

COLUMBUS TRANSPORTATION AND PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
109 NORTH FRONT STREET, GROUND FLOOR, ROOM 100
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011
5:00 P.M.

Present were:

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

Advisory Member: Schwab

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

Division of Planning and Operations Staff: Wilfong

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

Call to Order: 5:00 p.m.

Motion to approve February 8, 2011, minutes: Moore; 2nd, 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; 2nd, 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 11th 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 11th Avenue and Chittenden Avenue where sharrows are recommended.

Bikeways Projects Progress

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

Bikeway Projects - Outside Agencies

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

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

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

Bike Friendly Community signs

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

Bike Racks

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

Valet Parking Update

Randy Bowman reported staff is continuing to review comments received.

Community Mobility Plans Update:

Bill Lewis gave updates on Community Mobility Plans as follows:

Linden Area Transportation Management Plan

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

Franklinton

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

Weinland Park

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

Phase 10

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

Pedestrian and Bicycle Crash Data

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia R. Grove
Recording Secretary

Marc Conte
Vice Chairman

Patricia A. Austin
Executive Secretary

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2011
5:00 P.M.

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

Public Service Representative: Tilton

Executive Secretary: Austin

Division of Mobility Options Staff: Bowman, Lewis, Popa

Division of Planning and Operations Staff: Green

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; 2nd, 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 85th 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; 2nd, 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

Jeff Stephens
Chairman

Patricia A. Austin
Executive Secretary

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

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

Call to Order: 5:00 p.m.

Motion for approval of November 9, 2010, minutes: Simmons; 2nd, 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; 2nd, 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; 2nd, 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; 2nd, 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; 2nd, 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

Jeff Stephens
Chairman

Patricia A. Austin
Executive Secretary

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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 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 curb 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

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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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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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