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Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee of the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee of the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee met at 5:30 p.m., on February 7, 2022, in the second-floor budget room, City Hall 41 Green Street.

Attendees: Craig Tufts, Dick Lemieux, Boyd Smith, Greg Bakos

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

Guests: Councilor Stacey Brown

1. Minutes of the July 12, September 13, and December 6, 2021 Meetings

No vote was taken on the July 12, 2021 and September 13, 2021 meetings, but Boyd moved and Greg seconded to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2021 meeting.

2. Bike Event for 2022

Boyd reiterated to the group that the purpose of a bike event is to educate and build advocacy. He stated that he has been in contact and will continue to work with the Central NH Bicycle Coalition. He added that he has been speaking with Ian McGregor, a prospective member of TPAC, who has connected with Councilor Brown about an event. Councilor Brown provided some ideas on a triathlon event centered around the Merrimack River Greenway Trail. She stated that sometime in July would be the target and she has already started reaching out to people to gauge interest.

Discussion also occurred around the Concord Police Department Bike Rodeo and coordinating a bike event with it. Councilor Brown stated that Concord is lucky to have the only two certified police mountain bike instructors in NH on the force.

Craig mentioned the idea of a bike tour of all the bike fix-it stations in town, in coordination with CNHBC.

3. CIP Discussion

Karen began the conversation as a follow-up to the CIP discussion at full TPAC by presenting plans for a sidewalk on Dolphin Street adjacent to the Penacook Community Center. Discussion covered the potential ownership of the sidewalk and a public-private partnership

with the Community Center given the location of the property line, the Community Center's prior attempt to relocate, the merits of locating the sidewalk on the north or south side of the street, potential drainage upgrades needed, the fact that Dolphin Street is being reclaimed in FY '23, and the overall need for a sidewalk at this location. Dolphin Street is relatively high on the priority list and Councilor Todd has often expressed a desire to see a sidewalk constructed on Dolphin Street.

Councilor Brown spoke to requests from some of her constituents for a sidewalk on the south side of Pleasant Street from S. Fruit St. to Pine St. A foot path is well established in the grass by people using this side of the street, but there are a few constraints including a bridge and a number of utility poles. This is a lengthy section which is not currently scheduled in the paving program. The group discussed the possibility of adding this as a project in an out-year of CIP 17.

Craig brought up the northerly portion of Chenell Drive between Pembroke Road and Regional Drive as a possible candidate for a sidewalk. He stated that while it would not likely receive extensive use by residents, workers in the offices on this stretch of Chenell Dr and the surrounding area would benefit from the sidewalk addition. It would also close a connection gap between Pembroke Road and Regional Drive.

Dick made a motion, seconded by Boyd to recommend Dolphin Street and the northerly portion of Chenell Drive be programmed as projects in CIP 17 for FY '23 and the Pleasant Street sidewalk be programmed for an out-year of CIP 17. The motion passed unanimously.

The group briefly discussed the desire for the Gully Hill project to be programmed in CIP 17 or a new CIP be established for the project. Sam stated that in the process of revising the Master Plan, the public process will need to show support for this project in order for it to become a priority for the City.

4. Striping Policy

The Group discussed the outline for a possible Striping Policy. It would be an Engineering document, adopted by City Council, much like the Comprehensive Transportation Policy, require an annual paving plan review between General Services, Engineering, and Planning, suggest design standards and provide flexible language for unique situations, and some form of accountability for striping contractors to ensure that what is striped is what was agreed upon.

Craig stated he would work with Sam on developing the document for review at a future Bike/Ped meeting.

5. Snow Removal

Dick wanted the group to discuss the issue of several sidewalks being unable to be plowed due to obstructions, sidewalks being too narrow, and other reasons. He stated that Washington Street, for example, is never plowed, though it is frequently used and people are forced to walk in the street. The group discussed the issue of private plows pushing snow from parking lots and driveways onto sidewalks and recognized that is an issue that should be reported via the See-Click-Fix app.

It was stated that there may be useful data from the sidewalk inventory performed by Matt Baronas of CNHRPC that could help in specifying problem locations and potentially lead to solutions.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM