

Pedestrian and Bicyclist Advisory Committee Update July 2016

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

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

1. Input on new city policies – specifically the complete streets policy
2. Grant applications – Advance Transit application for Federal Transit Administration grant and Transportation Alternatives Program from NHDOT
3. Bicycle Friendly Community – pedestrian and bicyclist route map

Notes for each topic:

1. Policies
 - a. Working with Planning office on a complete streets policy for Lebanon. The committee completed an initial review in May and agreed that the planning office should pursue the policy further. Committee will look at the policy again following changes made planning office after presentation to other committees.
2. 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. However, the grant was not ultimately submitted due to insufficient time to complete discussions with landowners at some stops
 - b. Van Chestnut came to June meeting to discuss cooperating with the committee to plan ahead for opportunities like this. We looked at the bus stop study done a couple of years ago by Advance Transit and their consultant ORW. Going to work on developing list of prioritized improvements at and around bus stops to help pedestrians and bicyclists accessing the bus service.
 - c. Also starting to support the City as it develops an application for the TAP program. Since committee missed our meeting last night, not sure of the status of the application – letters of interest are due from municipalities.

Looking forward:

3. At the end of 2015, Lebanon received an honorable mention as a Bicycle Friendly Community from the League of American Bicyclists. One item that the committee is pursuing is to improve education and outreach – as part of that starting to work with the planning office to develop a map of walking and cycling routes in Lebanon.

Committee Membership

4. Missed out meeting last night due to lack of quorum – hard close to holiday. But we have been short a couple of members. One, Alan, is waiting for the city council to vote (tonight). He's been attending regularly recently and I think he'll be a good addition to the committee.