

TRANSPORTATION AND PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
109 NORTH FRONT STREET, GROUND FLOOR, ROOM 100  
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2011  
5:00 P.M.

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Present were:

Voting Members: Carr, Conte, Moore, Simmons, Stephens, Wood

Public Service Department Representatives: Gallagher, Tilton

Executive Secretary: Austin

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

Division of Planning and Operations Staff: Wilfong

Guests: Rod Rudinger

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Call to Order: 5:10 p.m.

Motion for approval of May 10, 2011, minutes: Simmons; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Moore. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Stelzer Road - Planning Study Update

Gary Wilfong gave an update on this planning study. He indicated staff will meet with the consultants in about two weeks to review information. A public meeting is scheduled in the area at 6:00 p.m., July 12. Staff is working on invitations and will forward meeting information to commissioners. Once staff receives the alternatives from the consultants, Mr. Wilfong will share with the commissioners the information that will be shared at the July 12 public meeting. After the public meeting, alternatives will be finalized and presented to this Commission at the August meeting. The goal is to complete the study by the end of September, as there are funds available in this year's budget to move into design. Currently there are no construction funds available.

Discussion.

Hamilton Road and Creative Campus Studies

Chairman Stephens inquired about these studies that were introduced at the last Commission meeting.

Mr. Wilfong indicated the studies are still in the pipeline for developing the scope. He indicated staff has a meeting next week to get more information on Creative Campus. He said staff has begun the scoping process for Hamilton Road. It will be a request for proposal for the study. Staff is currently going through the internal City process to develop the scope.

### Bicycle Subcommittee Update

Nick Popa gave a PowerPoint presentation and reported as follows on the May 25 Bicycle Subcommittee meeting.

#### 2011 Resurfacing - Bike Plan Preliminary Engineering Report RFP

This is the contract the City has with Stantec. Staff and consultants are looking at six streets. They are: Sharon Woods, Dexter Falls, 11<sup>th</sup>, Chittenden, King, and Henderson. These streets are being looked at in the order that they will be resurfaced by the City in 2011.

#### Share the Road Campaign

Part one will engage stakeholder input in developing a communication and education strategy. Staff anticipates the stakeholder meetings will begin later this month.

#### Covered Bike Parking/Bike Parking Shelters

Staff gave a presentation to the Downtown Commission on May 24. Staff is coordinating installations with the Capital Crossroad SID project. Bids for this project are in two phases. Phase one has ten shelters and phase two has eight. Phase one bids are due June 16 and the Notice to Proceed is scheduled for August 3. The estimated completion of phase one is the end of October. Phase two is currently in design. Staff anticipates bidding it out within the next two to three months.

#### Bike Racks

Four racks were installed in May and four in April. Twenty-two have been installed so far this year. There are seven in progress.

#### NACTO Membership

City staff is gathering information for potential membership in this organization. A webinar was held May 25. They have a new innovative bikeway design guide out that staff is looking at.

#### Upcoming Conferences and Events

The Columbus Bike Fest will be held July 15 and 16.

#### League Certified Cycling Instructors

The Subcommittee discussed this issue and where to go to get information about classes.

### “Parking Lot” Projects

Staff has categorized approximately thirty to forty “Parking Lot” projects resulting from input from the Subcommittee, staff, and public. The Subcommittee has been tasked with prioritizing those projects. Prioritization will be discussed at the next Subcommittee meeting.

Discussion.

### Valet Parking Policy Update

Prior to today’s meeting, commissioners were provided with the following documents regarding this issue: Summary of Comments Received with City Responses, Final Draft Valet Parking Rules and Regulations with edits tracked, and a clean version of the Final Draft Valet Parking Rules and Regulations. Copies of all documents are available upon request.

Randy Bowman gave a brief update and reviewed the history of activity involved with updating this policy, as stated in the “Summary of Comments Received with City Responses” document. Mr. Bowman indicated staff is in the position to finalize the policy this month and have it promulgated and in place in July. He will give a final briefing to the Commission at the July 12 meeting. Staff will not ask for a vote or recommendation since there is no code involved. There is a provision in the policy that calls for appeals to be heard by this Commission, not as the final stop, but as a vetting body. Ultimately, the Director of Public Service has the authority to revoke, deny, approve, or suspend a permit.

Discussion.

Commissioners will email any questions or concerns to Randy Bowman.

### Linden Area Traffic Management Plan

Randy Bowman gave an update on this traffic management plan. With regard to the Norris Drive features, Mr. Bowman indicated there was a significant reduction in volumes and speeds, but it came with a loss of on-street parking for some residents. Also, there are no sidewalks on Norris Drive. The residents do not appear to be willing to approve an assessment-based sidewalk project, and the City does not have the funds to spend money for sidewalks on Norris. So the City made the decision to remove the medians on Norris Drive. With regard to Maize Road, Mr. Bowman indicated there was also a reduction in speeds and volumes. The City decided to maintain the devices and modify them in place. Staff will provide a second briefing to the North Linden Area Commission on June 16. Staff will also meet with the civic association.

Discussion.

Rod Rudinger, area resident, spoke in opposition to the devices in place on Maize Road. He indicated it forces the cyclists to compete with the traffic for the available space.

### School Travel Plans (STP)

Bill Lewis gave a PowerPoint presentation (copies of PowerPoint slides are available upon request) on the City's two school travel plan efforts. Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is programmed to help pedestrians travel safely to and from school. In order to receive SRTS funds from ODOT, you need to have an approved school travel plan. The City will apply for funds for the following school travel plans.

#### Weinland STP

This STP is a direct result of the community mobility planning effort. Staff is focusing on Weinland Elementary. To date, staff has collected some data, talked to the public, and found the number one issue is Summit and 7<sup>th</sup>. Morning and afternoon pedestrian volumes are being collected at the school, as well as circulation around the area, to determine what the travel patterns are. Staff will finish collecting data this fall, submit the STP to ODOT for approval, and then prepare for the application process next year.

