Major (GSD) to see what the status of the painting is.

Demonstration Bike Lane Project

The project is on hold. John offered to get all parties with an interest in the project together in an effort to collaborate and move the project forward. David reported that the Bicycle Coalition of Maine offers a webinar on how to organize a demonstration project. The location of the project is still open for discussion.

Detection of Bicyclists at Traffic Signals

Craig will ask the Central NH Bicycling Coalition (CNHBC) if they would fund the purchase of the stencil necessary to mark the desired stop location. The committee felt that City Council should be asked if they would support the use of the stencil before the stencil is purchased. As noted by the condition of the North-South Bike Route, there are existing complete street elements that are not being maintained.

Bike-Ped Counting

Bike-Ped counts were completed at a number of locations along the Route 3 corridor. Counts were also completed at the intersections of N Main / Centre and N Main and Pleasant. The results compared to those collected before the Main Street construction showed a 190% increase in pedestrians and bicyclists at Pleasant Street and no change at Centre.

Central NH Bicycling Coalition (CNHBC) Update:

Bike swap: Craig noted that the annual bike swap was another success and that there will be “back to school” bike swap near the end of summer.

Bike Rodeo: CNHBC (David Sky) held a bike rodeo at the Steeplegate Mall with the assistance of the police department. Approximately 25 children participated.

CIP and Private Development Update/Plan Review

No new applications with potential implications to pedestrian and bicycle usage were submitted for the June Planning Board.

Bike Share in Manchester

The City of Manchester held a ribbon cutting ceremony for their bike share with Mayor Gatsas and business owners participating. David indicated that the Chamber of Commerce has been supportive of the project.

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The committee had a brief discussion about the informational meeting held May 31 and watched the 3d visualizations that were presented at the informational meeting.