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## MINUTES

### **Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee of the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee**

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee of the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee met virtually at 5:30 p.m., on June 7, 2021, via Zoom.

Attendees: Craig Tufts, Greg Bakos, Boyd Smith

Staff: Sam Durfee, Senior Planner, Staff Representative  
Karen Hill, Transportation Engineer

Absent: Dick Lemieux

#### **1. Minutes of the May 3, 2020 Meeting**

Boyd motioned to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2021 meeting, Craig seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **2. Loudon Road Bridge Replacement**

The location matrix has not been finished yet. This item was not discussed. It will remain on the agenda for the next meeting.

#### **3. Demonstration Project/Event for 2021**

Sam presented a demonstration project idea and layout for the Pillsbury/South Main Street intersection. The layout included a buffered bike lane along the parking on the south side of Pillsbury Street which would feed into a bike box where the car stop bar would be repainted 10 feet back from the crosswalk. Also included are painted bump outs on either side of Pillsbury street and a radius on South Main Street to make cars turning right onto South Main give cyclists more room.

The idea is to paint this layout to coincide with the Bike Swap at S&W on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Boyd added that there would be education and awareness opportunities for cyclist at the Bike Swap and that there should be some sort of education for drivers passing through the altered intersection. He added that a survey for cyclists to gather feedback on the intersection treatments would be created as well. Awareness of the demonstration project could be spread by the City's newsletter, Facebook page, and local newspapers.

Craig observed that this layout does not have any negative impacts to parking or the ability of the intersection to process traffic, though it is not a priority intersection as identified in the Bicycle Master Plan. Greg noted that the alignment complies with NACTO standards, though

had concerns that as the paint fades, the appearance of the intersection would suffer. It was later questioned whether NACTO standards were for bike boxes at signalized intersections only, and that more review is needed to see if the bike box should remain part of the demonstration.

Craig stated that while the layout is good, the bike swap organizers do not permit people to test ride bikes off site. This knowledge caused the Subcommittee to conclude that the demonstration project would not be worth the effort given there will be no guarantee of a high volume of riders traveling through this intersection in conjunction with the Bike Swap event. The group decided to shelve the project and look at doing a different type of event later in the year that includes the Police Department, vendors, bicycle parking, and potentially a street closure or limiting traffic to one-way.

#### **4. South State Street and South Street/Tree Committee Interest in TPAC**

Based on the paving plan, these streets are set to be repaved next year. Craig has had conversations with the Tree Committee whose members have expressed a desire to create better habitat for street trees to improve their survivability and improve the streetscape. This fits with CIP 17 and the Subcommittee's ongoing efforts to develop new layouts for streets set to be reclaimed. Craig suggested a joint walk with members of the Tree Committee and TPAC-BP to clarify goals, look for opportunities on these streets, and develop plans to be incorporated in the repaving of these streets.

#### **5. Striping Policy Report**

Sam stated that he is working on a striping policy to supplement the 2015 Comprehensive Transportation Policy that was developed by staff and TPAC. He said that he would have a draft ready for the next meeting that would establish lane and shoulder widths and other striping practices. He also stated that this has support from the Community Development Department.

#### **6. CNHBC Update**

Craig reiterated that there will be a bike swap on July 31st. He added that Tim Blagden has a portable bike parking structure that could easily be erected for downtown events as it fits in a parking space. Craig said that a number of Bike Fix It stations have been installed in various locations across the City. <https://www.dero.com/fixitmap/fixitmap.html>

#### **9. Private Development Update/Plan Reviews**

Sam shared that the Brixmor project at 80 Storrs Street is scheduled for a public hearing at the June 16<sup>th</sup> Planning Board meeting. The group agreed that buildings should have entrances and be oriented toward Storrs St, a drive-through facility is counter to the goals enumerated in the Opportunity Corridor Master Plan and would be a setback in furthering positive changes for cyclists and pedestrians in the area.

#### **10. Old Business on Hold**

Nothing to report.

#### **11. Other Discussion Items**

Nothing to report

Meeting adjourned at 6:52PM