



Nashua Region Complete Streets Advisory Committee

Meeting Notes

6/4/2024, 12 pm

NRPC Conference Room

Attendees:

Levent Akinci, City of Nashua Tom Christensen, Amherst Bike & Ped Committee (Zoom) Nelson Disco, Merrimack Town Center Committee (Zoom) Camille Michon, City of Nashua Marina Vaz, Conservation Law Foundation (Zoom)	Tyrel Borowitz, NRPC Ned Connell, NRPC Emma Rearick, NRPC
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Call to Order and Introductions

E. Rearick called the meeting to order and attendees introduced themselves.

Review March 5, 2024 meeting notes

E. Rearick asked for any corrections for the March 5, 2024 meeting notes. There were none.

Bike and Ped Data Collection Program

T. Borowitz shared that counts have been completed in Wilton; Brookline at trailheads and Milford Street; Milford on the rail trail; Nashua on the Heritage Trail; and Litchfield on Albuquerque Ave. The DPW staff in Hudson has set up posts at count locations between the road and where people walk so the counters can be correctly positioned but T. Borowitz has not installed the counters there yet, so he'll see if it works well. He hopes to install counters in Pelham and will be back in Nashua in a few months. The data is updated regularly [on the map viewer online](#). The schedule for the second half of the year has not been finalized yet, so if anyone has requests please let him know.

Ten Year Plan Project Solicitation

N. Connell says that the solicitation letter has been sent out for this round of Ten Year Plan project proposals. He hopes to get a lot of proposed projects this round, especially bike/ped improvements. If anyone has not received a letter and would like one, please let him know. [The Ten Year Plan Project Solicitation webpage](#) shows a timeline and will be updated during the process. Project proposals are due July 17 and NRPC still does not have an official application form from NHDOT. N. Disco and M. Vaz said that they would like a letter. N. Connell added that it is a competitive process, the projects are scheduled out many years in the future, they do not need to be in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan to qualify. If anyone misses this round, complete streets improvements would also be eligible for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant funding in the future.

L. Akinci shared that the City's Economic Development Department has submitted a grant proposal to redo Main Street with complete streets – type principles.

MPO Complete Streets Policy Draft

E. Rearick shared the MPO Complete Streets Policy Draft on the screen and asked for any comments or questions. Ultimately the draft policy will need to be reviewed and adopted by the MPO commissioners. M. Vaz suggested that there are many stormwater infrastructure projects currently planned and

underway and complete streets improvements could be undertaken at the same time, so coordination with stormwater management should be encouraged. She also said that communities of all languages should be included when we consider whether users are satisfied with the network and facilities.

T. Borowitz requested that maintenance should be required so bike/ped facilities can be used in the winter. T. Christensen shared that the Amherst sidepath gets plowed right away after snowfall and it is great!

E. Rearick said that if anyone has additional comments on the draft policy, please send them to her within the next week.

Statewide, Regional, Local Updates

Statewide:

T. Christensen commented on the New Hampshire State Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety Program Assessment Final Report, the external audit report of the statewide bike/ped programs that E. Rearick had sent out with the agenda. He noted that in the report on page 54, the question asked whether people who cannot drive are represented on state staff, and the answer recorded does not address the question. He would like to follow up with the state regarding this question.

Regional:

E. Rearick shared that NRPC will be applying for a federal Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP) planning grant.

Merrimack:

N. Disco shared that the trail along the Souhegan has been delayed and the town needed to authorize more money for the project. They found more things buried than they expected. The trail should be on track to open in September. He also noted that T. Borowitz has joined the Town Center Committee!

Amherst:

T. Christensen is thankful for T. Borowitz's recent presentation and for his help with the permanent counters in Amherst.

Nashua:

L. Akinci shared that Nashua is working on the sustainability plan action items, including a complete streets policy for the city. He has been researching bike share options and plans to release an RFP next year to bring bike share back. The scooter share is continuing this year with Bird. They are getting data from Bird, including location data. They are putting more scooters out as use increases – currently there are about 27 scooters. City staff can request where to put scooters. Mostly they are placed around downtown but they do get taken out of downtown and have traveled further out along Amherst Street and to the Pheasant Lane Mall. They are considering where to better place the scooters for where people can benefit from them.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:06pm.

Next Meeting: To be determined, likely September