

Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force

Minutes, July 21, 2022

Introductions & Administrative Details

- Sign in and brief introduction of all attendees Colin Kinton, Till Dohse, Claudia Nix, Hannah Bagli, Grace Curry, Randy Warren, Scott Dickens, Terri March
- Do we have someone taking minutes Scott?
- Accepted June Minutes

Old Business

- Getting started on the Walk Friendly application
Need city and Law enforcement, Anna Sexton or new city staff, or new city engineer: Chris Cairns. Claudia will reach out to Lucy Crown about city staff support, Anna will not be able to attend in August.
Terri March: google doc shared folder
- “Barb Bench” issues:
Barb Mee and Janet Barlow
Terri read dedication for GAP Plan
- September Bike-Ped Counts. Are changes needed?
Problems with morning observation data being significant,
Till to reach out To Lucy Crown the value of the data.

Till

- Best practices for setting traffic lights
 - have a minimum of 9 seconds for the countdown: Coleman and Merriman, Montford and I240 at Chamber of Commerce.
 - have the walk light be green during period of stopped traffic
 - if it has an activation button, make sure it works

Terri

Vision Zero
Institute meeting
Vidilla, Jessica, Mike Sule
Conversation with City Manager
Federal funds coming available, need vision statement of less than 300 words, MPO taking leadership.
Problem of matching funds “resolved.” Tristan secured \$80,000 from Dogwood Health Trust
Goes to County Board of Supervisors for approval in Aug, for Sept submission.

Regular Updates (brief updates/announcements and input from Task Force)

- General City and County updates
- Street cleaning, city vs state

TO: Asheville Bicycle/Pedestrian Task Force
FROM: Anna Sexton, Urban Planner
DATE: July 21, 2022
SUBJECT: Staff update to BPTF

SUMMARY STATEMENT: This memo serves as a written staff update on existing bicycle and pedestrian-related projects in lieu of staff attendance at the BPTF's July 2022 virtual meeting.

Close the GAP: The draft GAP Plan lists 55 action items along with anticipated time frames and departmental coordination needed for implementation. Lucy and I are working to determine which action items make sense and are most feasible to tackle first. The GAP Plan is now going to Council for adoption on September 27th.

College Patton Bike Lanes: This project continues to move forward with no new updates to share.

NRADTIP Wilma Dykeman Greenway: The project's Selection Committee is interviewing two project teams next week, and we anticipate making a team selection by the end of next week.

Haywood Road: This is project #HL-0003 in the STIP. NCDOT will be resurfacing Haywood Road (likely in Spring 2023) and will be making some bicycle and pedestrian improvements during the resurfacing project. City staff, MPO staff and other community members met with NCDOT last week to discuss this project and provide input. A public meeting will likely occur in September, and a public survey will also be deployed. Stay tuned.

Biltmore Avenue re-striping and bike lanes: Per the City's [project page](#), the City of Asheville has been working with NCDOT on re-striping/reconfiguration plans for these streets to identify opportunities to add multimodal facilities. In addition to Merrimon Avenue, [where a 4 to 3 lane conversion](#) will be implemented between Midland rd. and W.T. Weaver, a similar reconfiguration is proposed for Biltmore Avenue between Patton Avenue and Hilliard Avenue. The reconfiguration would incorporate dedicated bike lanes in both directions and the removal of one southbound vehicular travel lane. On-street parking and loading spaces would remain. City staff are hosting two virtual public meetings next week - Tuesday July 26 @ 9:00 a.m. and Thursday July 28 @ 4:00 p.m. Email Jessica Morriss (jmorriss@ashevillenc.gov) if you would like to attend either meeting.

Announcements/Events

- Next Bike/Ped Task Force meeting is in Aug 18st (facilitator needed)
- Agenda Items for next month?
- Guests you want to invite to future meetings?