



**City of Concord
Transportation Advisory Committee
Bicycling Committee**

Meeting Minutes

Monday August 5, 2013 - 6:00
Central NH Regional Planning Commission

Call to Order/Introductions

Committee Members Present:

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

Committee Members Not Present:

Tim Farmer
Andy Baldwin

Guests/Friends of the Bicycle Committee: None

TPAC Bicycle Committee - review / accept minutes

The meeting minutes from June were discussed and approved via email.

Spring bike-ped counting program

The committee decided that they should proceed with the September 10-12 count. Most of the setup is complete as the result of the May count. Craig will rework the Survey Monkey and forward it for distribution.

Bike routes in and around Concord

Craig will resend the link to the map to members for comment. The committee briefly discussed and made suggestions on the format of the map and cue sheet which will be attached to the Google Map. Suggestions for the maps include: indicating large hills and landmarks, noting mileage points, and including the TPAC-B logo.

Main Street updates

The project is out to bid. Bids are due August 29, 2013. A few members viewed the sample street light. The consensus was that the light produced from the fixture was too bright and undirected.

North State Street, Fisherville Road bike lane stencils

With the Route 3 corridor nearly complete from Penacook Street to Borough Road, the committee recommends placing bike lane symbols in the bike lanes as proposed in the 2007 Corridor Study. The symbols will help to raise awareness/educate the public that cyclists may be present and that cyclists belong. The road can still be an intimidating place due to traffic volume, however it much improved compared to a few years ago. A portion of the corridor will soon receive the final wearing course of pavement. It would make sense to add the markings at that time as a cost to the project.

NH 3-foot law signage / Mountain Road and Clinton Street issues

After a recent incident along Mountain Road involving a concrete truck passing too close and the need for cyclists to use Clinton Street west of Silk Farm Road due to trees down along the bike path, Dick questioned what could be done to further the education of the public with regard to the three-foot law and



the need for motorists to pass cyclists safely. While the image shown above, which is installed in Newport along Route 11/103, conveys the message, it is a very large sign and would likely be out of context for most city streets. The committee would like to pursue a similar smaller sign. <<< The image to the right was not discussed at the meeting and was inserted in the minutes to facilitate future discussion. >>> The committee also noted that school bus drivers were some of the worst offenders.



Striping and Markings

Village Street: With the construction of Phase 6 of the Route 3 corridor scheduled for 2015, the committee recommends placing interim striping along Village Street from the southern approach to the traffic signal at Borough Road to the southern limit of Phase 5 with 10' lanes. As it exists now, there is a 5' shoulder/bike lane which suddenly ends leaving cyclists to merge with motor vehicle traffic.

Warren Street: The pavement along Warren Street from the intersection with Fruit Street to Liberty Street is in poor condition. Traffic wanders through this portion of the street. Dick questioned when the street is scheduled to be resurfaced. Not knowing the answer to the question, the committee suggested that 10' lane lines should be added now and after resurfacing. There was also discussion about the pending project along the high school frontage to consolidate crosswalks and minimize j-walking.

Roundabouts: In a discussion with a Concord resident, Robert reported that some casual cyclists are avoiding the roundabouts as they find them unsafe. These cyclists stay to the right on approach and while circulating rather than taking the lane. The committee discussed how to best educate cyclists and motorists on how cyclists should use a roundabout. With the future reconstruction of McKee Square to include a multi-lane roundabout, the issue will become more important. One option is to install a "Bicycles may use full lane" sign on each approach. With the admission that there are currently a number of signs near the roundabouts, the committee looked to other options including sharrows. Jeff indicated that many communities do use sharrows on approach and in roundabouts and that he would check the APBP listserv and see what he could find for guidance.

NH Bicycle Pedestrian Transportation Advisory Committee update (BPTEC)

The New Hampshire Bicycle Pedestrian Transportation Advisory Committee has been resurrected. The Federal Highway Administration advises states to have a BPTAC as part of their structure. Nik Coates has been contacting people for possible participation. The committee currently has varied representation which will hopefully result in some worthwhile discussions. BPTAC recently completed recommendations for the state rumble strip policy.