

Pedestrian and Bicyclist Advisory Committee Update April 2016

Delivered by Colin Smith, Chair, at the committee update session, April 6, 2016.

The committee had been focused on the following four topics during the first quarter of 2016:

1. Review and Input on forthcoming projects
2. Discussions on longer term potential projects
3. Input on new city policies
4. Grant applications

Notes for each topic:

1. Review and Input on forthcoming projects
 - a. Mechanic St
 - i. Focus on January and February meetings, first just the committee and then reviewing the plans with Bruce Temple from DPW
 - ii. Key issues:
 1. Safety for peds and bikes at proposed roundabouts
 2. Continuity of the MRG at the intersection of High St and Mascoma and at the overpass of Slayton Hill
 3. Safe provision along Mechanic Street for peds and bikes
 - b. Also input on visioning and CSO projects (ongoing)
2. Discussions on longer term potential projects
 - a. March meeting presentation from Thayer School at Dartmouth Students on their plans for improvements for cyclists along Etna Road from Hypertherm (close to Mink Brook in Hanover) to Rt 120
 - b. Project plan involves adding shoulders/bike lanes to the road.
 - c. Next steps are for the municipal governments to work with Hypertherm and other interested employers in the corridor to complete the plans and look for funding opportunities.
3. Policies
 - a. Working with Planning office on a complete streets policy for Lebanon. The committee will complete a review next month and the planning office will then seek input from other committees and the City Council.
4. Grant applications
 - a. Supported AT in their grant application for bicycle parking at bus stops in Lebanon and Hanover. This is an application for funding from the FTA; NH receives around \$75k for the whole state.

Looking forward:

- b. At the end of 2015, Lebanon received an honorable mention as a Bicycle Friendly Community from the League of American Bicyclists. Next steps for the

committee is digesting the responses from the review committee and planning out how we can help Lebanon improve and hopefully be awarded bronze status in a future application.