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Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee of the City Council

Tuesday, May 24, 2022 5PM

DPW Front Conference Room
645 Pine St, Burlington, VT 05482
Masks Optional

–DRAFT MINUTES–

Meeting called to order at 5:10 PM by Chair Hanson

1. Agenda

Councilor Bergman moved to approve agenda with deletion of item number 7. Seconded by Councilor Barlow. All in favor passed unanimously.

2. Minutes of 4/26/22

Councilor Barlow moved to approve 4/26/22 minutes. Seconded by Bergman. All in favor passed unanimously.

3. Public Forum

No Comments

4. Sidewalk Workplan and Prioritization

- Maddy Suender, Laura Wheelock
- Information

See Sidewalk Presentation. Maddy Suender/Laura Wheelock presenting

Councilor Gene Bergman – Are there any characterizations of sidewalk conditions that aren't listed?

Maddy Suender – Runing sloping is difficult as Burlington has many hills

Laura Wheelock – Panels that may rock and differing material sidewalks are noted but not scored

GB – Requested that the previous presentation slides from Council be re-provided.

Councilor Mark Barlow – Barrier blocks on slide 3 and 4; this scoring is important to sidewalk

maintenance but wants to know if there is a singular panel that needs attention, how is it identified?

Director Chapin Spencer – The short run maintenance addresses that type of condition

MB – Thinks public input could better provide guidance for the maintenance program

GB – Are the long run numbers just this year (based on slide 7)?

MS – These numbers are the template.

LW – This process is innovative in that it provides information for both long runs as short runs. Some

other streets such as Sherman requires more coordination and conditions that do not fit into the standard

“maintenance” category; detailed information is difficult to provide to public but is being worked on by

City's consultant.

Cindy Cook - Would love process to be more transparent. Lives on East Ave. UVM parking center leads

to large ped volumes. Does not think the measure of sidewalks should be on the amount of work done but

the number of hazards reduced. Asks DPW focus on major tripping hazards and ponding icing locations.

Hopes that safety and accessibility be key focus. Asks for reference points to provide public additional

information to understand mapping.

MB – Clarification question on 50ft section, what is the area around location that's reviewed to meet

minimum?

MS – varies but ~standard city block

Chair Jack Hanson – Is there a way for the public to request the score for a given street? Is there a way to give justification or comparison of streets to demonstrate the process? How is the foot traffic calculated? Process question, how would council modify the process in the future?

LW – The process is being worked on for public facing data. The process will go to DPW Commission. Could informally take feedback from councilors or residents. We can look into comparisons.

JH – East Ave would be a good street to use as an example to show how the process works and why that street did not make the list

GB – Unable to easily find this information on the DPW website; urges continued conversation about transparency; could this be in September?

5. Queen City Park Rd/Austin Drive Scoping

- Elizabeth Ross
- Action

Elizabeth Ross – New PM for the project

Cristine Forde, CCRPC Transportation Planner – Scoping was a joint app from Burl and S Burl to CCRPC. Funded by CCRPC, Toole Design hired. Alternatives will be proposed today.

See Memo and Presentation, Lucy Gibson, Toole Design presenting.

Councilor Mark Barlow – Is Bridge part of Capital Plan?

Laura Wheelock – It fits in capital bond as a bridge maintenance. Expansion would look for fed/state funding. It is entirely owned by Burlington.

MB – Is plan to keep existing Champlain Parkway bike path?

Chapin Spencer – Yes, just renovated path and it will be kept as part of Parkway plans.

MB – Familiar and aware with navigating this and safety concerns here.

Councilor Gene Bergman – Is thought to have shared application as a joint community with S Burl?

LW – Meeting with Grant Director to review an application for section 4 of this project for this year's VTrans ped grant. This would be independent of S Burl as they are not ready. Bike/Ped grants in Burlington usually take time.

CS – Regional connections score more so we are positioned well even if not applying together.

GB- Most serious safety concerns are in S Burl.

Norm Baldwin – This is a connect with larger network in S Burl that is important and could solve a lot of connectivity problems.

GB – Bike path as it relates to Parkway?

CS – Pine St will dead end. This path will continue to be accessible by QCPR.

MB – What happens to the east at Lydonwood in S Burl?

Lucy Gibson – Nothing more to this project in S Burl. Key connection to large S Burl Network.

Chair Jack Hanson – Any action needed?

ER – Action for Preferred alternative. Fully supported by advisory committee which served four meetings over the course of a year.

GB makes motion to accept the scoping study to endorse the recommendation of the advisory committee for the continuous shared use path and advisory crossings and to recommend the Council do the same.

