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Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee agenda 7:30 AM-8:50 AM, Wednesday June 23, 2021 Remote meeting on Zoom

MEMBERS

Debin Bruce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maggie Chan (DPW)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michael DiPasquale	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wayne Feiden (Plan)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eric Boudreau	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	James Lowenthal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nick Horton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brett Constantine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

1. Complete streets policy/ordinance: Donna LaScalia spoke about the challenges of adding sidewalks to some city streets when streets are repaved because of limited rights of way and the desire not to take more property. Committee members stressed the need for a balance of modes of travel and the need to add sidewalks, slow speeds, and add pedestrian accommodations. Several members asked that sidewalks and pedestrian accommodations, including street trees, have a higher priority to provide more travel options.
2. Approve June 2, 2021 minutes: Unanimously approved by roll call vote, upon motion by Michael DiPasquale and second by Debin Bruce.
3. Public Comment: Meg Bandarra spoke in favor of the need for universally accessible soft surface trails.
4. Northampton One trail: Feiden presented the planned Northampton One route and the planned 2021-2022 improvements to be funded from the City’s MassTrails grant. The committee was generally supportive with no specific recommendations.
5. Picture Main Street: Committee members discussed the project, the need for it to include a buffered bicycle lane, which has some opposition, and the interest in ensuring that downtown is pedestrian and bicycle friendly for the next century and even a societal focus on private cars evolves. Committee comments included support for the Main Street for Everyone approach of being more aggressive than the Alternative 3 option, and especially not wanting to lock in a full center lane and angle parking. Community members spoke in favor of more aggressive Main Street for Everyone (Ben Weil, Kristen Sykes) Lilly Lombard) and for preserving angle parking to serve elderly and those with mobility impairments who don’t have handicap parking stickers (Meg Bandarra). Michael DiPasquale moved and Debin Bruce seconded that the committee recommend to the Transportation and Parking Commission changes to the selected alternative 3 to reduce pavement and re-examine middle land and angle parking. On a roll call vote the committee voted 6 in favor with Feiden and Chen abstaining.
6. Shared paths feasibility proposals: Feiden invited committee members to reach out if they have any review comments on the five proposals received for future projects.
7. Adjourn: The committee adjourned at 8:50 AM.

