

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

Present were:

Voting Members: Conte, Croasmun, Simmons, Wood

Advisory Member: Schwab

Division of Mobility Options Staff: Bowman, Popa, Lewis

Call to Order: 5:00 p.m.

Motion for approval of October 12, 2010, minutes: Simmons; 2nd, 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 sharrows, 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

Marc Conte
Vice Chairman

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
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2010
5:00 P.M.

Present were:

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

Advisory Member: Schwab

Executive Secretary: Austin

Division of Mobility Options Staff: Bowman, Keeran, Lewis

Division of Planning and Design Staff: Wilfong

Guests: Patrick Lytle, Kyle Knox, Bryan Saums

Call to Order: 5:04 p.m.

Chairman Stephens welcomed Lt. Stephen Schwab who replaced Lt. Devennish as Advisory Member of the Commission.

MINUTES

Motion to approve August 10, 2010, minutes: Simmons; 2nd, Croasmun. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Valet Parking Update

Randy Bowman reported staff has been cleared to resume the effort to update the Valet Parking Rules and Regulations. Staff plans on scheduling a stakeholders meeting to occur during the first part of November. Staff is currently updating the stakeholder distribution list. As part of the meeting invitation, staff will send out the revised policy draft and a draft fee schedule.

Commissioner Conte and either Commissioner Moore or former Commissioner Cooley represent the Commission. Commissioner Croasmun volunteered to replace Mr. Cooley if needed.

Discussion.

Planning Studies Update:

Gary Wilfong gave updates on planning studies as follows:

Third Street

Mr. Wilfong distributed a CD of the final study. The study has been completed and given to the German Village Society. The Society will try to raise money for the project.

Discussion.

Stelzer Road

This study involves Stelzer Road basically from I-670 down to James Road. Staff was in the process of trying to get a public meeting scheduled, but slowed down a little because the consultant, at the request of the Public Service Director, is looking at what it would take to extend the limits all the way down to Broad Street. The consultant will submit a proposal. Within the next few weeks, staff hopes to organize a public meeting.

Discussion.

Bicycle Subcommittee Update

Chairman Stephens gave update as follows:

The Subcommittee has been meeting monthly on the last Wednesday of the month. The last meeting was September 29. The group is very enthusiastic.

Over the last two months, the group provided a lot of great feedback on two connectors. One is the Scioto/Alum Creek Connector, which is the Downtown Connector, that comes from Northbank Park, up Nationwide, across Naghten, and over to Fort Hayes. The other connector is the northern one that goes from the Broadmeadows Bridge (near Broadmeadows and High) all the way across the Tamarack Circle area to Alum Creek. The Subcommittee, in addition to a lot of volunteers, actually moved the eastern end up to a connection point near SR-161. The group really provided a lot of additional input and feedback. City staff has taken that feedback, made decisions, and moved forward on both connectors. There are 160 sharrows between the two projects, approximately 150 way-finding signs, and a handful of share-the-road signs.

The City has also supported the second printing of the bike map. Fifty thousand maps were printed to be distributed free around the city. Three organizations contributed financially -- the City of Columbus, Consider Biking, and COTA.

The Subcommittee learned a lot about the resurfacing program and how the bike plan will be overlaid onto the resurfacing projects or vice versa. The Subcommittee is also looking at where to put some additional bike parking shelters and will provide recommendations.

Community Mobility Plans Update

Bill Lewis gave updates on community mobility plans as follows:

Spring Sandusky

The only item remaining on this plan is addressing the speed limit signing from temporary to permanent. That will occur when the sharrows are installed on Neil Avenue. The work will probably occur next year.

Strawberry Farms

Phase Three still remains unfunded and probably will continue to remain unfunded.

Linden Area Transportation Management Plan

Two public meetings have been scheduled to address the Maize and Norris issues. Norris Drive is scheduled for November 10 and Maize is scheduled for November 16; both meetings are from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Staff will send meeting notices to the commissioners.