Seconded by MB.

JH – Preference to separate peds and bikes but support the committee's findings.

Unanimously passes.

Item closes at 6:37PM

6. North Winooski Avenue Implementation Update

- Chapin Spencer
- Information

Chapin Spencer – Continuing to follow through with the council's direction whose motion supported delaying paving until 2023, looking into off street parking opportunities, talking to adjacent property owners. Looking into night time shared use parking and daytime weekday parking to accommodate different types of use at different locations. TDM discussions. Bike and ped facilities being built out. In contact with CATMA. Looking into use of 15k TMD funding. Have reached out to BHA to meet with new executive director early June with Mayor. Could provide potential off-street parking.

Norm Baldwin – DPW participates in public development review. We play a significant role in bike ped infrastructure through this in the private sector. We are looking into developing parking lots.

Sandy Thibault, CATMA – In conversations with Chapin and Gene in regards to the opportunity to further educate those effected in this corridor for potential TDM assistance. Information on CATMA recourses and TDM options. Corridor CATMA membership could be explored if that would be useful. Would need to look into this nontraditional membership possibility. Meeting with Community Health Center (CHC) in June. Would like to learn more about dynamics of businesses in this area to provide better/more assistance.

GB – Have had a number of conversations regarding this. Focus on CHC is the biggest issue. CHC expressed interest in getting back into TDM. Could we subsidize part of their first year's membership to incentivize them to join CATMA membership? How much would this cost?

ST – Employer membership is based on number of employees, \$2500/yr likely.

GB – Opportunity for TDM corridor study. In conversations with employers, there is an openness to doing this. What does CATMA need to explore this more fully?

ST – We hired a consultant to evaluate current membership structure. Expecting to be done in October. Plan to have consultant explore this potential. See if this is done at other TMAs nationally. CHC employees would be eligible for 30% bike share discount. Hub is expanding and will potentially be there.

GB – Potential for lot behind QC Steel. Potential disincentive for TDM if they build the lot so still want to press TDM. Discusses conversations had with various businesses in the area and the specific TDM needs they have.

Want TEUC to consider a percentage of 1-year CATMA membership, put in money for 10 shopping trolleys at African Market, hold a community meeting (2 meetings, splitting corridor N/S) to let people know what is happening. Status of project and available resources if there is interest. This is probably a good site to test the sidewalk matrix. Better sidewalk was top improvement ONE identified in Transportation Mobility Model. Good place to test transparency concerns of sidewalk analysis. Work with CATMA on the corridor TMA if we have that potential membership.

Making a motion but differing action until next meeting.

MB – Supportive of this but think it needs more formulation. Would like to meet with all businesses so we can determine what the best use is based on all stakeholders and their needs.

GB – Integration of all staff who are involved in this to get working together.

CS – This is happening currently. Working with Cara and Will.

Chair Hanson – To build new parking lot would undermine goal. We want to reduce the need for parking not increase supply.

We set aside \$15k to help businesses reduce parking demand and agrees with Mark and Chapin that this should be done through the process that is underway rather than from this committee. Think the businesses should apply through a simple application. Then we can take a higher-level view. Could allow joint applications from businesses. Want to leave it to businesses to proactively tell us what they need.

GB – Transportation is not seen as business's responsibilities so making them do this may require more help getting to the point of an application. As long as we are proactive with outreach and assistance that applications would be effective.

CH – Businesses have been active through process regarding how they will be served by TDM resources. ST – The benefit of the ETC network was to engage more businesses on TDM and value and benefits and collaborate and work with others. Would be great to get even 2 businesses to come to June event to talk with businesses from all over the region and engage in TDM solutions and learn more.

Item closes at 7:23PM

~~7. Market Place Garage Assessment~~

~~— Jeff Padgett~~

~~— Information~~

REMOVED FROM AGENDA.

8. Champlain Parkway Update – Repayment Provision Analysis

- Norm Baldwin, Corey Mims, Jon Rose
- Information

See Memo.

Jon Rose – The memo states the Federal Highway clause does not rescind Parkway repayment.

GB – Is there any reason to publicize this.

JR – Hesitant with ongoing litigations.

CS – Memo is a public document so if you are contacted you should point constituents to this document.

NB – Will look into this being posted to the project website.

GB – Its publicly available and straightforward. The less diverting the more time we have to spend on important arguments.

Item closes at 7:29PM

9. Director's Report

Defer.

10. Councilors' Update

No updates.

11. Next Meeting 6/28/22

Potentially will need to change.

21st pending room change.

12. Adjourn

Meeting ends 7:32 PM.