

UTC Minutes – March 9, 2022

Members in attendance: Diana Rooney, Shana Wade, Ellynn Bannon, Andy Gingerich, Steve Meyer, Orin Zyvan, Ross Mittleman, Athena Fouts, Abe Herman.

Staff in attendance: Dani Acosta, Eric Mocko, Trent Prall, Kalli Savvas, Rob Davis, Sandra Nunez-Currier

Guests: David Lehman

Other Agencies: Rachel Petersen (RTPO)

Call to Order/Announcements

Diana R. called meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

Dani A. informed the group about the current shared micromobility RFP.

Approval of Minutes

Steven M. made a motion to approve, with the noted changes, the February 9, 2022 minutes. Athena F. seconded the motion.

Action Items

SRTS/CDBG

The Committee discussed the Safe Routes to School candidate projects for CDBG Funding.

Trant P. recommended pushing the 1st line item until next year to include improvements on Palmer St.

Steve M. asked if there is adequate sidewalk on 27 Rd. Trent P. shared that completing 27 Rd sidewalks would be a potential project as well/pretty strong contender.

Grand Ave and 3rd and 4th St– Currently, the Circulation Plan identifies 3rd St as an Active Transportation Corridor. The Committee discussed whether it made sense to make 4th St the preferred Active Transportation Corridor given that 4th St is already signalized and the upcoming bike friendly improvements from the 4th & 5th St Study.

Trent P. shared that the City is working to get signalized ped crossing at Elm – direct tie to Grand Junction High School.

Andy G. expressed that crossing at 3rd St is important to connect Sherwood park neighborhood south to Downtown.

Orin Z. shared that the North Ave and Grand is a huge challenge for a cyclist to navigate and needing to go all the way to 5th St makes route planning awkward. Staff shared that getting CDOT to agree to a traffic light at 4th and 3rd is unlikely.

From a traffic standpoint, motorists go very fast on North Ave, and more traffic calming is needed.

Trent P. expressed that the Ped & Bike Master Plan is a good opportunity to tackle questions of where that safe crossing for bikes identifying feasibility studies.

Steve M. proposed adding 27 Rd south of Hwy 50 to the candidate projects list. Steve M. made a motion to add project and Orin Z. seconded the motion.

Committee required to get scores for candidate projects to Dani A by 3/25.

Bike Counts

Subcommittee – Diana R gave a recap of how bike counts have been organized in the past. Bike counts is largely run by volunteers and typically is overseen by a UTC subcommittee.

Rachel P. recommended reaching out to CMU students as potential volunteers, particularly those in the Kinesiology and Engineering Departments.

Infrastructure Priorities List

Committee reviewed existing list and discussed new additions.

Diana pointed the Committee to the google map that physically maps all the priorities. Link here: https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1WRXhMd2LZ29zN7t5hvx9LGzkmi_VQwCh&usp=sharing

Committee approved adding wayfinding installation (complete installation of thermoplastic markings of bike routes) , adding the Gunnison to Walmart connection, and adding the Eastbound 340 Bridge over Colorado River (once bridge is constructed, add a 10' minimum multimodal path across Colorado River to connect Monument Trail to Riverfront Trail) to the Infrastructure Priorities List.

Updates

Dani A. informed the Committee that the Ped & Bike Master Plan/TEDS Rewrite RFP was posted 2 weeks ago.

Meeting was extended for 10 minutes for additional discussion and public comment. Ellyne B. moved to extend the meeting by 10 minutes and Orin Z. seconded the motion.

David L. asked if the 4th & 5th St improvements will include changing the traffic lights to be sensitive to bikes. Raised the consideration of bicycle boulevards/neighborhood greenways. City may include a presentation on bicycle boulevards for the Technical Training in July.

Sandra N.C. from the City, Community Engagement Specialist, introduced herself to the Committee and explained her role

Rachel P. requested an updated letter of support from the Committee for the Mobility Hub RAISE grant reapplication. Project has been rescoped to exclude the pedestrian bridge. Orin Z. made a motion to update the letter of support. Steve M. seconded the motion.

Adjournment

Athena F. made a motion to end the meeting. Steve M. seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.