

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. MINUTES (Correct or Approve) October 12, 2010

III. OLD BUSINESS

Informational Items:

1. Stelzer Road Planning Study Update - Gary Wilfong
2. Bicycle Subcommittee Update – Jeff Stephens
3. Bicycle Subcommittee – New Member Announcement
4. Community Mobility Plans Update – Bill Lewis
 - a. Spring Sandusky
 - b. Strawberry Farms
 - c. Linden Area Transportation Management Plan
 - d. Franklinton
 - e. Olde North Columbus
 - f. Weinland Park
 - g. Hilltop
 - h. Milo Grogan
 - i. Phase 10
5. Valet Parking Update (Randy Bowman)
6. Residential Permit Parking Policy Update (Randy Bowman)

IV. NEW BUSINESS

V. OTHER BUSINESS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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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

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