

COLUMBUS TRANSPORTATION AND PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
109 NORTH FRONT STREET, GROUND FLOOR, ROOM 100  
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2011  
5:00 P.M.

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. MINUTES (Correct or Approve) March 8, 2010

III. OLD BUSINESS

Informational Items:

1. Planning Studies Update (Gary Wilfong)
  - a. Stelzer Road
  - b. Preview of Upcoming Projects
2. Bicycle Subcommittee Update (Nick Popa)
3. Valet Parking Update (Randy Bowman)
4. Community Mobility Plans Update (Terry Stewart)
  - a. Linden Area Transportation Management Plan
  - b. Franklinton
  - c. Weinland Park
  - d. Phase 10

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Informational Item:

- Preview of Sidewalk and Bikeway Program for 2011 (Nick Popa)

V. OTHER BUSINESS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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Present were:

Voting Members: Carr, Conte, Croasmun, Moore, Simmons

Advisory Member: Schwab

Division of Mobility Options Staff: Bowman, Lewis, Popa, Stewart

Division of Planning and Operations Staff: Wilfong

Guests: Bob Vitale, Patricia Kovacs, Michael C. Wisecup

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Call to Order: 5:00 p.m.

Motion to approve February 8, 2011, minutes: Moore; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Simmons. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM:

Hilltop Community Mobility Plan

For their review, Commissioners were provided access to this plan prior to today's meeting. Terry Stewart gave a PowerPoint presentation, provided copies of slides, and requested Commission approval of the Hilltop Community Mobility Plan. The plan is available on the Public Service website; the link is: <http://publicservice.columbus.gov/content.aspx?id=32182>. (Copies of PowerPoint slides are available upon request.)

Motion to approve the Hilltop Community Mobility Plan as presented: Simmons; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Croasmun. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Bicycle Subcommittee Update:

Nick Popa gave a PowerPoint presentation (copies of slides available upon request). He indicated items reviewed at the March 2nd Bicycle Subcommittee included an update of the Public Service Bikeway projects, Recreation and Parks projects, Franklin County Metro Parks projects, and some of the ODOT projects in Columbus. Also reviewed were installation of the Bike Friendly Community Signs and the Bike Rack Installation Program. Mr. Popa reported as follows:

### 2011 Public Service Division of Mobility Option Projects

Hilltop Connector - This project will include a combination of lanes and sharrows between West Broad Street and McKinley Avenue, and will be constructed this summer. Staff is coordinating this project with the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department and the Franklin County Engineer's office.

Neil Avenue Sharrows from Long Street to 11<sup>th</sup> Street and Bryden Road Sharrows from Parsons to Nelson - These projects will be installed by City Crews. The Bryden Road sharrow project is being coordinated with the 2011 resurfacing project and will be installed when resurfacing is completed later this year.

Francisco Road from Gettysburg to Kenny - This is a shared-sign route consisting of share-the-road signs and will be installed by City crews.

Lane Avenue Sharrows from High Street to Olentangy River Road - Sharrows are currently being designed for installation by City Crews in coordination with The Ohio State University.

Ponderosa Road Sharrows from Dublin Granville Road to Ranier Avenue - This is part of the Olentangy to Alum Creek Connector Project and will be installed once resurfacing is complete this year.

Park Street Sharrows between Nationwide Boulevard and Goodale Street - This is a project staff coordinated with recent lane striping and will be installed soon.

Lincoln Avenue Sharrows between Sinclair and Foster - This is part of the Olentangy to Alum Creek project and will be installed this year once the resurfacing is completed.

Bike Parking Shelter Projects – This is currently in the final design stages. There will be two projects. The first project consists of approximately ten shelters and will be bid in April for construction this summer and completion by October. The second project is running about one to two months behind the first project and consists of approximately eight shelters.

Share-the-Road Campaign - The campaign will kick off this spring with the development of a citywide engagement and education plan. Staff is running the campaign with a team from EMH&T, the same team that ran the previous campaign. Once the education plan is completed, implementation of that plan will begin this summer.

Bike Racks - Staff's Goal is to install fifty racks per year; that goal has been met.

### Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)

These projects are run out of the Division of Design and Construction. There is currently a project under construction at Livingston and Parsons that will involve bike lanes.

Joyce Avenue Phase One near the intersection of Hudson Street will have a shared-use path component and will go to construction this year.

### Design Projects

These projects are run out of the Division of Mobility Options, primarily, and in conjunction with the Division of Design and Construction.

Olentangy River Road Shared-use path from Kinnear to North Broadway – ODOT and the City are partnering right now on the preliminary engineering study.

SR-161 from Sawmill Road to Linworth Road Shared-use Path – This is a major connector project between Dublin's path system and Columbus' Path System. The consultant has been selected, and staff is scoping them right now to do a preliminary engineering report similar to the scope for Olentangy River Road.

Olentangy to Alum Creek Connector – This is a large on-street connector project installed last year. Phase two of that project will include a shared-use path between Brenton Woods Drive and Wingfield Street. This project will be designed under a separate contract. The contract has not been let.