#### Hilltonia STP

There are five schools included in this STP – Binns, Burroughs, West Mound, Lindbergh, and Hilltonia. Staff has gathered the data, talked with the public, and found the number one issue is the lack of sidewalks on Mound Street. Staff will finish collecting data this fall, submit the STP to ODOT for final approval, and then prepare the application to ODOT this winter.

Discussion.

### Sharon Woods Bike Facility

Nick Popa gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation on this issue. Copies of slides are available upon request. He reviewed the Bicentennial Bikeways Vision, the benefits of a "complete streets" approach, implementing the "Vision" on Sharon Woods Boulevard, technical findings, and next steps.

The Bicentennial Bikeways Plan recommends bike lanes on Sharon Woods Boulevard from SR-161 to Schrock Road. The roadway, now, has parking on both sides and two travel lanes. The City is proposing to remove a parking lane and replace that space with two bike lanes. The proposal calls for two 10' travel lanes, a 6 ½' bike lane adjacent to the curb, an 8' parking lane, and a 6' bike lane adjacent to the on-street parking. This will remove parking on one side of the street. So the City proposes to alternate on-street parking. The proposal is to have on-street parking on the west side of Sharon Woods Boulevard between SR-161 and Arbor Hill Drive; on the east side of Sharon Woods Boulevard between Arbor Hill Drive and Hearthstone Avenue; and then alternate it back to the west side of Sharon Woods Boulevard between Hearthstone and Schrock.

A public information open house will be held June 22, 2011, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd on Sharon Woods Boulevard. Approximately 800 invitations have been sent to area residents. Also, on the invitation, people were directed to an on-line survey which is being conducted

between June 6 and June 25. The resurfacing of Sharon Woods Boulevard is planned for early July; pavement markings should occur in mid to late July. Staff will report to this Commission and ask for a recommendation on the project at the July 12 meeting. Project information is available online at <http://bit.ly/SharonWoodsFactSheet> .

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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Jeff Stephens  
Chairman

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Patricia A. Austin  
Executive Secretary

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Public Service Department Representative: Tilton

Division of Mobility Options Staff: Bowman, Popa, Stewart

Division of Planning and Operations Staff: Wilfong

Guests: Bob Vitale

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Call to Order: 5:10 p.m.

Motion for approval of March 8, 2011, minutes: Moore; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Croasmun. Commissioner Wood and Chairman Stephens abstained as they did not attend the March meeting. Action was accomplished by a subsequent email poll. Motion carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### Planning Study Updates:

Gary Wilfong gave updates on planning studies as follows:

##### Stelzer Road

Staff has received approval from the Ohio Department of Development to extend the limits of this study. The new limits are James Road and Broad Street up to Johnstown Road. The re-kickoff meeting was held last week with ms consultants. Within the next two months, more alternative information will be available. A public meeting will be held in August.

##### Preview of Upcoming Projects

##### Hamilton Road between Morse Road and SR-161

A preliminary engineering study will be done, and, depending on funding, staff would like to take this study into preliminary design, and possibly to the first stage submittal. Staff believes funding will be available in this year's budget. Staff will send the Request for Proposals out this summer. The study will probably not actually start until 2012.

### Creative Campus

There is money in this year's budget to make improvements around the Columbus College of Art and Design (CCAD). CCAD has presented a "wish list" to the Mayor's office. The requests mainly focus on pedestrian issues and possibly some traffic calming. Staff has not yet determined if a preliminary engineering study will be done, or if improvements will go straight into design. The scope is open-ended at this point.

### Lazelle Road Study

This completed study was briefly discussed.

### Bicycle Subcommittee

Nick Popa reported as follows on issues discussed at the last Bicycle Subcommittee meeting:

#### Hilltop Connector Project

This is a one-mile-long Public Service project that will connect the new Department of Recreation and Parks' bridge over the Scioto River. The project will connect that bridge with an on-street connector up to West Broad Street where the bike lanes were installed last year. It will consist of lanes, sharrows, and wayfinding signage. Staff is coordinating this project with Franklin County. The pre-construction meeting was held April 27. Work is scheduled to be completed by July.

#### 2011 Resurfacing Projects

Staff has a preliminary engineering contract out right now with Stantec Consultants and is looking at all of the 2011 resurfacing projects that coincide with the bike plan projects. There are a total of six resurfacing projects in the city. Currently staff is looking at Sharon Woods between SR-161 and Schrock Road, as that is in the first resurfacing project. Conceptual designs are being developed, and public outreach efforts will be conducted shortly with the Sharon Woods Civic Association and Northland Area Commission. Staff expects to bring this to the July 12 Commission meeting and begin striping the roadway in mid July.

#### Bike Shelters

Currently Korda Consultants are working on the design. Staff continues to coordinate this project with the Capital Crossroads SID project. There are two contracts for these shelters. The first project consists of about nine shelters. Bids are due May 19. The second project is in final design and consists of about eight shelters. This project will go out for bid in May also. Completion of the first round of shelter installations is October, 2011.

There was discussion during which Chairman Stephens and Nick Popa indicated the Subcommittee played a great roll in selecting bike shelter locations.

#### Bike Friendly Community Signs

The City has begun to install signs. Approximately two dozen signs will be installed around the city. Work should be completed this spring.

#### Bike Racks

Sixteen bike racks have been installed in 2011 through the Division of Mobility Options. Staff plans to install a minimum of fifty bike racks this year in keeping with the Bicentennial Bikeways Plan. This does not include bike racks that will be installed with the shelters. Each shelter has five to six bike racks.

#### 2011 Share-the-Road Campaign

The scope has been finalized with consultants EMH&T. This project will be divided into two parts – a planning phase and an implementation phase. The kickoff meeting was held last week. A stakeholders' meeting will be scheduled for this month. The planning phase should be completed in July, then the implementation phase will begin.

