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Concord
Special Meeting
AGENDA
Bicycle and
Pedestrian Advisory
Committee Meeting

Monday, April 10, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Permit Center
Conference Room
1950 Parkside Drive

This meeting is being held in-person only.

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AGENDIZED ITEMS – The public is entitled to address the Committee on items appearing on the agenda before or during the Committee's consideration of that item. Each speaker will be limited to approximately three minutes. **Please see "How to Submit Public Comments" above.**

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sarah Allen, Chair, Aneta Sperber, & Rebekah McMenamin

Staff Present: Carlton Thompson, Bernard Enrile, Andrea Moreira, Deyuanne Lei, and Melanie Short

2. APPROVAL OF December 14, 2022, ANNOTATED MINUTES

ACTION: Motion by Sarah Allen, Second by Rebekah McMEnamin, and Third by Aneta Sperber, All in favor. Approved 3-0

3. REPORTS

- a) **Citywide Arterial & Collector Maintenance Project #2 (Project No. 2527)** -
Presented by Deyuanne Lei, Associate Civil Engineer

ACTION: Motion by Sarah Allen, Second by Rebekah McMEnamin, and Third by Aneta Sperber, All in favor. Approved 3-0

Deyuanne Lei, Associate Civil Engineer presented on the Citywide Arterial & Collector Maintenance Project #2 (Project No. 2527). Citywide Arterial & Collector Maintenance Project #2 (Project No. 2527 is included in the Five-Year Pavement Expenditure plan approved on June 1, 2020, and 2-Year CIP Budget adopted on June 28, 2022. The scope of work for this project includes preventative maintenance on up to six miles of arterial and collector streets by applying a slurry seal treatment. Staff also included Corporation Yard Slurry and Re-Stripe Project (Project No. 2662) into Project No. 2527 due to similar scope of work. The goal of Project No. 2527 is to maintain and extend the service life of the City's roadways and pavement condition while they are still in good condition. Streets that do not get maintained will deteriorate faster and would need more costly repairs and rehabilitation in the future.

Striping improvements have been made to Concord Boulevard since the streets in this project were initially presented to BPAC on February 13, 2019, as part of Citywide Arterial & Collector Maintenance Project (Project No. 2458).

Pavement treatment needs the most expensive treatment. Design was completed in 2023. Part of CIP budget. Multiple merge points. Total of eight visible crosswalks presented to BPAC in 2019. Part of this project, there will be eleven visibility crosswalk projects (mention all streets)

Public Comments: No comments

Chair Sarah Allen requested a broad explanation why certain intersections have three crosswalks instead of four crosswalks, and if these are offsets.

Deyuanne Lei, Associate Engineer responded Farm Bureau Road as an example, one side of the road may not have a crosswalk.

Carlton Thompson, City Engineer mentioned one of the issues is visibility from one direction to the other. Making sure pedestrians are in the best positions to be visible. In doing so, locking out one of the crosswalks prevents pedestrians crossing in these areas. During striping, access will be reviewed, and in certain cases, crosswalks may not have access on the other side. There are varied reasons of three-legged crossings even though there are two streets and four crosswalks.

Chair Allen mentioned safety is more important than convenience, yet pedestrians will take shortcuts. Mr. Thompson agreed, it is a preferred location for a crosswalk however pedestrians will cross at their convenience.

Committee Member McMenamain questioned if the City's program explores midblock for crosswalks. Mr. Thompson replied yes.

Senior Civil Engineer, Bernard Enrile brought up that the City's Transportation Division does not perform these tests. Unfortunately, Transportation staff is not present to answer fully.

Mr. Thompson stated that there are several tests performed and mid blocks will not be placed in every intersection in a short block unless warranted to do so. Otherwise, this could make the whole block crossable which other downtowns include. Speeds are much slower on Salvio Street by Todos Los Santos which would make it easier to apply. However, this would not apply to Willow Pass Road. The City will review different strategies, whether it is doing what is subscribed or midblock, and will depend on if a long block exists and provides connections.

Chair Allen mentioned she did not see detail of drainage for the bike grates under the bike plan, wanted to make sure tires will not be stuck. Mr. Enrile responded that the City will not be performing work in the inlets however, he will review further with staff. Mr. Thompson stated this would be an easy swap if the boxes are the same size. Further mentioned there are locations that these have been completed. Mr. Enrile and Mr. Thompson agreed this was a good point to bring up.

Chair Allen mentioned the intersection of Sunset Avenue on page 8 of the plans and taking this down to one lane will improve the situation in the area. Brought up the delineators between Concord Boulevard and Sunset Avenue, wondered if these will be replaced with something more physical to serve more protection for bicyclists. Mr. Thompson responded that the Transportation Division will perform striping and install delineators first to see how these will perform before physical barriers are installed. Chair Allen stated installing delineators and removing a lane will be helpful.

Chair Allen mentioned street parking and existing bike lane along Sixth Street to Concord Boulevard, questioned if issues have been raised between the street parking and bike lane adjacent to each other or if these have been running smoothly. Ms. Lei confirmed if Chair Allen meant the new proposals. Chair Allen confirmed there is an existing bike lane with parking. She further mentioned that in theory, this would serve additional protection for bicyclist if street parking was closer to the street and the bike lane was closer to the sidewalk. Having existing vehicles on the street parking would serve as physical barrier, understandably this may not be possible due to bus lanes but was curious if bicyclists have run into car doors or other car conflicts.

Mr. Enrile responded that they are not aware of raised conflicts at this time and will raise the concern with the Transportation Division if they have received complaints. Mr. Thompson added further discussion will take place with the consultants. Mentioned these changes are not common.

Chair Allen mentioned the point in time survey of incidents, questioned if these are surveyed occasionally as incidents occur and if maps are provided. Mr. Enrile confirmed that the survey was performed specifically for the study and will not be updated. Mr. Thompson brought up that the point in time surveys will have to be updated at some point. There are required general plan updates that will take place and studies will be required to be updated, considering the last performed survey was in 2016.

Chair Allen concluded and expressed appreciation for reducing Sunset Avenue to one lane and installing bike lanes on both sides. Added that grinding and evening out the pavement will be helpful. Mr. Thompson agreed that this will be a convenient East/West route across town that will not be busy.

Public Comments: No comments

4. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR FOR THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR 2023

Rebekah McMenammin volunteered for Vice Chair.

ACTION: Motion by Chair Allen, Second by Committee Member Aneta Sperber and Third by Committee Member Rebekah McMenammin. All in favor. Approved 3-0

5. COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Chair Allen acknowledged former Vice Chair; David Pitman who has been involved with the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee as long she has served. They both served together on the same energizing bike to work-stations for Bike to Work-Day. She mentioned he was always taking notes, comments, and asked questions. Former Vice Chair Pitman enjoyed serving his community and we are thankful for his contributions.

6. ADJOURNMENT

- **Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, June 14, 2023**

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