

City of Concord Transportation Advisory Committee Bicycling Committee

Meeting Minutes

Monday November 5, 2012 – 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 Kevin Twombly

Guests/Friends of the Bicycle Committee: None

TPAC Bicycle Committee - Review / Accept Minutes

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

Meeting Schedule

The next meeting will be held on December 3, 6:00 pm in the CNHRPC conference room.

Discussion and Action Items

Bike Routes In and Around Concord

Craig composed descriptions for five of the six routes. The committee reviewed the descriptions and offered comments. Craig will revise the descriptions as appropriate. Cue sheets and maps still need to be developed.

Main Street Updates

Biketoberfest: On October 24, the Central NH Bicycle Coalition (CNHBC) held an event at the Red River Theater to engage cyclist in the discussion relating to the reconstruction of Main Street. There was a strong showing from the public. CNHBC presented a number of short films and hosted a panel discussion. Two items of note that were discussed included a two-way cycle track and parking along the center of the street with a sidewalk median between the two rows of parked cars.

Center Median Parking: The committee the idea of center median parking. Pros include that cyclists will not be riding along parked cars, the introduction of an advisory bike lane, very short crossings for pedestrians, and significant landscaping in the middle of the street. Cons include an increase in j-walking, vehicles travelling close to the sidewalk, and limited area for landscaping and furniture zone.

North State St/Rumford St intersection

Jeff reported that were not any new developments regarding the Rumford/North State Street intersection and how it relates to the North-South Bike Route. At this time, the northbound portion of the bike route will stay along Penacook Street. The committee should monitor the Penacook and Rumford intersections after construction is complete (2013) and determine if a change in the route is prudent.