City of Concord
Transportation Advisory Committee
Bicycling Committee

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday October 16, 2012 – 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)
Greg Bakos

Committee Members Not Present:
Tim Farmer
Andy Baldwin
Kevin Twombly

Guests/Friends of the Bicycle Committee: None

TPAC Bicycle Committee - Review / Accept Minutes
As this was a special meeting, the September Minutes were not discussed

Main Street Alternatives
TPAC-Bike held this meeting specifically to discuss the Main Street project. The full TPAC committee is meeting Wednesday to review and rank the various alternatives. This meeting is intended to get feedback from the Bicycling subcommittee.

The committee felt that the proposed ranking of the alternatives closely followed a "bicycle friendliness" ranking. A few comments included:

- Bike lanes along the curb are the best options for bikes, but these options were deemed "not complete" due to impacts to other road users.
- Bike lanes next to parallel parking is the next most preferable option. TPAC-Bike ranked these options the highest
- Bike lanes next to back-in angled parking the third best. After discussion, it was decided that this scenario be labeled "positive" instead of "very positive". Parallel parking with bike lanes along the curb should be the only alternatives that deserve a "very positive" label.
- Options with angled parking and 15' travel lanes with sharrows were the least preferable of the TPAC recommended alternatives. The committee felt this scenario was only a marginal improvement and would only accommodate experienced bicyclists.
- It was agreed that options that do not provide a bicycle accommodation on Main St are not complete streets and should not be recommended.