Franklinton

Staff will meet with the consultants October 15 to review their scope of services for designing portions of the Franklinton Community Mobility Plan. They will be designing one of the SRTS grants under this design contract. They will also be putting together some rough designs and a cost estimate for a future SRTS grant that the City will apply for next fall. Also, ODOT has agreed to do a traffic analysis from Central Avenue to COSI. The analysis will be similar to what was done from Central to the west and will analyze how bike facilities can be fit in on West Broad Street.

Olde North Columbus

Staff is in the process of setting up a meeting with the civic association to update them as to where the City is in implementing this plan.

Weinland Park

The ODOT study is still in progress, with an estimated completion date in November. The study will determine final configuration of Summit and Fourth Streets, from Hudson down to somewhere north of I-670, to possibly add bike lanes and address full-time parking.

Staff will keep Commission Representative Simmons informed on this project.

Hilltop

Resurfacing and pre-marking are underway for the final configuration from Central to Hague. The City has engaged ODOT to perform a traffic study from Hague to Wilson to determine how to best divide the curb-to-curb pavement into parking and/or bike facilities. ODOT is also conducting a safety improvement study from Wilson to Hilliard-Rome Road.

Milo Grogan

On "hold."

Phase 10

Staff has developed a final set of recommendations for addressing traffic calming for signal removals in this area. Recommendations include a combination of stop-sign controls and speed-limit-reduction studies on Ohio, Champion, Miller, and Kelton. Studies will be completed this year, at which time staff will engage the public. Staff will begin removing signals next year.

Commissioner Croasmun and Vice-Chairman Conte are the Commission's representatives for this project; they will be notified when public meetings are scheduled and will be provided with a set of recommendations.

NEW BUSINESS

Residential Permit Parking Requests

Madison Avenue (both sides) from South Nineteenth Street to Hoffman Avenue
and
Madison Avenue (south side) from the first nameless alley west of South Nineteenth Street to South Nineteenth Street

Keeth Keeran gave a PowerPoint presentation. (Copies of slides are available upon request.)

Staff recommendation: Staff received valid petitions for residential permit parking in area described above. All criteria are met. Approve residential permit parking request as an extension of existing City Permit Area "E." Restriction will be "No Parking 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except City Permit "E."

Discussion.

Patrick Lytle, representing Madison Condo Association, spoke in support of request. He indicated the residents just want the ability to park close to their residences.

Discussion.

Motion to accept staff's recommendation to approve the residential permit parking request for Madison Avenue (both sides) from South Nineteenth Street to Hoffman Avenue, and for Madison Avenue (south side) from the first nameless alley west of South Nineteenth Street to South Nineteenth Street: Moore; 2nd, Simmons. Discussion. Motion carried.

Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Funds Application

Gary Wilfong described the following projects for which the City has submitted funding applications.

Third Avenue from Edgehill Road to Olentangy River Road

Between Edgehill Road and approximately 350 feet west of the railroad, the roadway will be reconstructed. Between approximately 120 feet east of the railroad to Olentangy River Road, the roadway will be widened to accommodate a second left-turn lane at the intersection. Sidewalks and a shared-use path are included.

Discussion.

Joyce Avenue Phase 1 – Alley north of East Hudson Street to Kenmore Avenue

This improvement reconstructs Joyce Avenue and includes widening to three lanes. Project includes reconstruction of East Hudson Street from Cleveland Avenue to Joyce Avenue. Sidewalks and a shared-use path are included.

Fairwood Avenue – Watkins Road to Koebel Road

This improvement reconstructs Fairwood Avenue. It includes curbing, sidewalks and ADA ramps, storm system upgrade, street lighting, landscaping, and waterline.

Alum Creek – Williams Road to SR-104

This improvement reconstructs Alum Creek Road. It includes widening to five lanes with curb and gutter and a shared-use path on both sides of the road.

Gender Road Improvements Phase 2 – US-33 to Winchester Highlands Drive (Village of Canal Winchester)

This improvement widens Gender Road to accommodate a two-way center-left-turn lane. Project includes sidewalks and a four-foot paved shoulder to accommodate bicycles.

The funding application for this project was submitted by Canal Winchester, but a portion of the project is in the City of Columbus.

