

MBAC – Montpelier Bike Advisory Committee
Minutes
10 Nov 2015
6pm – 730pm
Montpelier Police Meeting Room

Attendees: Jon, Anthony, Jenn, Laura, Suzanne, Corey (DPW).

1. Approve agenda
 - a. Action Suggested: Members to review and approve the agenda, including the order of the agenda as well as identifying items to be added under “Other Business”.
2. Brief Introductions / Guest Intro (if applicable): Corey DPW.
3. Public Comments (if applicable): N/A
4. Review previous meeting item(s) as needed: N/A
5. State Upcoming Dates/Meetings / Action Items:
 - a. **Next MBAC Meeting is Tuesday December 8th 6pm-730pm.**
 - b. Next Transportation TAC Meeting - 15 Dec 6pm
 - c. Montpelier City Council Hearing on M&M Beverage – Dec 14th
6. Focus Areas:
 - a. At the previous meeting MBAC decided to have this meeting and the following December Meeting to focus entirely on infrastructure related activities related to more effectively align DPW projects with MBAC / MIM Goals. Gaining a vision of where paving projects are being completed and better estimating costs of even simple bicycle improvements such as sharrows and signs was a key focus area. Longer-term possibilities were discussed including the issue of Main Street and Elm Street related to bike /ped. safety but we did not go into detail.

General 2016 DPW Planning Updates (Corey)

Corey emailed updates on pricing for items like painting sharrows, signs, etc. We discussed the Alternative Transportation Funds related to parking meters and will continue to dial that in with City Council, DPW and Pedestrian Committee to plan ahead on budgeting. It may make sense to use a portion for larger grant matches, etc. and even educational planning activities related to bikes / ped goals.

N/S Corridor Focus areas / improvements

Barre Street Bike Path Extension/Connection

Paint

7. Other Business

The M&M Beverage Property hearing is happening currently with City Council and there will be another meeting in December. The public and committees can attend although MBAC did not attend the previous meeting this week. A public support focus seemed to be on keeping the business alive and pointing to the lack of a need for a bike trail connector but in reality it's more complex than this and involves longer-term economic development planning, major safety improvements for traffic flow of both vehicles and pedestrians as well as foundational Taylor Street Development elements.

We discussed the potential of a "Rotating" lead in attending the TAC meetings (Anthony, Jenn, Jon) as Dan will be stepping down shortly from that role and his role at MBAC. Given Bill Merrylees departure as well and the need for a strong MBAC and TAC group, we should probably post an opening with City soon.

We should calculate total miles of 2014 Bike lanes / sharrows vs. 2016 estimate to keep an eye on that goal of increasing per MIM planning document. _____ vs _____

Laura is looking into easement details of City Land from Cummings Street, along river to Franklin St.

We discussed interim measures that City can accomplish to continue to cost effectively improve the safety of biking around town. Speed Feedback signs, Cross Walks, Sharrows and Signage for 2016.

Suzanne mentioned comparing the costs/benefits of improving the Main Street corridor as related to parking changes and bike lanes, especially North of The State / Main intersection.

Lets plan on a follow up December meeting related to this one with an agenda posted shortly. Part of this next meeting should include additional discussion on the Alternative Transportation Funding and reviewing the estimates Corey shared relative to DPW costs of bike related improvement elements such as painting road surfaces, signage. One big question is the recurring maintenance responsibility and costs for painting over time.

8. Adjourn