**Bicycle Advisory Committee**

**Engineering & Evaluation Sub-Committee Report**

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<td><strong>Committee Name:</strong> Engineering &amp; Evaluation</td>
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<td><strong>Committee Members Present:</strong> Caitlin Tobin, Michael Trivette, Liza Pratt, Keith Sorrensen (CDOT Staff)</td>
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<td><strong>Committee Members NOT Present:</strong> Eoin Sheil</td>
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<td><strong>Date of Last Committee Meeting:</strong> March 16, 2021</td>
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**BAC Meeting Minutes**

- Committee discussed SMP and Town Hall Schedule
  - Caitlin and Liza both noted that they couldn’t find schedules online for the Town Hall meetings
  - Keith offered to check in on the status of the meetings being planned
  - Jaime and Caitlin offered to work off line and coordinate someone from the subcommittee attending all of the Town Hall meetings

- Jaime brought up the CLT 2040 Comp Plan and that the City seems to be having meetings/listening sessions almost daily.
  - The subcommittee discussed that there was initial push back from the public around single family housing and zoning
  - The subcommittee agreed to recommend the larger BAC write of letter of support for the 2040 CompPlan- The plan is supposed to go to adoption in April/May
  - Liza to take lead on a draft letter of support for April subcommittee and BAC meeting

- Subcommittee discussed future bond and budget ask
  - Caitlin will send around the initial peer city research the sub committee did last year on what similar cities are budgeting for bike infrastructure
  - Caitlin asked all committee members to try to identify one more City and look up their bicycle program budgets to add to the research
    - Mike to look up Denver spending on Bike

- Subcommittee discussed the maintenance issues with bike lanes/trails around Charlotte
  - Mike to take the lead on researching needs and drafting a letter
  - Keith: Storm Water indicated that each street gets swept twice per year.
  - Key elements of the letter:
    - Outline why bike facility maintenance is important (Safety, usefulness, return on investment)
    - Highlight what other peer cities do to maintain bike facilities
    - Outline what additional resources are needed (Equipment, staff, budget etc)
  - Resources:

- Jaime reminded everyone to review and put comments into the Bicycle Priority Network Map before the deadline in April.
  - [https://tooledesign.github.io/L0018-Charlotte-Moves/#map](https://tooledesign.github.io/L0018-Charlotte-Moves/#map)
  - The subcommittee discussed the best use of our comments:
    - Check that the routes are aligning with the outlined Framework
    - Check that routes make sense for the areas we are familiar with
    - Priorities should be identified by the public

**STANDING PRIORITIES/AGENDA:**

**Priority #1: Prioritize the expansion of Protected Bike Lanes & Improve Connectivity in the bike network**

- **Task:** Monitor Comprehensive Plan/Strategic Mobility Plan (SMP) and support plan adoption.
Sub-Task: Encourage and support a robust public engagement and comment on the development of the Bicycle Priority network plan map

Sub-Task: BAC subcommittee members commit to attending the SMP Town Hall meetings expected in Spring 2021.

Task: Support funding projects that improve biking in the City.

Sub-Task: Research and advise on funding request for bike program (how much is the ask?) for next bond cycle 2022

Sub-Task: Write a letter and continue to advise council to support the Uptown CycleLink.

Sub-Task: Monitor and educate Council on how implemented facilities are being used.

Task: Research potential strategies and resources for improving/implementing a bike facility maintenance program.

Priority #2: Support VisionZero Projects/Efforts

Task: Track and support CDOT projects that focus on reducing traffic speeds & improving safety.

Priority #3: Continue to support building greenway/bike infrastructure projects that have committed funding, expedite where possible

Task: Monitor projects and pro-actively advise Council on supporting, funding and implementing bike, trail and greenway project.