Georgesville Road – Camp Chase Railroad to Broad Street (Franklin County)

This improvement reconstructs Georgesville Road with widening and reconfiguration of lanes to address the Penn National Gaming Casino. Sidewalks and a shared-use path are included.

Franklin County submitted the funding application for this project.

Chairman Stephens inquired as to when projects will begin if applications are approved. Executive Secretary Austin indicated the way OPWC works is the City or other entity has to start spending the money by next June. Projects are ready to go when funding applications are made.

There was discussion regarding the selection process for projects submitted for funding.

Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) Federal Funds Applications

Gary Wilfong described the following projects for which the City has submitted funding applications:

Lazelle Road – High Street to Worthington Road

This improvement reconstructs Lazelle Road to accommodate a two-way center-left-turn lane. Two railroad bridges east of Flint Road will be replaced. A roundabout will be placed at the intersection of South Old State Road and Lazelle Road. Sidewalks and a shared-use path are included.

Kinnear Road – North Star Road to Kenny Road

This improvement widens Kinnear Road to include a two-way center-left-turn lane, curb and gutter, and a bike lane. Sidewalks are included.

SR-161 Shared-Use Path – Sawmill Road to Linworth Road

This improvement constructs a shared-use path.

COTA Sidewalks Phase 2

This improvement builds sidewalks at the following locations:

- Campus View Boulevard – High Street to Huntington Park and Ride
- Dierker Road – Bethel to Henderson
- Parsons Avenue – Obetz to Dering
- Godown Road – Bethel to Kenny
- Kenny Road – Henderson to Highland

I-70/I-71 Enhancements

This application is for funding of City enhancements associated with the I-70/I-71 Project.

Chairman Stephens inquired as to when projects will begin if applications are approved. Executive Secretary Austin indicated these projects are normally longer term, and money will not be available until about 2014 or 2015. Applications are being made now to get on the list so the City can start moving these projects forward. In several years, if the City gets Federal grants, staff will probably apply to OPWC for local matches to the Federal grants.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia R. Grove
Recording Secretary

Jeff Stephens
Chairman

Patricia A. Austin
Executive Secretary

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SECRETARY AT 109 NORTH FRONT STREET.

COLUMBUS TRANSPORTATION AND PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
109 NORTH FRONT STREET, GROUND FLOOR, ROOM 100
TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2010
5:00 P.M.

Present were:

Voting Members: Croasmun, Moore, Simmons, Stephens, Wood

Division of Mobility Options Staff: Lewis

Division of Planning and Operations Staff: Wilfong

Call to Order: 5:01 p.m.

Motion for approval of July 13, 2010, minutes: Simmons; 2nd, Moore. Motion carried.

Planning Studies Update

Gary Wilfong gave updates on planning studies as follows:

Third Street Streetscape

A final public meeting was held in July; those in attendance were pleased with what was presented. Staff expects to soon receive the consultant's final document and recommendations. Staff will forward this information to commissioners and German Village representatives. Once the final document is given to German Village, the City's involvement in this phase will be concluded. German Village representatives will use information provided to try to raise funds to implement recommendations from the study.

Stelzer Road

Copies of the consultant's alternatives were distributed for the commissioners' review and comments. Comments should be forwarded to Gary Wilfong. Staff will meet with the Public Service Director this week to review the alternatives and receive his input. A public meeting will be scheduled within a month; all commissioners will be notified.

Discussion.

Bicycle Subcommittee Update

Chairman Stephens indicated the Bicycle Subcommittee, at its July 28 meeting, worked on the Olentangy to Alum Creek Connector (OLAC) and the Downtown Bike Connector (DBC), the two east/west corridors that are being planned. The Subcommittee provided a lot of great information and on-the-ground knowledge on the OLAC. Staff will present information provided to the consultants. The Subcommittee also provided great feedback on the DBC. The City's goal is to have both connectors planned and marked by October 31. The Subcommittee also discussed some "housekeeping" issues and received some "parking lot" issues from the public.

Discussion.

Valet Parking Policy Update

Bill Lewis indicated there are no updates at this time and suggested removing this issue from agenda.

Discussion.

Issue will be removed from agenda until there is some action to report.

