



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 19, 2018

RE: Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee Agenda for Monday, March 26, 2018

The Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee will meet on Monday, March 26, 2018 at 6:00pm in City Hall, Room 011 (lower level); 409 South Main St. Meetings are open to the public.

Welcome

Business

1. Follow up items

- Shared use path signage:
Ms. Yancey shared a document of example shared use path signs from other localities with the Subcommittee. The group discussed pros and cons of each. It was decided that “less is more” and that many of the items on the example signs are common sense.
- Smart Scale projects
Ms. Yancey reviewed the projects that were chosen for Smart Scale applications. They include the following:

Carlton Street Improvements: This project will add a center turn lane and sidewalks, improve drainage, and move utility poles out of gutter pan.

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University Blvd/Evelyn Byrd Ave Road Diet & Sidewalk: This project will convert University Blvd and Evelyn Byrd Avenue from 4 lanes to 2 lanes with a center turn lane. Bike lanes, sidewalks, crosswalks, and bus shelters will be added, and sidewalk connections made to side streets.

Erickson Avenue Turn Lanes: The project will widen Erickson Avenue at its intersection with Garbers Church Road to add a WB right turn lane, and an EB left turn lane. A signal upgrade, intersection lighting, and bicycle and pedestrian accommodations are also included.

Mt. Clinton Pike Road Improvements: Construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Mt. Clinton Pike, Park Road, and Chicago Avenue to eliminate an offset intersection. A shared use path will be added from Park Road to Virginia Ave (SR42).

Martin Luther King Jr Way Extension + Transit Transfer Center + Park and Ride Lot: This project would make a street connection from E. Market St to Country Club Road and would be one lane in each direction with a center turn lane. A shared use path on the south side and sidewalk on the northside are also included.

- **BMUFL signs downtown**
Ms. Yancey and Mr. Pike are evaluating sites in the downtown for these signs. They need to coordinate approval with others at Public Works before they are installed.

2. HHS Service Learning project

Mr. Pike shared that he is working with Harrisonburg High School students on a feasibility study for a future traffic garden. A traffic garden is a miniature simulated street environment that would be located off-line, such as at a park, where people of all ages can practice driving and biking skills in a safe place before moving to the actual street. The students will present their project to City Council at the end of the year.

3. Project Updates (see updates attached to agenda)

Descriptions of active projects can be found at <https://www.harrisonburgva.gov/transportation-projects>

- **Safe Routes to School Spotswood Elementary School**
Construction plans are complete. Right-of-way acquisition is nearly complete, and the project is expected to be bid in April. Construction is expected in summer 2018.
- **Garbers Church Road Shared Use Path**
City Council authorized Public Works to begin working on right-of-way acquisition along the alignment shared with the public in January and November of 2017. Multiple barriers have been identified that are likely to preclude a continuous path as envisioned, in the short term. City departments plan to meet later this month to discuss all options on how to achieve the greatest community benefit, given the challenges.
- **North End Greenway, Phase I**
Staff recently provided comments to the engineers on the 60% plans. A presentation and public hearing will be held with City Council in May to show the construction plans and to authorize a comprehensive agreement with the design/build team to allow the construction of the path. Right-of-way acquisition is underway. The path is expected to be under construction in the summer, and completed in the fall.

- **School zone analysis (On Hold)**

An inventory of traffic controls in school zones is complete. Next steps include an analysis and discussions within Public Works and with Harrisonburg Police Department and Safe Routes to School partners.

Announcements / Other Business

- Paving schedule

Staff has reviewed the paving schedule for this year and found no opportunities for restriping to create additional bicycle or pedestrian facilities.

- May 28th meeting is a holiday

The group will find a date to reschedule this meeting.

Adjourn

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