



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

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**TO:** Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee Members

**FROM:** Erin Yancey, Public Works Planning Manager

**DATE:** August 23, 2018

**RE:** Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee Summary for Monday, July 30, 2018

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The Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee met on Monday, July 30, 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, John Mar, Stefanie Warlick

Other attendees: Tom Hartman, Dastan Khaleel, Elizabeth Todd, Erin Yancey

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*Welcome*

*Business*

**1. New funding applications**

- **Cale Trail**

Mr. Hartman announced that City council agreed to support funding application to compete for federal funding under the Recreational Trails Program, and contribute a balance of funding needed for total cost of design and construction the Cale Trail.

- **E. Market Street**

Public Works applied for additional funding through Smart Scale program to accommodate proposed 10' Median Shared Use Path and Re-alignment of Southbound I-81 to Westbound Route 33 Off Ramp for planned improvements on I-81 and E. Market Street interchange that has already been funded. Mr. Hartman explained the proposal and the importance of getting funding at this stage, as the planned improvements include bridge replacement that will have long life span that future improvements would be very difficult.

## 2. Follow up items

- **Bike parking study**

Ms. Todd presented study findings conducted partnering with JMU students. The study surveyed downtown Bike racks for uses during different time of the day and rack conditions, including racks provided by private business and City, to determine the utilization percentage. The utilization percentages categorized as, rare or never used, moderately used (1% - 75%) and Highly used or overcapacity (>75%). Per the study only five locations identified as Highly used or overcapacity, four of these locations were provided by private business and one of them provided by City at Water Street Parking Deck. Subcommittee members discussed the findings and they suggest City staff share the study findings with private businesses where racks highly utilized and encourage them to maintain, improve and increase the capacity of the racks. Regarding the Water Street Parking Deck racks subcommittee members suggested that City study potential of removing one parking space and increase the number bike racks at this location. The suggestions noted by City staff for consideration.

- **Shared use path signage**

- **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 shared the map of locations where the signs been installed. After discussing the locations subcommittee satisfied with the chosen locations.

### 3. 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*

- **New Public Works Staff**

Former Subcommittee member Mr. Dastan Khaleel joined Public Works as Traffic Engineer. Mr. Khaleel licensed as Professional Engineer and has over seven years' experience in field of civil and transportation engineering. With his new position at Public Works, he resigned as Subcommittee member, and for his replacement the committee decided to consider the previous applicants and make decision in coming September meeting.

#### *Adjourn*

*Next Meeting:* September 24, 2018 @ 6pm – City Hall, Room 011 (lower level), 409 South Main St