West Broad Street Update

Bill Lewis indicated the contractor is about one month behind schedule due to some issues with putting in curb ramps. The contractor's latest schedule shows they will start to mill Broad Street in mid-September and complete pavement markings in the beginning of October. It should take about six weeks to mill, repave, and mark.

Commissioner Simmons asked what kind of lane closures there will be, or if work will be done at night. Bill Lewis will check and report back.

Bill Lewis indicated, with regard to the complete street aspect, staff has provided the latest drawings to ODOT, and ODOT is working on the change order. Staff has responded to ODOT's comments on the design exception document. Staff has also been putting together work orders for meters and posts and signal head removal and associated signage. Variable message boards will be used to announce changes to motorists.

Discussion.

Community Mobility Plans Update

Bill Lewis gave updates on community mobility plans as follows:

Spring Sandusky

There have been no changes since last update.

Strawberry Farms

There have been no changes since last update.

Linden

Staff met with community representatives to discuss the Maize Road and Norris Road features. As a result of that, staff will go back to the area commission's September meeting to brief them on the history behind the project. After the area commission briefing, staff will schedule another public meeting and individually invite everyone who lives on Maize and Norris. At the public meeting, staff will review "before" and "after" speeds and crashes, talk about some of the minor fixes staff proposes to the features that are out there, and gain feedback from the community.

Discussion.

Franklinton

Request for Proposals (RFP's) for Franklinton design have been sent. Staff is now entertaining questions from the consultant community. The proposals are due back to the City August 24. Staff anticipates issuing the Notice to Proceed (NTP) to the consultant on December 21.

Olde North Columbus

There have been no changes since last update.

Weinland Park

Before the final report is issued, staff will go back to the community and confirm the priorities the community chose back in February. ODOT is commencing with the Fourth Street and Summit Street traffic analysis to investigate adding bike lanes.

Milo Grogan

There have been no changes since last update.

Phase 10

Staff met internally to discuss recommendations. Recommendations are centered on replacing traffic signals with stop controls. Stop controls will be alternated so one street does not have free reign and will have stop control at some point. Staff is also looking at reducing some speed limits on arterial streets. Division of Mobility Options staff is now finalizing recommendations with Division of Planning and Operations staff.

Hilltop

The final plan is in for City review at this time. Once staff has the final plan they will post it. There is no need to go back to the community at this point. But once design dollars have been identified, staff will go back to the community and go through the prioritization process again to make sure what the City wants to design is in line with what the community wants built.

New Planning Efforts

There are no more planning efforts on the horizon. Given the level of funding available, staff believes it is best to dedicate whatever funds are available to actually designing and building what has already been planned.

OTHER BUSINESS

Safe Route to School (SRTS) Funds

There was discussion about pursuing SRTS funds for construction projects. Division of Mobility Options staff is looking at school travel plans for Binns Elementary, Hiltonia Middle, Indianola Middle, Linden Elementary, and Weinland Park Elementary. If school travel plans are in place, schools would be eligible for SRTS funds.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia R. Grove
Recording Secretary

Jeff Stephens
Chairman

Patricia A. Austin
Executive Secretary

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TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2010
5:00 P.M.

Present were:

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

Executive Secretary: Austin

Division of Mobility Options Staff: Bowman, Lewis

Division of Planning and Operations Staff: Wilfong

Call to Order: 5:02 p.m.

Motion for approval of June 8, 2010, Minutes: Conte; 2nd, Croasmun. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ADA POLICY

Bill Lewis distributed the current Draft ADA Policy. He indicated staff presented this draft to the Building Services Review Committee (BSRC) on July 8. He indicated public input resulted in a number of changes to the policy. He distributed and reviewed a document that showed the differences between the policy as it currently exists and the previous version. He indicated there were four main areas of major changes; all of those changes involve the orphan ramp situation. The rest of the policy has been accepted. The commissioners were provided with the new text to the policy and an illustration of how the reimbursement process will work. Mr. Lewis indicated the next step, after policy development, is to craft out the actual details of the reimbursement process. Staff will share that information with the Commission.

Discussion.

