



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

TO: Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee Members

FROM: Ian Pike, Transportation Systems Specialist

DATE: May 24, 2018

RE: Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee Summary for Monday, May 14, 2018

The Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee met on Monday, May 14, 2018 at 6:00pm in City Hall, Room 011 (lower level); 409 South Main St. Meetings are open to the public.

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

Other attendees: Tom Harman, Thomas Jenkins, Ian Pike, Elizabeth Todd, Erin Yancey

Welcome

Business

1. Follow up items

- **Bike parking study**
Public Works partnered with a JMU class in the spring to collect bike parking usage data for the downtown bike racks. Public Works is still reviewing the data.
- **Shared use path signage**
Ms. Yancey explained that other city departments are also working on signage and branding so everyone is working to coordinate to be consistent across the city.
- **Smart Scale projects**
The City is starting on grant applications for VDOT's Smart Scale program. These grants include:
 - Erickson Ave/Garbers Church Rd intersection improvements – this is a scaled-down version of Erickson Ave Phase 4. This will add left turn lanes on Erickson Ave as well as sidewalk and bike lanes within the limits of the project.

- Mt Clinton Pike roundabout – this will also be a scaled-down version of the original plan to include only the roundabout and the shared-use path from Park Rd to Virginia Ave.
- MLK Extension + park-n-ride + bus transfer center – this is a new project that will be submitted by Harrisonburg Public Transportation. The MLK Jr Way extension will include a sidewalk on one side and a shared-use path on the other side. The park-n-ride will include 150-180 parking spots. The bus transfer center will include 16 berths that will serve city routes as well as private buses.
- Carlton St pedestrian improvements – this is also a new project being submitted by Public Works. This will add a two-way left turn lane from the roundabout to E Market St, reconstruct the sidewalk on the north side and move the utilities underground, and construct new sidewalk on the south side.
- University Blvd and Evelyn Byrd Ave road diets – this is another new project. This will fill in the sidewalk gaps on University Blvd from Reservoir St to E Market St and construct sidewalk on one side of Evelyn Byrd Ave from University Blvd to E Market St. This will also include repaving both roads from Reservoir St to E Market St to change the existing four-lane section to a two-lane section with a two-way left turn lane and bike lanes in each direction.
- **BMUFL signs downtown**
Ms. Yancey has started to identify gateway locations into downtown where the “Bikes May Use Full Lane” signs could be most effective. These gateway locations are also where a lot of other informational signs are placed. It is important to avoid too much sign clutter so the traffic supervisor is helping to determine where signs could be consolidated. There will also be several public education and outreach efforts before installation.

2. Project Updates (see updates attached to agenda)

- **Garbers Church Road Shared Use Path**

Ms. Yancey explained the trouble with getting the trail built from Hillandale to Garbers Church Rd and along the powerline between Wyndham Dr and Thomas Harrison Middle School. One option was to build the connection from Thomas Harrison Middle School to the Wyndham Dr cul-de-sac then move the remaining money to another project. However, this was not allowed by VDOT, so the plan is still to build as much as the original alignment as possible on property already owned by the city. Ms. Yancey also recognized that SVBC has been very active in contacting City Council to consider using land from the golf course to avoid having to purchase additional right-of-way, at least from Hillandale Park to Garbers Church Rd. City Council recently gave Public Works approval to consider this option so Public Works is working with Parks and Recreation to understand what concerns their might be with having a shared use path so close to an active golf course. Parks and Recreation is evaluating the need for different barriers between the trail and the golf course.

A citizen that lives on Wyndham Dr expressed concerns about the proposed connection from the cul-de-sac to Thomas Harrison Middle School might pass too close to private property and suggested exploring a connection at the north end of Wyndham Woods Cir to connect to the middle school. Mr. Hartman explained that the proposed connection is part of the planning to eventually connect over to Westover Park and W Market St.

Public Works is planning to give an update after Parks and Recreation and Public Works together discuss the benefits and concerns with realigning the trail on golf course property.

- **Update on previous funding applications**

The City was awarded for all the grants applied for under the Transportation Alternatives Program and the Revenue Sharing Program. These include Downtown Streetscape Phase 3, pedestrian safety appointments on Park Rd, Federal St shared-use path, and Grace St Extension.

- **Northend Greenway**

Public Works is working on the comprehensive agreement with the contractor for Phase 1 and should be under construction starting this summer. It is expected to be completed this fall. Public Works is also trying to design the short section from Virginia Ave to the railroad crossing to connect to Phase 1 on the other side of the tracks.

The North End Greenway committee is working on the connection from Jefferson St to Monroe St.

Announcements / Other Business

Adjourn

Next Meeting: July 23, 2018 @ 6pm – City Hall, Room 011 (lower level), 409 South Main St