



City of Concord
Transportation Advisory Committee
Bicycling Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday March 4, 2013 - 6:00
Central NH Regional Planning Commission

Call to Order/Introductions

Committee Members Present:

Craig Tufts (chair)
Dick Lemieux
Robert Baker
Jeff Warner (City staff representative)

Committee Members Not Present:

Tim Farmer
Andy Baldwin
Greg Bakos

Guests/Friends of the Bicycle Committee: None

TPAC Bicycle Committee - Review / Accept Minutes

The meeting minutes from March were discussed and approved.

Bike Routes In and Around Concord

Jeff is working to create the routes. Once complete, he will share the link to the routes for input/review.

Spring Bike-Ped Counting Program

Craig, Ursula Maldonado (TPAC-P), Nik Coates (CNHRPC, CNHBC), and Jeff met on March 29 to discuss. Twenty two locations have been identified. Counts will be on May 7, 8, or 9 to coincide with the National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project. Count times will be between 4:00pm - 7:00pm except for school zones where counts will be from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Counts will include turning movements where possible. Greg reported that VHB created an app for smart phones that can be used to track any type of riding, commuting, shopping, recreation, etc. There may be a way of utilizing data from the app in some way. Crossing guards are occasionally asked to count as part of their duties. To assist in the counts, the school districts could be asked if the crossing guards could count on these days.

Main Street Updates

TPAC discussed the progress of the Main Street Redesign project. The group discussed:

- the concern that racks should be properly placed and the number of racks. The current plan is to place them near crosswalks and pair them up and locate them to allow for additional racks as demand increases.
- the desire for heated sidewalks
- the size and frequency of the 6'x10' raised planters, and
- the need to ensure that bike lane and sharrow pavement markings be included in the design.
- whether designated smoking areas were considered.

State of NH Paving Program

The State Department of Transportation released its paving program for the 2013 season. This is important to bicycles as it offers an opportunity to comment on lane striping and road surface conditions. The only section in Concord outside of the Interstates is a very short section of Route 132. It was assumed this section would be striped the same way the portions of 132 were striped after being re-surfaced last season. The group noted that Boyce Road in Canterbury is also due to be re-surfaced. Craig indicated that he would review the aerial mapping to see how the street is striped and possibly discuss striping options with the Town.

CNHBC update

- CNHBC is having an all board members meeting on April 23. TPAC-B members are encouraged to attend.
- The bike swap is scheduled for May 18-19. Volunteers are needed. It was unclear if there was going to be an area for people to buy bike parts, as people were interested in doing in the past.
- CNHBC has started Recycled Cycles with a \$10,000 donation from an anonymous donor. The project will start with a one-year trial. CNHBC will train women from the Shea Farm to repair bikes. Goodwill will sell the bikes for cheap. The sales from the bikes will cover the operating expenses for the program, including wages and parts. The program will act as a bridge for people to get them into cycling and provide job skills with which they will be able to move onto other careers.

North State, Fisherville, Village Street bike lane stencils

In an effort to further education and encouragement, the committee questioned whether North State, Fisherville and Village Street could be striped with bike lane symbols. Jeff indicated that past discussions settled on the possibility once enough contiguous sections were complete to create a bike corridor. With the completion of Phase 4 from Penacook Street to Palm Street, so that now there is a continuous corridor from Penacook Street to Borough Road, now may be time to consider the option.