PBAC Minutes 2/9/22

Member attendees: Tineke Thio, Lisa Serieyssol, Dan Rapport, Laurie Harmon, David Cohen (Council Liaison), Phil Chao, Amanda Arshan, David Kimmel, Adrian Serieyssol
Public attendees: Peter Dougherty, Motohiro Yogo

Engineering Report from Deanna Stockton: See attached from Laurie (Laurie will email this to the group.)

Comments on Report:
- suggested member of stakeholder group on the Harrison St. development to be from PHS or PMS (Either a student or an administrator) (Deanna is aware of this suggestion, as per Laurie.)
- add agenda item about bike/peds from Terhune into shopping center
- bike lanes to extend to Snowden?
- engineering dept appetite to push on Rosedale: narrower street, pavement markers, temporary fixes - who do we push for these minor fixes?
- are we in danger of losing the Grant money at Rosedale crossing?
- Suggestion of concrete pavers instead of asphalt as a more cost effective solution to repaving?
- PBAC needs to submit sidewalk list including those most urgently in need of repair
- Tineke very angry that discussion of bus stop moved from library to cemetery has not taken place and now is being told it is too late to change. Dan made a comment that the Bus 605 route had been rerouted to go to 206 to Robeson, instead of going down Witherspoon street.
- suggested ped crossing or lead pedestrian interval as a compromise for Wiggins and Paul Robeson crossing
- redesign of Palmer Square and Hulfish?
- Lisa to get info on scooters and bikes to help the engineering dept.
- invite Cindy Taylor to a meeting to discuss trail possibilities within Princeton's Open Space
- bike parking issues on Witherspoon, Hulfish, Palmer Sq needs to be part of PBAC recommendation
- need to start talking about public bike parking
- need more permanent bike parking i/o only bike corrals - on sidewalk parking
- how does the budget get distributed? sidewalks, striping, bike parking, etc. We need more cost info before we can prioritize
- timing of pedestrian activated signals on Franklin/Harrison. When is SRTS grant paperwork process complete so that sequencing can be changed?
- sidewalk and drainage issues on Linden Lane resolve? stormwater concerns
- storm management for stormwater and storm drains for bike blvds (frozen patches very dangerous for bicyclists and pedestrians)
Public Comments
- Motohiro Yogo - water collection issues on Linden Lane; PBAC expresses concern over bike/ped safety secondary to the drainage issues, and requests our support for Linden Lane improvements be forwarded to the Flood and Storm Water Commission. (Comments were forwarded to Deanna Stockton.) Note; this section is also a Bike Boulevard.

David comments
- Safe Routes to School - Council letter of support for recognition of Municipality
- Trail Summit 6/9 Mercer County
- Need more specific details on the Police Report “Top 10” crash locations, specific to bikes and pedestrians

Goal Setting
- Vision Zero grants may fund getting a consultant on board to assist with drafting action plan and outreach for public input
- Tineke to take on snow clearing as a goal - to do the research
- Tineke said that she thought DPW should have sidewalk snow clearing as part of it’s responsibilities. Feels that entire street should be cleaned of snow, if we are going to be a “Complete Street” town. (when DPW plows the roads, which they currently have to clear, they should also need to clear the snow/ice from the roads where the roads meet the sidewalk entrances) Supposedly, the snow is supposed to be cleared first, and then in 48 hours, DPW is supposed to come back and finish the ADA entrances to the roads, but this doesn’t always happen.
- brush and leaf policies need to be enforced
- enforcement officer?
- bike share at the University, Scooter Share?