#### Upcoming Conferences and Events

- MORPC Bike Counts – May 9
- Bike-to-Work Week – Begins May 16
  - Ride with the Mayor – May 16
  - Ride of Silence – May 18
- Columbus Bike Festival – July 15 and 16
  - Mayor's Evening Ride – July 15
  - Steve Barbour Memorial Challenge – July 16

OTEC – October: The theme of OTEC this year is financing our future. Staff plans to have a panel titled "Bikes and Business Infrastructure Investment with Great Economic Return." Randy Bowman will be part of the panel.

Chairman Stephens informed the Commission that the City unveiled an additional website off of the Public Service site in the Columbus bikes section. The site is full of resources - particularly regarding law and policies related to cycling.

#### National Association of City Transportation Officials - Bike Design Guide

Nick Popa informed the Commission that the National Association of City Transportation Officials has a new bike design guide out that has some very interesting and new treatments for bike facilities. Staff recently learned of this guide through the Bicycle Subcommittee. Staff is reviewing the guide that formalizes a lot of experimental and new bike facility treatments, such as the bike box the City used at Milton Avenue and North Broadway.

### Regional Pedestrian and Bicycle Staff Meeting

Nick Popa informed the Commission the Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission recently convened the Regional Pedestrian and Bicycle Staff Meeting. The goal of these quarterly meetings is to provide a forum for local peer exchange on bicycle and pedestrian issues in central Ohio and to facilitate regional coordination of existing and future projects and issues of mutual concern. Staff attended the first meeting and saw some coordination opportunities with Dublin and Bexley. Staff looks forward to some good things to come out of these meetings.

### Valet Parking

Randy Bowman reported staff is currently finalizing the numerous comments from Central Ohio Restaurants Association (CORA), a few from Ohio Hotels and Lodging Association (OHLA), and some from the stakeholders committee's November meeting. At next month's Commission meeting, staff should be in a position to brief the commission on the changes to the Valet Parking Policy. The City also will get back with CORA, OHLA, and the stakeholder group. This will occur right before or right after the June 14 Commission meeting. Staff hopes to have the new policy in place on July 1. The current permits expire June 30, so if more time is needed, the City might extend the current valet permits to give everybody time to understand and adjust permits.

Discussion.

Staff will try to provide the Commission with a draft Valet Parking Policy prior to the June 14 meeting.

### Community Mobility Plans

#### Linden Area Traffic Management Plan

Randy Bowman reported a group of residents concerned about the traffic calming islands installed on Maize Road and Norris Drive submitted petitions to City Council asking for removal. City Council asked the Department of Public Service to meet with and engage the residents along both of those streets. This culminated in two public meetings held last November. Staff has reviewed the data collected and briefed the leadership on the City's intentions and proposed improvements. The City intends to construct improvements this year. Staff will attend the May 19th North Linden Area Commission meeting to brief the community. Commissioners were invited to attend.

Discussion.

Terry Stewart reported on Community Mobility Plans as follows:

#### Franklinton

Staff is preparing to authorize a consultant to design curb extensions on Town Street at the intersections of Town and Hawks and Town and Avondale. Associated with that will be some modifications to some adjacent bus stops and installation of brick crosswalks at those locations. Staff hopes to have design completed this year. Construction is funded in the state fiscal year 2013 through Safe Routes to School.

The next project is the North Glenwood Avenue Truck Access. This involves an area north of Broad Street in Franklinton. The major issue in that area is trucks go through the residential part of the neighborhood to get to the industrial area. Glenwood is at the edge of the residential area and an area that is more suited to truck traffic. Staff is looking at widening and signing north Glenwood to make it the primary route into north Franklinton for industrial areas.

The next design project is for the sidewalks under the railroad bridges throughout Franklinton. Sidewalks are in disrepair, particularly sidewalks on State, Town, and Rich streets. A lot of that damage is drainage oriented. Staff will ask the consultant to look at some alternatives for addressing the drainage impact on sidewalks and the most cost effective way to deal with this issue.

Discussion.

#### Weinland Park

Staff is collaborating with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) on the Fourth and Summit traffic study. ODOT is reviewing comments on the draft study. Once ODOT has completed its review, recommendations will be incorporated into the Community Mobility Plan. Staff will then begin a public involvement process. Staff hopes to present the plan to this Commission in August or September and begin the design process in October.

#### Phase 10

This project involves traffic control modifications and changes to the signalization system in the near east and south areas of Columbus. Staff is currently developing a communication plan for this project.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Preview of Sidewalk and Bikeway Program for 2011

Nick Popa distributed a map and detailed spreadsheet depicting the 2011 planned bike and sidewalk projects. (Copies are available upon request.) There are about twenty sidewalk projects planned that will construct just over ten miles of new sidewalk. For bikes, in addition to parking shelters and bike racks, there are about ten construction projects scheduled this year that will construct fifteen miles of new bikeways. Also, there is the potential for another nine miles via resurfacing projects. Those involve some design efforts and public outreach efforts which are yet to be completed.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia R. Grove  
Recording Secretary

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Jeff Stephens  
Chairman

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Patricia A. Austin  
Executive Secretary

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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,

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Recording Secretary

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Marc Conte  
Vice Chairman

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Division of Planning and Operations Staff: Green

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Call to Order: 5:08 p.m.

Chairman Stephens welcomed and introduced new voting member Kerstin Carr. Commissioner Carr replaces Jack Cooley who has resigned from this Commission.

Motion for approval of December 14, 2010, minutes: Simmons; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Croasmun. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Bicycle Subcommittee Update

Nick Popa gave a PowerPoint presentation (copies of slides are available upon request) and reported as follows.