Westgate Avenue – As part of the Hilltop Mobility Plan, a bike boulevard will be extended down Westgate Avenue and tie into the Steele Avenue Bike Boulevard installed last year.

### Spot Improvements

The Bicentennial Bikeways Plan (BBP) calls for several spot improvements. The high priority improvements from the plan and will be implemented first.

Alum Creek Trail and Petzinger Road - staff wants to improve the intersection to get folks to the Metro Parks trail.

Dublin Road and Urlin Avenue – This will eventually assist people in getting from the Scioto Trail to the Grandview Heights area.

Alum Creek Trail and Livingston Road – This is an improvement of the crossing. Staff has received numerous 311's. Staff does not know what improvements will consist of at this point. Staff will scope the consultant to look at that.

### Capital Improvement Projects run out of Design and Construction

Joyce Avenue - This project will have a phase two component that will go south from Hudson and will include a shared-use path.

Rome Hilliard Road – This is a large project between Roberts and Renner and will include an extension of bike lanes to the south.

### Resurfacing Projects

The City has a consultant on board now and is preparing a scope to do feasible studies of some of the resurfacing projects to determine if some of the BBP projects can be incorporated with resurfacing. Some of the bigger projects include Sharon Woods Boulevard, Dexter Falls Road, Ohio Avenue, Champion Avenue, King Avenue, and Henderson Road, where bike lanes are recommended, and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Chittenden Avenue where sharrows are recommended.

### Bikeways Projects Progress

Mr. Popa reviewed maps depicting progress on bikeways projects from 2008 through 2011. The construction projects this year include fifteen miles of bike facilities, with a potential to add nine more miles with resurfacing projects. When the BBP was adopted, it was broken up into three phases. Phase 1 (2008 to 2013) called for fifty-eight miles of new bike facilities; twenty-three miles of bike facilities have been installed, and there is the potential to add another twenty-four miles this year.

### Bikeway Projects - Outside Agencies

Some of the bigger projects for Columbus Recreation & Parks are the Scioto Hilltop Connector Bridge, with a completion in May, 2011; and the Alum Creek Trail from Sunbury Ridge to Easton where construction will occur between 2011/2012.

Franklin County Metro Parks will be working on the Hines Road shared-use path between Refugee Road and Tussing Road. Construction will begin this year.

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Projects include construction of the Scioto Trail extension that goes between Grandview Avenue and the Dublin Road Water Plan. Construction will begin this year. ODOT will also be working on the Fourth Street Bridge by I-670. The City is working with ODOT to have them install a bike lane across that bridge. Construction will begin this year.

### Bike Friendly Community signs

These signs will be installed this year in two phases. The first phase of installation will begin in a few weeks. "City of Columbus" was added to the signs.

### Bike Racks

Twenty-nine bike racks were installed in 2010; sixteen have been installed so far this year. Bike parking and bike rack locations will be mapped and available online. Areas without bike racks will be targeted for installation.

### Valet Parking Update

Randy Bowman reported staff is continuing to review comments received.

Community Mobility Plans Update:

Bill Lewis gave updates on Community Mobility Plans as follows:

Linden Area Transportation Management Plan

Staff has been working with the community in resolving issues on Maize Road, Norris Road, and McGuffey Road. It has been decided to keep the Maize Road features, but modify them to highlight their appearance and visibility at night. The Norris Road features will be eliminated. The McGuffey Road features will remain in place, but will be modified to make them more visible. Staff is also looking at a couple of intersections with Weber Road at Ontario and Medina to resolve some median turning movement issues.

Franklinton

Staff is in the final stages of modifying the scope of work to get design started. Some design had to be removed from the Dana Elementary area, since that school is closing and those features are no longer part of the project.

Weinland Park

Staff is meeting next week to discuss comments on the Fourth and Summit traffic study to determine whether or not to incorporate bike lanes. Staff also met with the Weinland Park Civic Association Mobility Committee to update them on the Weinland Park Plan.

Phase 10

Staff has a draft recommendation to be taken to leadership for review. Improvements include signal removals and stop sign grading to interrupt traffic flow and remove impacts of removing signals on free flow speeds.

Patricia Kovacs addressed the Commission. She indicated she is a disability accessibility advocate and is concerned about the removal of signals and the impact on people with disabilities. She believes most people do not know that pedestrians have the right of way in unmarked crosswalks, so she was concerned about removing signals. She suggested staff speak with the Citizens Advisory Committee on Disabilities Issues and the American Council of the Blind Columbus as they are interested in this issue.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Pedestrian and Bicycle Crash Data

At the request of Executive Secretary Austin, Commissioner Carr, who heads the Active Transportation and Safety Programs Section of the Transportation Department at MORPC, gave a PowerPoint Presentation on this issue. Copies of the PowerPoint slides are available upon request.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia R. Grove  
Recording Secretary

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Marc Conte  
Vice Chairman

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Patricia A. Austin  
Executive Secretary

THIS MEETING WAS RECORDED; RECORDING IS ON FILE  
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