



BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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DATE: Thursday, October 1, 2020

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Zoom Meeting

ADDRESS:

ROOM:

Work Session Meeting Minutes

Attendees: T. Gazda, J. Kelsey, R. Klinkhammer, R. Schneider, S. Pustell

Absent: D. Antonelli, M. Carignan

Public Present: None

7:00 Review of Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update

- R. Klinkhammer showed pictures sent by M. Carignan of the poor condition of the sidewalk on Fletcher Street. The sidewalk needs rebuilding as parts are severely heaved and some spots would be difficult for a wheelchair to negotiate. It was agreed to add this sidewalk to the list of priorities.
- Introduction,
 - Section A - Complete Streets: edits were made to the Roads and Sidewalks overall description
 - Section B – Economic Benefits: Remove Car Ownership paragraph, noted that more current reference links are needed.
 - Section C – Environmental Benefits: Some sentences were moved around to improve the thought flow of the paragraph. Discussion about a new paragraph on Traffic and Congestion.
 - Section D – Health and Social Benefits: Paragraph with statistics on weight and obesity was deleted.
- Mission Statement: No changes, this is based on the BPAC Charter which has not changed.
- Existing Conditions
 - No Changes to Roadways section
 - Pedestrian Section – Paragraph discussing sidewalk construction monies in the Capital Budget will need edits as sidewalk and roadway funding may be restored by the Fall 2020 Town Meeting.
 - Provide a link to the NMCOG Vinal Square Report.
 - Stronger wording needed regarding more frequent painting and testing of Bicycle Symbols at traffic signals that are so equipped.
 - Bicycle Section – R. Klinkhammer will calculate the miles of road that would have to be rebuilt to include sidewalks on the identified routes between Vinal Square/ North Chelmsford and Chelmsford. Streets in this target include Main Street, School Street and Westford Street among others.
 - Need to update status of the BFRT construction, status of trail repairs using the MassTrails Grant funding and include trail count data from BPAC's Chelmsford counts.
 - Need to update the list of sites that do not have bike racks.
 - The study underway in Lowell regarding extension of the BFRT from the Rt. 3 Tunnel to the Target Plaza on Plain Street in Lowell needs to be cited
- Community Education Section
- Delete first paragraph and insert revised wording.
- Edits made to last bullet concerning activities providing advising Town Officials and Boards with regard to bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.
- Committee agreed to pick up with review and editing of the rest of the plan at the next regular meeting.

8:30 Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn was made by T. Gazda and seconded by J. Kelsey. Motion carries

Next Regular Session: October 15, 2020 (6:30 PM) – Zoom Meeting