West Broad Street and Steele Avenue

Bike lanes have been installed on West Broad Street. Some of the symbols in the lanes are peeling due to a material defect. The manufacturer has agreed to replace material, as necessary, this spring. The Steele Avenue Bike Boulevard is also completed. As of now, staff knows of no issues with the markings on Steele.

Neil Avenue, Francisco Road, and Bryden Road

Staff is completing final plans for these projects. The Neil Avenue sharrow project and Francisco Road share-the-road sign project are scheduled to be installed this spring. The Bryden Road sharrow project will be installed later this year once resurfacing is completed. All of this work will be performed by City crews.

### Bicentennial Bikeways Plan (BBP) Engineering Services Contract

This contract has been awarded to Stantec Consultants. Staff expects the notice to proceed will be issued in March. Initial tasking will be evaluation of potential bike facilities per the BBP for the City's 2011 paving projects. The consultant will also look at the proposed 2012 arterial projects and the 2011-2016 urban paving projects for potential bike plan projects.

### Bike Friendly Community Signs

Staff now has approval to install signs. Approximately twenty-four sign locations have been identified, with input from the Bicycle Subcommittee. Signs will be installed in two phases. City crews will fabricate and install signs. Work orders are being prepared and initial installation should begin next month. The second phase will be scheduled according to crew availability. Work should be completed this summer.

### Covered Bike Parking/Bike Shelters

Korda Consulting recently completed the preliminary engineering report. They narrowed down the top ten locations for the initial round of shelters. Suggested locations were provided by the Bicycle Subcommittee. The design phase has begun, and staff continues to coordinate shelter locations and design with the Capital Crossroads SID on-going project. The bid package is due April 15 to the Service Department's Office of Support Services. Construction is anticipated to begin in August. Construction and installation of shelters should be completed in October.

The City may receive additional funding for shelters. Staff has asked the Subcommittee to suggest additional shelter locations by February 11. Once this information is gathered, staff will be ready to enter into the preliminary engineering stage for additional shelters.

### Sharrow Design Standards

The City is preparing design standards for the installation of sharrow pavement markings. Although there are guidelines in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices and the BBP, staff needs more detailed design standards. Several cities across the country have developed their own standards. Staff will benchmark some of those cities as they develop their own document. Staff has recently solicited input from the Subcommittee. Staff's next step is to prepare a draft document for the Subcommittee's review and subsequent review and approval by this Commission. Staff expects to submit a draft document to the Subcommittee in April and to this Commission in May.

### Alum Creek Drive

Staff recently looked at Alum Creek Drive and found there are a number of issues including a fatality a few years ago. In order to get a better understanding of the issues on Alum Creek, a bike ride was conducted with the Subcommittee on November 20. The comments from the Subcommittee focused on upgrades to signage and pavement

markings. The Subcommittee also wanted to see future bike projects there, additional education efforts, and identification of alternate routes. Staff's next step is to prepare a draft study for review by the Subcommittee and subsequent review and approval by this Commission. Staff expects to provide a draft document to the Subcommittee in March and to this Commission in April.

#### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Bicycle Subcommittee has been rescheduled to March 2, so as not to coincide with the February 23 State of the City address. At the meeting, staff will preview the Department of Public Service's 2011 bike projects. Also, Brad Westall from Recreation and Parks, and Steve Studenman from Metro Parks, will preview their projects.

#### Community Mobility Plans Update

Bill Lewis gave updates on community mobility plans as follows:

##### Linden Area Transportation Management Plan

Staff is currently dealing with the issues on Maize, Norris, and McGuffey regarding the public's input expressing displeasure with the traffic calming features. Staff is preparing a report for the Public Service Director's review to determine the outcome of those features.

##### Franklinton

Some of the initial features from the Plan are in the design stage. Features include the Safe Routes to School project at Town and Hawks/Town and Avondale, and curb extensions and decorative crosswalks, as well as some other design activities throughout Franklinton. Staff anticipates having the consultant ready to begin that process later this month.

Discussion.

##### Weinland Park

The issue for this Plan is resolving the issue of Fourth and Summit operations to determine whether or not bike lanes can be installed. Staff has received the traffic engineering study from the consultant, and is currently reviewing it to see if the pavement space can be reallocated to become more of a complete street.

Discussion.

### Hilltop

The final plan was delivered to the City. Staff will provide commissioners with the link to the plan prior to presenting it to the Commission for action in March.

### Phase 10

This plan removes unwarranted traffic signals and replaces them with traffic calming features to mitigate the impact of removing the signals. Staff's draft recommendations include speed limit reductions and rearrangement of stop sign locations to further reduce travel speeds. Staff will present recommendations to their administrators later this month and come back to the Commission in March with recommendations. After presenting recommendations to the Commission, staff will go out to the community and apprise them of the situation.

Discussion.

### Valet Parking Update

Randy Bowman indicated staff received written public comments from the Ohio Hotel Lodging Association (OHLA) and Central Ohio Restaurants Association (CORA). Staff is reviewing those comments and comparing suggestions against what has been accumulated from the November 2010 stakeholder group. At some point, Mr. Bowman will be meeting again with stakeholders to go over their suggestions on further changes to the policy.

Discussion.

### Kerr Street Residential Permit Parking Update

Randy Bowman indicated Public Service Director Kelsey has reviewed all the facts and presentation and has approved the residents' request and the Commission's recommendation to extend the current terms of Permit "I" to the east side of Kerr Street.

Mr. Bowman will meet in a few weeks with the Short North Foundation to discuss parking in general.

## NEW BUSINESS

### ACTION ITEM:

#### Lazelle Road between High Street and Flint Road – Speed Limit Change

Staff recommendation: Jessica Green reported speeds were studied on Lazelle Road East between High Street and Flint Road. There were no speed limit signs posted on this 0.62-mile-long segment of Lazelle Road. There were approximately 11,000 vehicles using the roadway within a 24-hour period, 98.6 of those vehicles were passenger cars. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed

was 45.58 mph, and the calculated speed was 45.1 mph. Therefore, staff recommends a speed limit of 45 mph. Commercial and multi-family developments exist along this segment of Lazelle Road. Sidewalk exists along the north side adjacent to the multi-family development.

