



City of Concord
Transportation Advisory Committee
Bicycling Committee

Meeting Minutes

Monday July 2, 2012 - 6:00
Central NH Regional Planning Commission

Call to Order/Introductions

Committee Members Present:

Craig Tufts (chair)
Dick Lemieux
Greg Bakos
Jeff Warner (City staff representative)

Committee Members Not Present:

Tim Farmer
Rose Culver
Jennifer Wierwille Norton
Karen Paddleford
Pete Rhodes
Andy Baldwin

Guests/Friends of the Bicycle Committee:

Robert Baker

TPAC Bicycle Committee - Review / Accept Minutes

Minutes from the June meeting were discussed and accepted by the committee.

Meeting Schedule

The next meeting will be Monday, August 6, 6:00 at CNHRPC.

Discussion and Action Items

TPAC-Bike Nominations/Membership

The committee decided to ask Robert Baker (accepted) and Kevin Twombly (pending) if they wanted to be included as members and remove Rose Culver and Karen Craver due to lack of attendance.

Bike Routes in and around Concord

The portion of the Tour of the Parks through the State Office Park South off of Pleasant and South Fruit Streets still needs to be reviewed in the field to ensure that the route is easy to follow and appears to be safe. Craig will set up a doodle for the committee to review the route by bike.

The routes will be produced on a one page document with a map, description and TPAC logo. The maps will be hosted on the CNHBC website for other organizations (Parks and Recreation, Chamber of Commerce) to link to. This will be similar to how hiking trails are publicized by Chamber and CNHBC by linking to the Planning Division website. The printed version could be distributed to Engineering, Planning, bike shops, etc. It was also suggested that a youtube.com video could be created to give an overview along with some video highlights of the route.

North-South Bike Route: Reroute northbound using Rumford Street

Last month TPAC-B discussed options for accommodating the North-South Bike Route through the Rumford Street intersection. The TPAC-B developed a concept to be considered. Since that time

Engineering has determined that the Rumford Street intersection will stay open for all turns and not restrict it to right-in/right-out. Since the Langley Parkway project is proceeding and may be constructed in the next few years, it may be an inappropriate expenditure to construct the island only to remove them. The redesign may consist of removing the islands in the median and intersection but retain the outside curb lines as designed. TPAC-B felt that an option should be included in the design which allows for the islands to be constructed of bituminous curb so that if Langley Parkway is delayed the safety benefits of the islands can be realized while waiting for the project to resume. The bituminous curb could easily be removed when the Langley project resumes.

Main Street Reconstruction

TPAC-B discussed the reconstruction of Main Street through the TIGER 2012 funding. The focus was on expectations for the project and how should they be involved. The expectation was summarized by the statement that Main Street should be an attractive place to ride a bike, especially more so than the sidewalk. Relative to involvement, it is the understanding TPAC-B that the Mayor is forming a committee to facilitate the public involvement/design process. As the committee takes shape, TPAC-B should seek opportunity to be on the committee.

Jeff will provide a graphic of the “consensus design” for discuss next month.

Central NH Bicycle Coalition (CNHBC) Update

Bike Parking

City Council accepted the donation and installation of two inverted U bike racks (four bikes total) in each parking garage. Purchase is underway. Given the TIGER 2012 award discussed above, the maintenance/retrofit of the existing bollards has been put on hold.