Motion: After hearing specifics about the changes regarding the orphan ramp situation of the ADA policy, this Commission recommends acceptance of the changes to the ADA Policy as presented by staff: Conte; 2nd, Simmons. Motion carried.

Planning Studies Update

Gary Wilfong gave updates on planning studies as follows:

Third Street Streetscape

Last week staff presented information to the German Village Streetscape Committee. Most of the information provided was about phasing of any potential project. Staff also provided information about some funding opportunities the German Village Society may wish to research. Staff will meet with the consultant next week to finalize a document for German Village representatives to review. Mr. Wilfong hopes to provide commissioners with a CD of that document prior to the next Commission meeting.

Discussion.

Stelzer Road

The consultant has begun to look at some alternatives. Staff hopes to present alternatives to the Commission at the next meeting. A public input session will be scheduled for mid-August.

Bicycle Subcommittee Update

Chairman Stephens indicated the Bicycle Subcommittee will meet on the last Wednesday of every month from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The first meeting was held June 30; it was an organizational/introduction meeting. There was a presentation on the BBP listing all the current projects that are underway in one stage or another. Members received a copy of the Plan. A list of the 77 recommendations that came out of the BBP was provided; members were asked to familiarize themselves with these. The funding and CIP process was discussed as well as what is in store for the next five-plus years. There was an update on the West Broad Street situation. Also there was discussion on two east-west connectors that have been identified in the plan -- the Olentangy-Alum Creek Connector (OLAC) and the Downtown Bikeway Connector (DBC). Members of the Subcommittee will get together and ride the OLAC and DBC and then provide comments to staff.

West Broad Street Update

Randy Bowman indicated the wheelchair ramp construction has begun. Once the ramps are in, crews will mill off the surface, repave, and restripe. The City has been working with ODOT on the alternate route that goes up Wheatland, Steele, and Westgate. That will not be resurfaced, but ODOT has agreed to continue working

toward having their contractor do the pavement markings for the sharrows on the bypass. Hopefully, ODOT will pay for most, if not all, of that.

Community Mobility Plans Update

Bill Lewis gave updates on community mobility plans as follows:

Spring Sandusky

Staff still plans to wait to restore speed limits to 35 mph on Neil, Fifth, King, and Third Avenues when sharrows are implemented on Neil Avenue.

Discussion.

Staff will field check construction signs observed on Neil.

Strawberry Farms

A work order has been written to modify one of the circles when the resurfacing is completed.

Linden

At the end of July, staff will present to the community their findings regarding traffic calming features on Norris and Maize.

Discussion.

Staff will brief the Commission on this issue once they have met with community leaders.

Franklinton

Division of Mobility Options staff has sent to the Office of Support Services the documents needed to advertise for a design contract. A consultant should be selected by this fall.

Olde North Columbus

There have been no changes since the last update.

Weinland Park

Bill Lewis indicated there have been no changes since the last update.

Commissioner Simmons indicated stakeholders should be advised of progress or lack thereof on mobility plans such as this. Stakeholders should be made aware of unforeseen delays and how long it may take to implement the plan.

Discussion.

Hilltop

Staff needs to wrap up the final plan.

Milo Grogan

There have been no changes since the last update.

Phase 10

Staff is meeting internally to discuss preliminary recommendations that are basically centered around reducing speed limits and changing stop sign orientation to better manage traffic flow. Staff will report on the final recommendations at the next Commission meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Valet Parking Policy

Chairman Stephens inquired about the status of this policy. Staff had no new information to report at this time.

Mayor's Twilight Ride

Chairman Stephens invited all to participate in the Mayor's Twilight Ride scheduled for July 16.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:32. p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia R. Grove
Recording Secretary

Jeff Stephens
Chairman

Patricia A. Austin
Executive Secretary

THIS MEETING WAS RECORDED; RECORDING IS ON FILE WITH RECORDING
SECRETARY AT 109 NORTH FRONT STREET, SECOND FLOOR, ROOM 209.

COLUMBUS TRANSPORTATION AND PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
109 NORTH FRONT STREET, GROUND FLOOR, ROOM 100
TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2010
5:00 P.M.