Discussion.

Motion to approve staff's recommendation to post a speed limit of 45 mph on Lazelle Road East between High Street and Flint Road: Conte; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Moore. Commissioner Simmons expressed concern about a 45 mph speed limit in this multi-family area where there are bus stops and no sidewalk at the corner of Olenbrook and Lazelle. Discussion. Motion carried with a five to one vote.

Staff will investigate posting bus stop warning signs.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia R. Grove  
Recording Secretary

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Jeff Stephens  
Chairman

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Patricia A. Austin  
Executive Secretary

THIS MEETING WAS RECORDED; RECORDING IS ON FILE  
AT 109 NORTH FRONT STREET

COLUMBUS TRANSPORTATION AND PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
109 NORTH FRONT STREET  
GROUND FLOOR, ROOM 100  
DECEMBER 14, 2010  
5:00 P.M.

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Present were:

Voting Members: Conte, Croasmun, Simmons, Stephens

Advisory Member: Schwab

Public Service Representative: Tilton

Executive Secretary: Austin

Division of Mobility Option's Staff: Bowman, Keeran, Lewis, Popa

Division of Planning and Operations Staff: Green

Guests: Anne Marie Dennison, Craig Deep, Michael Gallagher, Jeff McNulty, Bob Vitale

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Call to Order: 5:00 p.m.

Motion for approval of November 9, 2010, minutes: Simmons; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Croasmun. Motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Stelzer Road Planning Study Update

Executive Secretary Austin informed the Commission staff has asked the Ohio Department of Development to extend the study limits farther south to include the area in front of the old Woodland Meadows site. Staff has not yet received an answer from them. This study is on hold pending an answer from the Ohio Department of Development.

## Bicycle Subcommittee Update

### Alum Creek Drive between Williams Road and Livingston Avenue

#### - Bikeway Treatments

Nick Popa presented PowerPoint slides (copies of slides are available upon request) and talked about Alum Creek Drive between Williams Road and Livingston Avenue. He indicated staff has received reports of cyclists being ticketed on Alum Creek Drive for riding in the middle of a lane and impeding traffic. One of the issues is cars are passing cyclists too closely. So one cyclist decided to take a lane rather than share any portion of that lane with motor vehicles. Staff has received requests for the installation of “Bikes May Use Full Lane” signs on Alum Creek Drive. This sign is included in the Federal Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, but has yet to be adopted by the State of Ohio. In addition, in 2008, a cyclist was killed near the intersection of Alum Creek and Watkins Road.

Mr. Popa reported that at the October Bicycle Subcommittee meeting, staff asked the Subcommittee to come up with recommendations for low cost bikeway treatments on Alum Creek that could be implemented quickly at a relatively low cost. Mr. Popa reviewed pertinent information that was provided to the Subcommittee. He also indicated staff and the Subcommittee took a bike ride on this stretch of Alum Creek.

Mr. Popa indicated staff has received some feedback from the Subcommittee members. Recommendations received include: install “Bikes May Use Full Lane” signs; install signage to direct cyclists over to the Alum Creek Trail and not use Alum Creek Drive; install share-the-road signs; do nothing at all so as not to encourage cycling on Alum Creek Drive.

Staff will continue to compile comments from the Subcommittee members and discuss this issue at the January 26 Bicycle Subcommittee meeting.

Discussion.

### Covered Bike Shelters

Chairman Stephens indicated the Subcommittee provided a long list of prioritized options of where to put covered bike shelters.

Nick Popa indicated the City’s consultant will begin designing the locations and the actual shelters. Staff hopes to get this project bid out in the spring.

### Community Mobility Plans Update

Bill Lewis gave updates on community mobility plans as follows:

#### Linden Area Transportation Management Plan

Two public meetings were held in November regarding Maize Road and Norris Road traffic calming features. Both meetings were well attended by residents of Maize and Norris, as well as Linden residents in general. Staff is now compiling public comments. Staff will review this information with Public Service Director Kelsey and determine the next steps.

Discussion.

#### Franklinton

An ordinance was passed December 13 by City Council to enter into an agreement with the consultant to start the design process for the Franklinton Plan traffic features. The scope document will be completed this week. Consultant will begin work next year.

#### Weinland Park

This Plan has two phases. One is the Plan itself; the other is Fourth Street and Summit. Staff is still working with ODOT on Fourth and Summit to determine whether a road diet is feasible on both streets. Staff is also working with ODOT and MORPC on modeling. Implementation should begin in 2015 in conjunction with ODOT's urban paving work on Fourth Street and possible surface treatment on Summit. Staff also has design money funded through the next bond sale which will occur mid 2011. Staff wants to proceed with adopting the Plan, minus Fourth and Summit, to get an idea of what to go into design with next year rather than have Fourth and Summit hold up the whole Plan. Staff will meet with the community over the next couple of months and develop priorities for implementation, which will then feed the design contract later next year.

Discussion.

#### Hilltop

Staff has received all the deliverables from the consultant and will process the final invoice. Within the next few months, staff will present the final Plan to this Commission.

Discussion.

### Valet Parking Update

Randy Bowman indicated the stakeholder comment period was extended to the end of this month. Staff has been in contact with the Central Ohio Restaurant Association (CORA) and is working through some question and comments with them. Once the comment period is over, staff will assess the suggestions and remarks, some of which may be included in a revised draft of the policy to be reviewed with Public Service Director Kelsey and Mayor Coleman. Staff will then review the final draft with the stakeholders and this Commission.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### ACTION ISSUES:

### Speed Limit Studies

Executive Secretary Austin introduced Jessica Green, the Division of Planning and Operation's new studies and analysis engineer.

