

# Scarborough Transportation Committee

Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

(Hybrid Meeting)

## Meeting Summary

### 1. Call to Order & Attendance

- Committee Members: Jen Ladd (Chair), Craig Robinson, Roger Beeley (Planning Board Liaison), Portia Hirschman, Tuck Barclay, Jon Anderson (Council Liaison), Steve Berg
- Staff: Angela Blanchette (Town Engineer)
- Public: Mike Daly

### 2. Municipal Bike Rack Program

Staff reviewed the request from the Transportation Committee member, Portia Hirschman to look into bike racks at municipal facilities. Staff did a review of municipal buildings and determined that there are multiple locations where bike racks are not provided: Town Hall, Community Services Building (the Hub), and Public Safety Building. While our beaches do have bike racks it has not been determined if all of the athletic fields and parks have bike racks.

Angela reviewed staff findings of funding sources. The state and federal programs that have existed in the past have been eliminated, however staff was able to find a private grant opportunity through Walmart. These grants allow funding up to \$5,000 for each application. In order to install multiple locations or ground mounted structures additional match would need to be acquired.

Staff requested that the Committee prioritize locations for bike racks. Staff also requested guidance from committee members on pathways to pursue additional funds. Staff outlined a few pathways for additional funding as follows:

- Capital Improvement funds from Council to do one large project next year, or
- Request the use of the multi-modal funds to do these projects. Multi-modal funds have been collected through the Planning Department from developers

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of projects to be utilized specifically for bicycle, pedestrian, or transit projects. The Committee may make a request to Town Council to utilize these funds if they recommend this funding stream.

Roger Beeley suggested that we look to have volunteers install the bike racks to provide a community event and get residents involved in this project. The committee then suggested that we ask businesses for materials or have a business sponsor a bike rack. These methods would reduce costs and eliminate the need to ask council for funding.

Staff suggested that if this was the Committee's recommended path forward, we will need to put this item on future agendas to work through what role each committee member would take on to make this event a success.

Other items discussed by the Committee was working on "bike routes" in town. These would be locations that would encourage bike use and provide safe connectivity. These safe bike routes may not be the shortest.

### 3. Town-wide Transportation Study Capital Improvement Project

The Committee began discussing the key components that will be needed in the new Transportation Study. While the recently completed Comprehensive Plan was "big picture," this study should be "buildable." The Committee should work on overarching transportation principles: Sidewalks, access management, bike/ped by-ways. Portia Hirschman mentioned that this committee should focus on Vision #5 of the Comprehensive Plan.

Other components discussed: providing a "layperson Level of Service," identifying vulnerabilities, identifying opportunities, and a large public engagement process.

The next meeting the committee will devote to identifying the key components to be part of the transportation plan.

### 4. General Committee Discussion

Jon Anderson suggested that Transportation be a topic for a future Council Live Corner. These meetings have been held on various topics. Jen Ladd suggested that

this may be a good opportunity to have residents do a mapping exercise to identify corridors in town that they feel are safe by-ways and those that might be avoided.

5. Public Comment – Mike Daly asked to be included in future correspondence for the committee so that he can stay engaged.
  
6. Adjourned 8:00 PM