Submitted by Amanda Arshan
Mount Lucas repaving:
   When is construction planned to start for the Stuart to Poor Farm section?
   *Construction is planned for Summer 2022*

   When does Engineering expect the Poor Farm to Montgomery border section to be funded and constructed?
   *This is subject to funds being made available by Council. Most likely it will not be constructed until at least 2024.*

Harrison St. Corridor Study: when will this start and how can PBAC have input?
*We are preparing the RFP, and it is on our 2022 goals and priorities. We anticipate that PBAC will be a stakeholder group. Suggest school community as a stakeholder group.*

Terhune East of Harrison: What is the timeline for paving, path improvement, and addition of bike lanes?
*We estimate that this work would occur in 2023. The development at the corner of Harrison and Terhune has not yet been seen by the Planning Board. We need to hire a consultant to design road improvements from Harrison to Grover, with sidewalk improvements on the south side being added to Meadowbrook. Bicycle lanes are proposed to be included. Will the bike lanes extend to Snowden, or will that be part of a future project?*

Rosedale: Please update on public meeting schedule.
*Mercer County is investigating some roadway improvements on Rosedale that could affect the scope of work for the SRTS project. We are not moving ahead with a public meeting about the SRTS project until Mercer County has a final proposal for their improvements. Can we push for the temporary improvements which were proposed but not implemented? Would school zone pavement markings be possible? What kind of support would be most helpful?*

Side path improvements: Is there any funding for further path improvements this year?
*We have requested funds in the 2022 capital budget. A concrete sidewalk contract is being planned, as we did not let a contract last year. We still have a list of sidpath work that is needed, so we need to see what money is available. Has anyone looked at the first cost vs. lifecycle cost for smaller pavers versus cast-in-place concrete? How much money is needed for the side path improvements?*

Cherry Valley Road: Any update on extending the bike lane markings to 206?
Montgomery Township is responsible for Cherry Valley Road from the Transco Easement to 206. They included the bike lane markings from Jefferson’s Curve to Duffy Place in a 2021 road improvement project. Montgomery held a preconstruction meeting in August 2021. Beyond that, I do not have an update.

What roads are scheduled for repaving this and next year?
2022 - Dickinson, Witherspoon (Nassau to Green Street), Locust Lane, Mount Lucas Road
2023 - Witherspoon (Green Street to Franklin Avenue), Terhune Road (Harrison to Grover),

What projects are coming up that PBAC should be aware of?
- Witherspoon Phase 2 (Green to Franklin) is in design and will be put out for bids in late summer 2022. We will be presenting the concept at the 2/14 Council meeting. 3/2/22: Ideally, there would be a separate meeting between PBAC and Witherspoon Street Engineering team to discuss Witherspoon Phase 2. Engineering team, is this possible?
- Ross Stevenson, Drakes Corner, Province Line (connection LHT?), Pretty Brook Road, and Palmer Square / Hulfish (bike parking) are all on the upcoming design list. PBAC can review the sidewalk and bicycle master plans to see if the master plan facilities are acceptable or should be reconsidered (especially for Pretty Brook and Drakes Corner).
- We need to consolidate / create bicycle regulations, including motorized bicycles and scooters. PBAC could do research on how other municipalities address the motorized bike and scooter components. Should we consider creating policy for public bike parking? There may be a transit study undertaken to investigate all of the transit options available to Princetonians and provide recommendations on how to provide better transit service.
- Open Space Manager will be working on an Environmental Resource Inventory this year, which includes trails. I’ve asked that ADA and bike access to trails be considered in the recommendations that come out of the ERI. Can we invite Cindy Taylor to attend a PBAC meeting to share plans and receive input?

Is there funding for additional bike parking for this year? If so, how many racks?
There is funding in the same account that funds sidewalk and pathway work. We plan to replace the bike racks at the Tulane Yard entrance near McLaughlins to be able to accommodate more bikes. We will also be ordering bike parking for Witherspoon once the construction proceeds to a point that we can identify parking locations.

Linden Lane sidewalk and drainage issues: are they being addressed?
Temporary sidewalk repairs were made; we’ll address permanent street tree damage to sidewalks as budgets allow. Drainage concerns are added to the list of known storm water concerns. Flood and Storm Water Commission has asked for $4 million toward drainage improvements, which is associated with other prioritized needs. The committee is very concerned about the ponding in the crosswalks at Franklin & Linden/Ewing

When can re-examination of signal timing at Harrison/Franklin and Harrison/Hamilton proceed?