



Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee
Of The Transportation Safety & Advisory Commission
City of Harrisonburg, Virginia

TO: Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee Members

FROM: Erin Yancey, Public Works Planning Manager

DATE: March 15, 2018

RE: Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee Summary for Monday, January 22, 2018

The Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee met on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 6:00pm in City Hall, Room 011 (lower level); 409 South Main St. Meetings are open to the public.

Subcommittee members: Marci Frederick, Matt Hassman, Dastan Khaleel, John Mar, Stefanie Warlick

Staff: Ian Pike, Erin Yancey

Welcome

Business

1. Shared Use Path etiquette signs, striping

The subcommittee was presented with several examples of etiquette signs used around the country. The group discussed pros and cons of each style.

There were also questions about pavement striping and lighting. There are still some concerns with lighting paths that run through parks due to parks being closed overnight. However, conduit and junction boxes are being discussed to add to new paths that do not run through parks without any commitment to providing lighting yet.

2. Follow up items

- Bicycle parking usage study update

Ms. Yancey explained that Public Works is working with a JMU professor and class to collect data in the spring by monitoring parking usage downtown.

- BMUFL signs

Public Works is evaluating where to place these signs, starting in the downtown area, to use in combination with sharrows. They will not be placed at every sharrow location, but in logical locations at entry points to downtown.

- Protected bike lanes

The City is currently reviewing a site plan for a Dollar General on N Main St at Tyco St. There is enough right-of-way to provide protected bike lanes so the City will be requesting Dollar General to widen the pavement for that, as well as providing sidewalk along their frontage.

- Yield to Pedestrians in-road sign

Public Works will be installing two Yield to Pedestrian signs at crosswalks on S Mason St – the southern crosswalk at Franklin St and the northern crosswalk at Water St. There will be a press release in traditional and social media, as well as direct outreach to JMU students and the Old Town neighborhood.

3. Bike Comfort Map

Ms. Yancey explained that Parks & Rec is planning on creating a pocket-sized map to detail all the parks and amenities in the city and Public Works has asked for them to include the Bike Comfort Map (Community Bike Map) developed in 2015. As it is out of date, it will be updated before going to print.

4. Smart Scale applications

The Smart Scale grant program through VDOT will be opening in the Spring. The City will be resubmitting two projects from the last round (Erickson Phase 4 and the Mt Clinton Pike Roundabout). There are still two more project spots to submit for, and the City would like one to be a bike/ped focused project.

Ms. Yancey emailed the Smart Scale criteria to the subcommittee and asked for possible project.

5. Project Updates (see updates attached to agenda)

Ms. Yancey explained that the school zone analysis is being put on hold for the time being, though it does keep coming up in a variety of ways. Mr. Hassman, as the Safe Routes to School Coordinator for city schools, offered to help as needed.

Announcements / Other Business

- TSAC schedule change

The Transportation Safety and Advisory Commission moved to an every-other-month schedule like the Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee, but meeting on the even months.

- Public Hearing – Garbers Church Road Shared Use Path – January 23rd City Council Meeting, 7pm

Adjourn

Next Meeting: March 26, 2018 @ 6pm – City Hall, Room 011 (lower level), 409 South Main St