Ms. Green distributed and reviewed information (copies of hand outs available upon request) and made recommendations on the following speed limit studies:

#### Nike Drive from Hilliard-Rome to Atlas Street

Staff recommendation: The length of this segment of roadway is about 0.5 mile. The ADT is 2331. The existing speed limit is 25 mph with an 85% speed of 40 mph. Ninety-one percent of the vehicles exceed the posted speed of 25 mph. Ninety-four percent of the vehicles are passenger cars. There are two short segments of sidewalk on Nike Drive. One is about 950' long on the south side of Nike at the west end approaching Hilliard-Rome. The other is about 550' long on the north side at the east end approaching Atlas. Staff recommends increasing the speed limit from 25 mph to 35 mph.

Discussion.

#### Atlas Street from Nike Drive to Renner Road

Staff recommendation: The length of this segment of roadway is about 0.8 mile. The ADT is 2437. The existing speed limit is 25 mph with an 85% percent speed of 46 mph. Ninety-seven percent of the vehicles exceed the posted speed of 25 mph. Ninety-four percent of the vehicles are passenger cars. There are no sidewalks on either side of Atlas. The land use along Nike and Atlas is commercial and manufacturing, with the

exception of two apartment complexes on Nike. There are no single family residences on either street. Staff recommends increasing the speed limit from 25 mph to 40 mph.

Discussion.

Motion to accept staff's recommendation as presented to change the speed limits on Nike Drive and Atlas Street: Simmons; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Croasmun. Motion carried.

#### Scioto Darby Creek Road from Leap Road to Dublin Road

Staff recommendation: The length of this segment of roadway is about 1.6 miles. The ADT is 7927. The existing speed limit is 50 mph with an 85% speed of 48 mph. Ninety-eight percent of the vehicles are passenger cars. There are no sidewalks along this segment of Scioto Darby Creek Road. The land use along Scioto Darby Creek Road is mostly industrial with some small businesses and residences. Staff recommends decreasing the speed limit from 50 mph to 45 mph.

Discussion.

Motion to accept staff's recommendation as presented to recommend reduction in the speed limit in the studied area of Scioto Darby Creek Road from 50 mph to 45 mph: Simmons; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Conte. Motion carried.

#### Residential Permit Parking

Keith Keeran gave PowerPoint presentations (copies of slides available upon request) on the following residential permit parking requests.

##### South Fifth Street (both sides) from Blenkner Street to Jackson Street

Staff recommendation: Staff received valid petition to expand existing Residential Permit Parking Area "A" to include both sides of South Fifth Street from Blenkner Street to Jackson Street. Restriction sought is two-hour parking from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except City permit "A." All criteria are met. Approve request.

Randy Bowman indicated staff briefed the German Village Commission (GVC) about this request. The GVC expressed some concerns about looking at this area as a microcosm. The GVC asked that staff consider looking at the broader issue when staff receives residential permit parking requests. They also asked if staff was aware of any specific business or situation that generates a large number of outside parkers.

Jeff McNulty, who initiated the petition request, indicated the businesses on the requested block signed off on the petition and are in favor of any restriction they can get.

Discussion.

Michael Gallagher, whose law firm is located in the petitioned area, spoke in support of request. He indicated he believes the major influx of parkers come from the Franklin County Judicial Complex. Also, Lindey's restaurant is staff intensive and they bring a lot of parkers. In addition, the church parking lot is no longer available for parking, as it is now leased by Children's Hospital.

Discussion.

Motion to approve staff's recommendation to grant residential permit parking request on South Fifth Street (both sides) from Blenkner Street to Jackson Street: Conte; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Simmons. Motion carried.

Kerr Street (east side) from Gill Alley to Prescott Street

Staff recommendation: Staff received a valid petition to expand residential permit parking "I" to the east side of Kerr Street from Gill Alley to Prescott Street. The restriction sought is "No Parking, Except City Permit "I." The signature criterion is met. Staff's parking study indicated the parking criteria were not met during daytime business hours; were met during the Italian Festival; and were met from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. during a study done in the evening on a regular weekend with no special event. Staff recommended a restriction of 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. instead of the full-time restriction sought.

Randy Bowman indicated staff discussed this case with the Italian Village Commission (IVC). They understand there would be a nighttime competition for these parking spaces, but were inclined to suggest that the City avoid, if possible, daytime restrictions in support of the businesses. Staff reviewed the City's recommendation presented today with the IVC; the members seemed to be pleased with staff's recommendation. Mr. Bowman indicated the IVC expressed concern that permit "I" has been in place for a long time, and there have been a lot of changes in the business environment in the Short North since permit "I" was put in place. He indicated he thought the IVC is interested in taking a look at permit "I" to see if restrictions should remain, or if changes should be made that would benefit both the businesses and the residents. Mr. Bowman indicated a committee may be formed to look at the immediate need and longer-term concerns about the permit parking/public parking availability in the Short North. The City wants to assess the facts as staff can gather them; however, the City's staff is limited.

Craig Deep, circulator of petition requesting extension of residential permit parking “I,” spoke in support of request. He indicated the petitioned area has become the de facto parking lot for area restaurants. He indicated there are seven parking spaces on the other side of the street that aren’t restricted at all because there are no front doors facing Kerr. Mr. Deep said the petitioners are just asking for the same privileges of a full-time restriction that the rest of Kerr Street has, with a fall-back restriction of 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. during week days and a fall-back, full-time restriction on Saturdays and Sundays, as there are many weekend activities in the Short North.

Anne Marie Dennison, resident of petitioned area, spoke in support of request. Some of concerns mentioned were: often cannot park close to her home to bring in groceries; non-residents leave beer bottles and other trash; her vehicle was hit several times by non-residents who fled the scene.

Discussion.