Present were:

Voting Members: Conte, Moore, Stephens, Wood

Executive Secretary: Austin

Division of Mobility Options Staff: Bowman, Lewis

Division of Planning and Operations Staff: Wilfong

Call to Order: 5:07 p.m.

Motion for approval of the May 18, 2010, minutes: Conte; 2nd, Wood. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Planning Studies Update

Gary Wilfong gave updates on planning studies as follows:

Third Street Streetscape Study

This study is near completion. AEP is preparing cost estimates for underground wiring, as requested by the residents. Staff has also requested an intermediate estimate that would include fewer poles and crossings above ground. Estimates should be submitted to staff by June 30. Funding for underground facilities would need to be raised by the residents. Staff is scheduling a final meeting with the Streetscape Committee. Staff will inform Commissioner Croasmun of the meeting date when determined.

Stelzer Road Study

The consultant has completed traffic counts, environmental review, and existing land use and access studies. Now they will begin to develop alternatives. Staff will meet with consultants in a few weeks to review those alternatives. Staff will present preliminary alternatives to the Commission at its July or August meeting.

ADA Policy Update

Bill Lewis indicated staff met with the Building Services Review Committee (BSRC) Subcommittee on June 3. He then reviewed some changes made to the draft policy prior to meeting with the subcommittee and some changes requested by the subcommittee. Staff's next steps are: a) provide the full BSRC with final draft for its July 8 meeting; b) return to this Commission on July 13 with a final draft for approval; c) request approval from the Director of Public Service; d) begin code change legislation process.

Randy Bowman indicated staff is proposing that this Commission be part of the appeals process for cost associated with building ramps. He also indicated there may be a public hearing on the code changes in August or September.

Discussion.

Commission Moore will send to Randy Bowman a photo and exact location of a couple of ramps on Snouffer Road that Commission Moore indicated are problematic. Staff will investigate.

Bicycle Subcommittee

Chairman Stephens indicated the subcommittee was appointed at the May 18 Commission meeting. He said an organizational meeting is scheduled for June 30. He indicated recurring meetings have been scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month; however, these will probably be rescheduled. All meetings are from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The intent for the first meeting is to review the Bicentennial Bikeways Plan (BBP).

Randy Bowman indicated he expects many suggestions and ideas will come out of the Bicycle Subcommittee and staff will keep track of them. He also indicated staff and resources are limited. He said staff will be up front and honest with the folks that have questions or suggestions and will investigate and let folks know if their suggestions should be a priority for the City or if it is something the City cannot handle right now. He said there may be some policy questions that really have to be dealt with at the State level rather than the City level.

Chairman Stephens indicated he also expects a lot of ideas/suggestions will be brought forth, but he, as the Subcommittee Chair, intends to keep the focus on the top ten priorities while still collecting comments.

West Broad Street Update

Randy Bowman indicated Public Service Director Kelsey has made a decision on the plan that keeps, for now, the parking westbound off peak from Wheatland west to Hague Avenue. He said staff is planning the design work for the striping plan for West Broad Street. Staff expects to meet ODOT's schedule. ODOT expects to begin ramp work this month, filling and milling the roadway in July, and striping in August. He indicated staff will attend the Hilltop Business Association June 9 meeting to give them more information about this project. Commissioners are welcome to attend. The meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. at Mt. Carmel Auditorium in the Administration Building.

There was discussion about a monitoring plan for this project. Randy Bowman indicated the City has a written monitoring plan developed for the experimental use of sharrows and bike boxes. He indicated the City has a lot of "before" data and staff will be monitoring the after effects on West Broad Street, Steele Avenue, and Westgate Avenue. In addition, ODOT is interested in setting up a monitoring program for the complete street projects it is involved with in Columbus. He indicated some funding may become available. Staff is working with ODOT on this issue.

Community Mobility Plans Update

Bill Lewis gave updates on Community Mobility Plans as follows:

Spring Sandusky

Mr. Lewis reported on two issues:

1. There are still two projects in the Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) to construct once bonds are sold and funds received.
2. Staff will wait to restore speed limits to 35 mph on Neil, Fifth, King, and Third Avenues when sharrows are implemented on Neil Avenue. Staff plans to implement that this year with pavement marking and signing resources.

