

Ped-Bike Commission Meeting

5/9/22

Call to Order: 7:06

In attendance: Sandy Fry, Ken Livingston, Jill Morawski, Ed Pawlak, Paul Hogan

1. Review of previous minutes. Some corrections made, mainly clarification of paved roads. Approved minutes.

The understanding is the town will include crash data in next year's Complete Streets annual report, per Greg Sommer conversation with Ed.

Old Business:

1. Projects

- a. Visual data map from crash repository. Jack has created a heat map of 2015-2021 motor vehicle crashes in town, that shows concentrations and has filters. Illustrates longer term crash patterns. One year of crash data is too small. Alan Blasenstein has created a pin point map of motor vehicle crashes involving vulnerable users. This will be put in a data table as well.
 - i. Ed would like the commission to provide a narrative report of the patterns.
- b. Bike Network Map revisions. Its not up to date, ex. Fern Street. Looking at a little more detail on the map. Todd Dumais said he is working on the updates. The map is a mix of proposed and actual bicycle facilities. Let's look at the map and be more aspirational. Maybe use this as a larger recommendation to the town. Look at maybe getting a consultant to take a holistic approach to creating an integrated bicycle network in town. We should include bicycle lanes in adjacent municipalities the map? Ed looking into getting paper map copy for each commissioner and the public.
- c. Crosswalk map revision – Strategic additions or enhancements of crosswalks. Look into perhaps collecting a map of crosswalk needs? In the meantime look at Greg getting us the crosswalk map after he has cleaned it up. Look around town and see where you want in the way of crosswalk enhancements.
- d. Survey – lots of surveys have gone out recently perhaps table this for another year.
- e. Bicycle education in schools – perhaps table this. Bring it up as an issue at a later date. Perhaps when there is a new superintendent bring it up in a letter. Look at Leisure Services to segue into this?

New Business:

1. Engineering updates. June 13th meeting will be attended by Jim Brennan, Assistant Town Engineer. He will provide an update on the status of the New Park Avenue Road Diet.
2. BiCiCo West offered their venue for the next meeting on June 13.
3. Trout Brook Trail – phase 5 is being paved this week. From Farmington to Fern should be complete this week. Phase 6 (Fern to Duffield) likely in the Fall of 2022. Phase 7 is to Asylum and has no timeline, no major constraints, but its still being reviewed. Phase 8 is north of Asylum,

and is not part of the official Trout Brook Trail. The Engineering Department has discussed a possible extension of the trail with the prospective developers of the old UConn campus. Phase 3 (Jackson to Park Road) is 80% designed. The whole project will be approximately 5k.

4. Road resurfacing – Farmington Ave. – discussion of parking on just one side and what that might entail.
5. Mountain Road and Farmington - bike box? Feedback is that there is not a lot of turning left at the intersection.
6. No parking on Mayflower. The bike lanes will not go all the way to New Britain. It will be resurfaced soon. Next round of resurfacing is in July at Webster Hill to Ledgewood. Oakwood Avenue will be paved (Wilford to Flatbush). North Main will be resurfaced, but they need to figure out road diet before they do.
7. The item for hiring a traffic consultant to conduct a town-wide road safety study was eliminated from the 2022 budget. There is a federal grant that engineering may look at to finance such a study. Look at a smaller number moving of road corridors forward for road safety study.
8. Todd Dumais said that there are no items on this month's TPZ agenda for the commission to review.
9. May 24th VHB will present recommendations to town council. Not sure if public is able to speak at meeting.
10. North main road diet April 28th meeting – overall very positive.
11. Sustainability Advisory Group – proposed to have a joint meeting of PBC, Clean Energy, and Conservation/Environment commissions.
12. Sandy Fry– crosswalks – new statute: Law passed in 2021. Contains a modification of crosswalk language. Now a pedestrian does not need to be in the actual crosswalk to have right of way.
13. Ken Livingston– Bike Box – gives the cyclist a place to reside ahead of traffic at intersections.

Announcements: Sandy will serve as rep to the New Community Center Advisory Committee. Ed as alternate.

Motion to adjourn: Jill second: ken

End 8:42