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Hi Erling,

NOW, you tell me...! The following is a bit more than a few bullets, but it was easy to pull much of it from the [Activities Update](#) on the PBAC webpage. Do you want/need printed copies of this to share with your verbal report? Please let me know and I can leave hardcopies at the Front Desk or with David.

Key discussions and activities from 2018, including some that are continuing into 2019, include:

- **Committee Membership.** In 2018, one member, Mark Bradley, moved away, while we gained a new member, Sarah Crysl Ahktar. We also briefly enjoyed the assignment of a Planning Board representative, Carl Porter, but that role is once again vacant. The committee re-elected Colin Smith as the Chair, and John Kelleher as the Vice Chair for 2019.
- **Mall Tunnel.** PBAC advocated for the connection to be maintained and looks forward to reviewing next steps.
- **12A sidewalk design** and construction is progressing, and incorporates feedback from the committee
- **MRG**
  - o There is continued, strong committee coordination with MRG projects including the Dartmouth College student initiative to examine an **MRG rail trail extension** through West Lebanon. We have heard one presentation and look forward to a winter 2019 update. We understand that David, Rebecca and Paul provide regular support to the team.
  - o The committee has learned about and is supportive of a Planning and Recreation Department Collaboration with the RPC and Vital Communities to apply for a private grant for a **new greenway trail access** on the Miracle Mile, next to the Dudley Bridge.
- **Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) projects**
  - o **Lahaye Drive** – The committee reviews regular updates from staff on the progress of design for the shared use path between Mt. Support Road and Route 120 at Centerra, and understands that the Engineering Study was accepted by NHDOT, so the project is now moving into Preliminary Design. Based on impacts and community input, the preferred alternative is to locate the path on the north side of Lahaye and there will be some wetland mitigation requirements.
  - o **Miracle Mile** – The committee is pleased that the City agreed with their recommendation to add pedestrian facilities along the Miracle Mile and voted to approve the CIP item; we should hear any day now about whether Lebanon is receiving TAP funding
- **Public Safety.** A set of strategies that align with PBAC goals and support maintenance of the City's Bike Friendly Community designation was submitted for the Police Department to consider in its strategic plan.
- **Public Communications.** The Committee understands that listening to community feedback about safety needs and infrastructure ideas is a key part of its role and published a LebNews alert and Valley News letter to the editor in December to remind residents that the public is invited to meetings and also to let people know about updated resources like the City's webpage for Ped-Bike, which includes current documents/studies, accident data, safety tips, links to maps, programming and similar content, under <https://lebanonnh.gov/1229/Additional-Resources>

Current priorities and agenda items include:

- **West Lebanon** (Feb.) – The Feb. Ped-Bike meeting will be located at Kilton Library due to elevator repair here. Because this is a great opportunity to hear from West Lebanon residents, the agenda will include an item to invite community input related to West Lebanon ped-bike needs, safety, ideas, etc.
- **Safe Routes to School** (Jan.) – At the last committee meeting, Chief Mello presented the current status of the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program in Lebanon, including enforcement, crossing guard resources, traffic speed controls, snow removal, and the need for travel plan updates (which would be the School District's undertaking). It is notable that LMS students and students in the Boy Scouts attended 3 Ped-Bike meetings in 2018, and in particular, there is desire for better bike rack equipment and placement, as well as connectivity, at Lebanon Middle School, which Ped-Bike agrees with.

- **Streetlights** (Feb.) - The City Manager's Office has asked Ped-Bike to work with Planning staff to review City streetlight placements as soon as possible as an agenda item. DPW will be finalizing plans for upgrading streetlights between now and March, with bids going out in June. We will review current streetlight inventory, a GIS map, to look at SAU88 ped-bike circulation related to Safe Routes to School, in addition to areas of concern for safety (e.g., crosswalks, intersections, and busy locations that do not have currently sidewalks or crossings like the Miracle Mile). We will look at: a) where current fixtures could be relocated, b) where there are voids and new lights may be needed, c) where lighting is proposed to be removed, and d) the new streetlight policy.
- **Development Regulations** (Jan.-Feb.) – Ped-Bike has received an overview of some proposed development regulation updates to further activate the City's Complete Streets policy and enhance requirements for multimodal safety, facilities, and similar standards, including as relates to private project design, because parking lots are the area where ped/bike-motor vehicle accidents are most frequent in Lebanon. We will provide feedback where appropriate before Planning staff prepares drafts for land use board review.

Other future agenda items and/or projects include:

- **Continued review of City roadway projects** including CSO pedestrian facilities and the Mechanic/High/Mascoma Roundabout
- **Events** - Planning for "Encouragement" oriented events to be coordinated with local partners, such as Bike to Work/Curb the Car Day, which is May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **Bike Rodeo** - Sat. June 1<sup>st</sup> has been confirmed by the School District, Recreation Department, Vital Communities, CCBA, and a new partner, the Prouty, for the 2019 event, which Ped-Bike hopes to support again too.
- **DPW coordination**
  - o Complete – The committee is grateful to DPW for its assistance in installing snow mobile **speed limit signage** on the Northern Rail Trail.
  - o March - if not before, we will do our annual review with DPW staff of **street striping and sweeping** schedules and priority locations
  - o Early spring - The new DPW Director Jim Donison has been updated about upcoming **NHDOT resurfacing projects** for Routes 4 and 10 and the committee hopes to revisit past efforts to establish a City communication to DOT about reallocation of pavement space to increase roadway shoulder availability and safety for multimodal users.
  - o ASAP – once it is available via GIS and the City's asset management system, the committee will review existing **crosswalk locations and conditions**
- **Electric Bikes** - The committee has been aware of the growing trend in e-bike use in the UV, including on our rail trails and city park lands, and is in touch with the UV Mountain Bike Alliance. Once we understand potential state progress on policymaking, and roadway use best practices as well, we'll may recommend local guidance
- **NRT** – We appreciate and recognize the significant contribution of volunteer time and resources that are regularly invested by a small, and dwindling, cadre of dedicated volunteers and hope to brainstorm with other stakeholders about how to renew support for bridge and trail maintenance needs
- **Maps** – We hope for the City to undertake GIS and study needs to update maps to show existing routes and potential routes for both on- and off-road bike, ped, and transit infrastructure in Lebanon

Let us know if you suggest adding anything.

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