Strawberry Farms

Strawberry Farms Boulevard will be resurfaced this year. Staff has a work order to make some adjustments at a traffic circle and will coordinate those adjustments with the resurfacing.

Linden Area Transportation Management Plan

City Council was presented with a petition from residents of Maize Road and Morse Road to have traffic calming features on those streets removed. Staff is assembling before and after analyses of crashes, speeds, and volumes to depict a data-driven picture of how those features have been effective since they were implemented at the end of last year. The Director of Public Service and staff will meet with residents this month to discuss this issue.

Franklinton Plan

Staff is in the final efforts of putting together the Request for Proposal to hire a designer to begin designing the five-year plan for Franklinton. That should be out on the streets this year.

Olde North Columbus

There has been no progress on work orders.

Weinland Park

Staff has submitted the study scope to convert Summit Street and Fourth Street to complete streets to ODOT for their review. ODOT will fund the traffic study.

Discussion.

Milo Grogan

There has been no progress.

Phase 10

This project involves signal removals on the southeast part of Columbus. Data has been collected. Staff is now in the analysis stage to determine what sort of traffic calming mitigation should be implemented when signals are removed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Parking Meter Installation Plan

During discussion on the West Broad Street issue, Commissioner Wood asked if the new style meters will be installed.

Randy Bowman indicated the City has funding for approximately 1,000 new meter heads this year, so there will be a mix of old and new. The new type meters will replace existing meters and go into the high impact areas such as the Short North, Arena District, North Market, Grandview Avenue, Pearl Street, etc. Probably the same type of meter will be installed in a block-by-block area.

Valet Parking Rules and Regulations

There was discussion relating to the status of the Valet Parking Rules and Regulations.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia R. Grove
Recording Secretary

Jeff Stephens
Chairman

Patricia A. Austin
Executive Secretary

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COLUMBUS TRANSPORTATION AND PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
109 NORTH FRONT STREET, GROUND FLOOR, ROOM 100
TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2010
5:00 P.M.

Present were:

Voting Members: Conte, Croasmun, Moore, Stephens, Wood

Executive Secretary: Austin

Public Service Representative: Tilton

Division of Mobility Options Staff: Bowman, George, Lewis, Stefanik, Stewart

Guests: Al Berthold and Cheryl Huffman, Neighborhood Design Center; Kathy Hoke, Hilltop Community Mobility Plan Steering Committee; Greg Watson, Greater Hilltop Area Commission; Trent E. Smith, Franklinton Board of Trade; Nancy Rhynard, Hilltop Business Association; Marian Lupo, Hilltop Mobility Plan Steering Committee; Geoffrey Phillips, Highland West Neighbors Association; Trent E. Smith, Franklinton Board of Trade; and other interested parties

Call to Order: 5:08 p.m.

Motion for approval of April 13, 2010, minutes: Moore; 2nd, Croasmun. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Parking Meter Advisory Team Final Report Update

Randy Bowman indicated the Team's last meeting was April 20, staff has briefed the Mayor and City Council, and the report is now final and available online at http://columbuspvb.com/Documents/05122010_Final_Report-cg.pdf. Mr. Bowman gave a brief overview of the recommendations and reviewed the implementation process.

ADA Policy Update

Randy Bowman gave a brief description of the Draft ADA Policy. He indicated staff will discuss the final draft of the ADA Policy with the subcommittee of the Building Services Review Committee (BSRC) on June 3, request this Commission's input on June 8, and brief the full BSRC on June 10.

Bicycle Subcommittee

Chairman Jeff Stephens reviewed the interview process for members of the Bicycle Subcommittee. He gave brief backgrounds of members selected. The members are: Jeff Stephens as Chair, Christine Green, Tricia Kovacs, Brian Moore, and Aaron Schill. Chairman Stephens indicated the Subcommittee will be called to action soon. The intent is to hold monthly meetings at least through the next six months. He said meetings will be open to the public, and the Subcommittee will welcome the public to provide input as appropriate and invited.

Hilltop Parking Study/West Broad Street Mobility Plan

(PowerPoint slides and a transcript of proceedings of this issue are available upon request.)