Motion to recommend approval of residents’ request to expand the “No Parking, Except City Permit “I” full-time parking restriction to include the east side of Kerr Street from Gill Alley to Prescott Street: Simmons; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Conte. Discussion. Conte offered and Simmons accepted friendly amendment that this Commission strongly encourage the neighborhood to request a study of Permit Area “I.” Additional discussion. Motion carried as amended.

Some of the reasons for the Commission’s recommendation on this issue are: 1) expansion of Permit “I” to include studied area would add continuity; 2) it did not appear, from the data presented, that there was a problem during the days that would affect businesses; and, 3) there was not enough data to understand exactly what was happening during the days of the weekends.

As this Commission is a recommending body to the Director of Public Service, the Director will make the final decision on this issue based on this Commission’s recommendation and staff’s recommendation, which are not congruent.

Staff will notify the petitioner and this Commission of the Public Service Director’s decision.

(Transcript of discussion of this issue is available upon request.)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia R. Grove  
Recording Secretary

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Jeff Stephens  
Chairman

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Patricia A. Austin  
Executive Secretary

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COLUMBUS TRANSPORTATION AND PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION  
NOVEMBER 9, 2010  
109 NORTH FRONT STREET  
GROUND FLOOR, ROOM 100  
5:00 P.M.

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Present were:

Voting Members: Conte, Croasmun, Simmons, Wood

Advisory Member: Schwab

Division of Mobility Options Staff: Bowman, Popa, Lewis

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Call to Order: 5:00 p.m.

Motion for approval of October 12, 2010, minutes: Simmons; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Croasmun. Motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Stelzer Road Planning Study Update

Bill Lewis (on behalf of Gary Wilfong) indicated there is ongoing research on this study.

### Bicycle Subcommittee Update

Nick Popa reviewed PowerPoint slides concerning items discussed at the last Subcommittee meeting. He provided the following information on projects and programs discussed:

#### Scioto-Alum Creek Connector (formerly the Downtown Bike Connector)

This project is 1.7 miles long. Forty-seven sharrow pavement markings, 48 way-finding signs, and five share-the-road signs have been installed. The subcommittee and staff is in the process of going back over the installations to make sure the project is functioning as it was designed.

#### Olentangy-Alum Creek Connector

This is a larger project just north of Morse Road. It connects the Olentangy River Trail to the Alum Creek Trail. It is an all on-street connector with a small amount of shared-use paths and a couple of parks. It is an eight-mile-long project consisting of 60 sharrows, 85 way-finding signs, and three share-the-road signs. There are many streets included in this project, but sharrows will only be installed

on Cleveland Avenue, Ponderosa Road, and Lincoln Avenue. City crews installed sharrows on Cleveland only this year, as Ponderosa Road and Lincoln will be resurfaced next year. Sharrows will be installed when that work is completed. All of the signs have been installed. Staff is in the process of going over those installations and reviewing the project to ensure it is functioning as intended.

#### Lockbourne Road

This project is one mile long from Livingston to Frebis. It consists of 54 sharrows and six share-the-road signs. Lockbourne Road between 104 and Williams has bike lanes on the south end. So this is a bigger overall concept to have Lockbourne be a much larger bike facility that will eventually go all the way from Livingston down to Williams. City crews have installed the sharrows. Share-the-road signs should be installed within the next few weeks.

#### West Broad Street

This project runs from Central to Hague. All the resurfacing has been completed, and permanent pavement markings have been applied. A bike boulevard is being installed along Steele Avenue to the north of Broad. Sharrow markings have also been installed on Eureka between Broad and Steele. The contractor has just finished the boulevard markings on Steele and should be installing the sharrow markings on Eureka shortly.

#### Neil Avenue/Francisco Road/Bryden Road

Neil is a two-mile-long sharrow project that goes from Long up to Eleventh. Francisco is a signage-only project with share-the-road signs and goes from Gettysburg to Kenny. Bryden is also a sharrow project that extends from Parsons down to Nelson; it is about two miles long. Final plans were delivered to staff this month. City crews will construct these projects next year.

#### General Engineering Design Contracts

There are two general engineering design contracts for bikeways, totaling a little over \$100,000,000. EMH&T and Korda are the two consultants selected. Project kick-off meetings have been scheduled for next week. The initial design projects for these two contracts include the SR-161 shared-use path and the Olentangy River Road shared-use path. The share-the-road campaign will be extended citywide. Also, a task order will be written for bike shelters. This is similar to what Capital Crossroads SID is working on the downtown core. The City will extend that concept throughout the city.

### Bike Plan Preliminary Engineering Services

This is a contract that will perform preliminary engineering on the roughly 200 projects that are contained in the BBP. This will better allow staff to prepare scopes for the design of these projects and also help coordinate projects with the resurfacing program. The Request for Proposal for this was advertised for November 4; the proposals are due December 3.

### Bicycle Website

This is part of the City's new website system. Public Service is in the process of designing a new and improved Columbus Bicycle Site. The new site is active now; the link is <http://publicservice.columbus.gov/content.aspx?id=30915>. City staff continues to review and improve the site as necessary.

### Bike-friendly Signs and Covered Bike Parking – Follow-up on Location Suggestions

For the past few months, staff has asked the Bicycle Subcommittee to assist them with some tasks. One task is to determine where to place the Bike-friendly Signs. The Subcommittee has made suggestions. Signs will be fabricated and initial installation will begin this year.

Staff also asked the Subcommittee to suggest some potential locations for covered bike parking, and they gave input last month. Staff had also scoped out some locations in the city and will coordinate with the Capital Crossroads SID project. The covered bike parking project will be designed by the consultant. Installation is planned for 2011.

### Alum Creek Drive Study

This was another task staff gave to the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee was asked to come up with low-cost bikeway improvements that could be implemented as soon as next year. The project limits are from Williams Road to Livingston Avenue. Staff provided the members with pertinent data and informed them there is a future project coming up in 2012 for Alum Creek Drive between SR-104 and Williams Road and will include a shared-use path. The Subcommittee and staff will ride Alum Creek within the next few weeks and check the conditions. Staff and the Subcommittee should have recommendations by this spring.

