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Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee of the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee

November 6, 2017 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	John Stoll, Senior Planner
Karen Paddleford	Dick Lemieux
David Sky	<u>Guests:</u>
Robert Baker	<u>Lieutenant Joseph Wright</u>
	Matthew Lankhorst - Detective
	Susanne Kibler-Hacker
Jeffrey Warner (staff representative)	Mette Moffett

Committee – review / accept minutes

The October minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Concord Police Department Invitation

TPAC-BP invited the Police Department to the meeting to share their observation, insight, and current practices with the committee.

1. Bike Patrols: The Bicycle Unit has existed for more than twenty years. Officers are trained following the International Police Mountain Bike Association curriculum. Two officers, Matthew Lankhorst and Ben Mitchell, are certified instructors and train Concord officers as well as officers from outside of Concord. To best address situations they face, officers are typically paired up. For the last couple years, the current vacancies in the department have resulted in fewer hours logged on the bikes.
2. Programs: The GOTCHA program where officers award cyclists for good practices, which originated with assistance with the Central NH Bicycling Coalition (CNHBC), has been a success and should be continued. The BIKE RODEO that David Sky and CNHBC organized this summer was well done and should be repeated. More advance outreach would likely help attendance. Officer Wright indicated that he will try to work with NHTI and secure an area in their large, flat parking lots.
3. Three foot law: The committee discussed the three-foot law. As cyclists themselves when on patrol, the officers empathized with the committee on the need for drivers to pay more attention. Technology exists which allows a rider to measure the distance from a

person riding a bicycle to a passing car. The officers were interested in learning more about the technology. David offered to forward information.

4. Bicycle Friendly Driver: If there is an opportunity, David offered to teach the Bicycle Friendly Driver course to the department. The officers rotate through an in-house training program and it is possible that the Bicycle Friendly Driver course will fit. David will forward information about the course to the Police Department for consideration.
5. Driver violation = driver education: The committee discussed the idea of having an option available to drivers who received a traffic violation where they can enroll in a driver education program in lieu of having the violation placed on their driving record. Such a program would need to be coordinated with the City Prosecutor and the courts prior to implementation.
6. Education: 1) With no clear answer, the committee and officers questioned how much of the driver's license exam was dedicated to interacting with people riding a bicycle. 2) The group suggests that including parents in the education process with the child would be a benefit and open a dialog between the parent/child.
7. Riding on a sidewalk: The officers confirmed the law which prohibits people from riding on the sidewalk regardless of lack of adequate facility on the adjacent street.
8. Pedestrian crossings: Pedestrians and drivers share responsibility when pedestrians cross the street in a crosswalk. Drivers have the responsibility to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk. Pedestrians have the responsibility to be aware if the driver will yield. The ability of a driver to recognize and yield is subject to many variables, such as the weather, what the pedestrian is wearing, lighting, pavement markings, etc. Pedestrians do not have the right to cross the street without pausing and assessing the oncoming traffic. The pedestrian should make eye contact with the driver before continuing across the street.
9. Lead pedestrian interval concurrent with bicycles: The idea of using more lead pedestrian intervals (LPI) at traffic signals was discussed. In addition to additional LPI signal timing, the committee discussed allowing people riding bicycles to start moving with the pedestrian walk phase, after yielding to pedestrians. The concept could be implemented with or without a bike box.
10. Demonstration Project: TPAC-BP has been working on a demonstration where different types of bicycle facilities could be presented. The committee would like to coordinate the project with Nation Night Out. Both events have a focus on safety and should work well together. Ryan Howe, Community Resource Office should be contacted in early 2018 with the project proposal.
11. Future coordination: The Police Department would like to continue the discussion with TPAC-BP. The committee will schedule the next discussion for April.

NH 202 at North Main Street Striping

NHDOT Resurfaced NH 202 at North Main Street this summer. The City submitted a request to NHDOT that the lane configurations be changed to better accommodate people riding bicycles. After the initial striping was placed incorrectly, the striping has been placed as recommended for eastbound travel. Robert questioned the westbound marking, but no one could comment on his observations.

Traffic Signals Detection Markings

The committee would like to work toward the next phase of markings. The link to the spreadsheet which lists the signal locations should be sent around to the members to discuss next month. The idea of including bike boxes in the discussion was also floated. Jeff noted that some of the ideas, such as consistency, could be limited due to the age of the

signal equipment. Rob Mack, Traffic Engineer should be invited to a future meeting to discuss the existing infrastructure, future projects, current technology used, and potential future technology.

GACIT Hearing – October 4

The hearing was well attended with many people asking the State to include more pedestrian and bicycle projects in the plan.

Central NH Bicycling Coalition (CNHBC) Update:

Nothing new to report. Gearing up for 2018.

City Hall Bike Rack Replacement

Nothing new to report.

Bike Share Update

John will be presenting the current status to TPAC for their input.

Demonstration Project

As discussed earlier, committee members should think about ideas for location, extent, etc. for discussion at the next meeting. The project is an opportunity to get more people at the State level to think about people on bicycles. The project should use the NHDOT guide as applicable.

CIP and Private Development Update/Plan Review

Rundlett School: Matt Cashman should be invited to a future meeting to discuss the concepts being considered for the Rundlett School replacement.

Future Meetings

For upcoming meetings, the committee will discuss:

1. Rundlett School
2. Traffic Signals
3. Demonstration Project

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