Following opening comments by Randy Bowman, Bill Lewis gave an extensive PowerPoint presentation on this issue. He reviewed the material presented at the May 6 public meeting, discussed the results of that meeting, and talked about next steps.

Al Berthold and Cheryl Huffman from the Neighborhood Design Center presented the results of their parking study.

Bill Lewis continued with his presentation and concluded with slides depicting the six options described during the presentation and under consideration for West Broad Street. Illustrations of options are attached as part of these minutes.

Mr. Lewis informed the Commission that the Greater Hilltop Area Commission voted last week for Option "VI."

Discussion.

Geoffrey Phillips, Highland West Neighbor's Association, addressed the Commission and supported Option "VI" as a good compromise.

Marian Lupo, Hilltop Mobility Plan Steering Committee and Highland West resident, addressed the Commission and submitted written comments. She spoke in opposition to the new options (Option "V" and "VI") and supported north-side bike lanes.

Nancy Rhynard, Hilltop Business Association and Greater Hilltop Area Commissioner, spoke positively about the process and information gained. She indicated there are some other issues that still need to be addressed. She supported Option "VI."

Kathy Hoak, Hilltop Mobility Plan Steering Committee, addressed the Commission and submitted written comments. She favored Option “III.”

Greg Watson, GHAC Commissioner, addressed the Commission. He indicated he supported Option “V” and felt it was a fair compromise.

Chairman Stephens indicated that this Commission is not making the final decision on this issue. The final decision will be made by the Public Service Director and the Mayor.

Following discussion, Chairman Stephens asked each Commissioner to indicate their first and second choice and explain why they chose those options. Four of the five commissioners present today voted for Option “V” as first choice and Option “VI” as second choice; one voted for Option “VI” as first choice and Option “V” as second. A transcript of commissioners’ testimony regarding their votes will be provided for consideration by the Director of Public Service.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

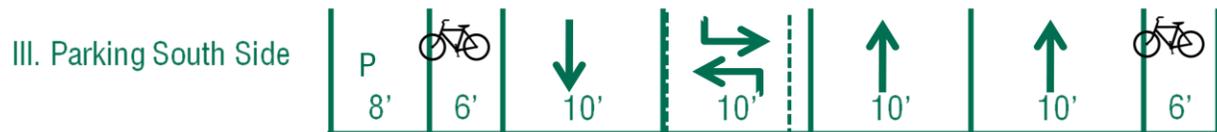
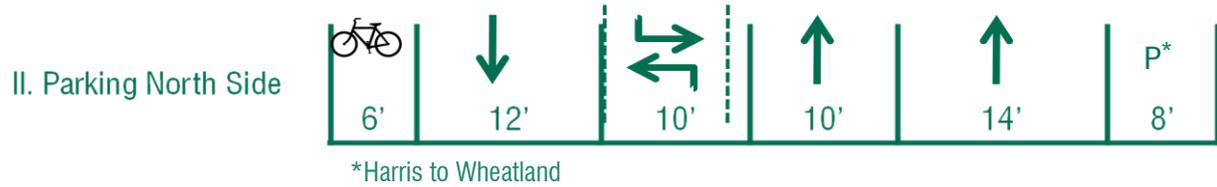
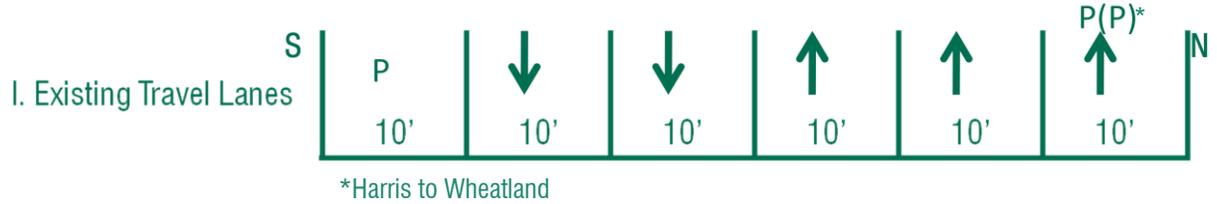
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