### Sharrow Design Standards

Staff also asked the Subcommittee to look at sharrow design standards. This year sharrows were installed on High Street, the Scioto-Alum Creek Connector, and the Olentangy-Alum Creek Connector. Sharrows will be installed on Eureka in the Hilltop and Park Street in the Short North. To date, staff has been following guidance from the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (OMUTCD). Staff has asked the Subcommittee to assist the City in developing formal design standards for the lateral placement of sharrows. The subcommittee will provide input. Hopefully, standards will be completed in 2011.

### Bike Racks

So far this year, the City has installed twenty-five bike racks. Currently there are nineteen requests in the queue. Also eight racks will be installed on West Broad. Staff is working to achieve the goal to install a minimum of fifty racks per year.

Discussion.

### Bicycle Subcommittee – New Member Announcement

Bill Lewis announced Christine Green has resigned from the Subcommittee. Christine was with the City of Columbus Healthy Places Program of the Department of Public Health. Betsy Pandora has been selected to replace Christine on the committee. Betsy has been shadowing Christine during her last few days with the City. This appointment will be made formal within the next month or so.

### Community Mobility Plans Update

Bill Lewis reported on plans as follows:

#### Linden Area Transportation Management Plan

The first public meeting for Norris Road is scheduled for November 10. The meeting is to discuss the medians that were installed. The second public meeting is scheduled for November 16 to discuss the Maize Road devices that have been installed. It will be an open house format from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will be information on boards pertinent to the project. Staff will ask the residents, through a survey, to rank important issues on the street such as speeding, traffic, cut-through traffic, aesthetics, pedestrian safety, etc. Residents will also be asked what they think about the current features. After data is

collected, staff will work toward a decision as to the final disposition of those features.

Discussion.

#### Franklinton

Staff is in the process of hiring a consultant to begin designing the first couple of improvements that came from the Franklinton Community Mobility Plan.

#### Weinland Park

The issue in Weinland Park is the “complete streeting” of Summit and Fourth. ODOT is doing an analysis to see if bike lanes can be included on those streets. Staff met with ODOT and the consultant last week. Staff expects a draft recommendation by the end of the month. Preliminary indications are that the levels of service are adequate, the number of lanes can be reduced, and bike lanes added.

Discussion.

#### Hilltop

Staff’s next activity with Hilltop is deciding where and how many side-street meters to install. Staff will meet with Hilltop leadership within the next few weeks to decide. This will be the last segment of improvements for the area.

#### Valet Parking Update

Randy Bowman reported staff met with the stakeholders November 5, and reviewed the issues discussed last year pertaining to the valet parking policy. A lot of good feedback was conveyed to the City from the stakeholder group last year. Some issues were: valet companies store valet vehicles on public streets, public parking lots, or in Goodale Park; valet operators should be held accountable for misusing the right-of-way, such as allowing customers to park in spots that are supposed to be used to drop off and pick up vehicles; there should be clearer rules of engagement for the valet companies to make it a more predictable customer experience for the valet customers, such as providing certain information on the parking tickets and kiosks; it is a for-profit enterprise that has been permitted to use the public right-of-way, there should be some basic guidelines for how those things are conducted; there should be certain minimum insurance requirements.

Mr. Bowman indicated a lot of work went into writing a potential update to the policy. Two potential fees considered last year were eliminated -- one was a curbside rental fee and another was a charge to companies that did not have a contract to store vehicles on private property.

Mr. Bowman indicated the City Code requires meter-out-of-service fees be paid by companies who use the parking meters during parking meter enforcement hours. For some reason, the City has not been charging the valet operators this fee and must do so. Staff reviewed the potential charges with the group. Staff is also making an extra effort to inform every valet permit holder or business that contract for valet operators of the potential costs. Mr. Bowman indicated the City has extended its comment period through December 6 to make sure the folks that are going to be paying the meter-out-of-service fee understand the implications.

Discussion.

#### Residential Permit Parking Policy Update

Randy Bowman briefly reviewed the criteria that must be met and staff parking studies done for residential permit parking requests. He indicated staff has begun to make an extra effort to reach out and request input from appropriate area commissions, business associations, and civic associations of areas for which a permit parking request is made. Staff is currently working on two requests – one in German Village and one in Italian Village. Mr. Bowman indicated he briefed the Italian Village Business Commission today, and they are going to talk with the Italian Village Society. Then staff will talk to the Short North Business Association about the request. Staff will also talk with the German Village Commission and request input on the request in its area. Staff hopes to present both residential permit parking requests to this Commission at its December 14 meeting.

#### ADA Policy Update

Bill Lewis reported that in April of this year, the Commission approved the City's new ADA policy. The major change to that policy was incorporating the ability to be reimbursed for fixing an orphan ramp situation where developers have to go off their property and build matching ramps. Staff, working with the development community, crafted a policy to allow whoever comes in and benefits from that construction to be able to reimburse the original developer for the cost of putting in somebody else's ramps. In order to do that, the City Code must be modified to give authority to set up the reimbursement process. That ordinance has been drafted and is scheduled to go to Council in December. Once that ordinance passes, staff will be able to fully unveil and apply the new ADA policy.

## OTHER BUSINESS

### Safe Street Crossing

Commissioner Simmons indicated he was driving today on Broad Street eastbound between COSI and the Hilltop and witnessed many occasions where parents, with students in tow, did not cross the street at controlled intersections, thus teaching their children to do the same. He indicated parents, as well as students, must be taught to cross at a corner, a crosswalk, or some kind of controlled intersection.

Lt. Schwab indicated an officer from the Columbus Police Division could talk to PTA groups. He and Commissioner Simmons will put something together to help educate parents.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 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

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