

**CITY OF WINTER PARK
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting
City Commission Chambers.
401 Park Ave. S**

March 13, 2018

Present: David Erne, Jill Hamilton Buss, Marc Reicher, Tonya Mellen, Harry Barley

Absent: Duane Skage

City of Winter Park Staff: Dori Stone, Lindsey Hayes, Allison McGillis Planning and Community Development; Vanessa Balta Cook, Building and Sustainability; Don Marcotte, Butch Margraf, Keith Moore, Debbie Wilkerson, Public Works Dept.; Ofc. Anderson Police Dept.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Bike to Work Day
- Northeast Connector

I. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Call to Order: Chm. Erne called the meeting to order at 8:40 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Chm. Erne asked for approval of the February 20, 2018, work session minutes. Mr. Barley moved to approve the minutes as presented, Ms. Mellon seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

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Chair's Report – David Erne

- Chm. Erne thanked the Winter Park Police Dept. for their outstanding job during the “Bike to Work” event.
- He reminded the Board that there are two vacancies. He encouraged members to try and recruit qualified candidates to apply for the open positions. The Mayor will appoint new members at the first Commission meeting in May.
- Chm. Announced that Earth Day will take place on April 15, 2018, and the Board will be sharing a tent with ReThink. The “Bike 5 Cities” 28-Mile Ride will be held on May 5, 2018.

Due to members schedules the Board agreed to move up the Mayflower/Northeast Connector Trail presentation from Dori Stone, Director, Planning and Community Dev.

Ms. Stone reviewed the goals and objectives for the Northeast Connector. She explained the challenges with the trail as was originally proposed eight years ago. Ms. Stone presented three potential locations for the Northeast Connector trail and discussed the pros and cons, for staff, of each location. Discussion ensued regarding safety, cost of creating trail alternatives, pros and cons of each trail for users, value of

pursuing more than one trail option, the value of TAB notification, and concerns of Mayflower residents.

Location A

The alignment of this proposed trail is in the 2010 Pedestrian and Bicycle Circulation Plan. As a route, it is straightforward and provides the necessary linkage between St. Andrews Trail to the south and Lakemont Avenue. After staff reviewed the analysis and met with the Mayflower, this route became extremely challenging to complete based on the amount of impact to the Mayflower and the trail location that cuts through the Crealde campus and affects existing condominium owners. As the City Commission heard in recent testimony, the existing Mayflower owners and developers have serious concerns about this trail dividing their campus. Their main concern is safety for their residents. A buffer or fence may help mitigate concerns regarding safety. To date the neighbors have been adamant about opposing the trail, and where the trail would cross the connecting road between the single family residences and the multifamily residences there would be no fence. This type of opposition could stall or negate the ability to implement this segment of trail in the future.

Location B

This route would alleviate the concerns of dividing the Mayflower campus. The challenges in this route center on the significant amount of mature trees located along the proposed alignment. To implement this trail, a number of these trees would need to be removed. Access along the boundaries of the Interlachen Country Club would also come into play if this route were selected as an alternative.

Location C

In this option, the trail would run along Lander Road, through a City owned property, and only require a small amount of land to be dedicated to the City by the Mayflower. There is enough right-of-way along Lander Road to create a new eight (8) foot wide sidewalk and could provide improvements to the City owned property that currently houses a lift station. This option imposes minimal impact on the Mayflower and still accomplishes the intent of connectivity.

Ms. Stone responded to questions.

Staff Recommendation:

As the city funds and constructs the trails highlighted in the Winter Park Bicycle Circulation Plan, it is important to remember that flexibility is required to build the trail network. The ability to gain access to necessary right of way has become a roadblock in pursuing the current proposed trail location to complete the Mayflower Trail. Upon further evaluation staff recommends moving the trail location to Location C based on accessibility, compatibility with neighborhoods, and connectivity. Staff is recommending that the TAB support Location C as the northeast extension and revise the Pedestrian and Bicycle Circulation Plan. Once approved, staff will put together a Capital Improvement amendment to fund this and begin any regional processes necessary to find additional financial resources.

After extension discussion, Mr. Reicher moved to direct staff to negotiate for the Northeast Connector route on Location C, and future use of Location B, and delete Location A, Ms. Mellon seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

The Board presented retiring Butch Margraf with a gift to thank him for his service to the City and the Transportation Advisory Board.

Staff's Report Butch Margraf –Provided details on the following projects and responded to questions, March 13, 2018

- **St. Andrew's Trail** – License Agreement for maintaining Four Seasons owned easements was sent to attorneys of Four Seasons for Review. Agreement must be executed by City and Four Seasons Board of Directors to proceed with design and construction.
- **Ward Park/Project Wellness Trail** – An archeological survey is scheduled and required.
- **17-92 (Orlando Avenue) PD&E update** – This project was advertised for Design Phase, January 22, 2018. Design Consultant to be contracted with FDOT in June 2018.
- **Fairbanks Ave Bowling Alley Property Lane Extension** – The City has received and is reviewing the preliminary design plans.
- **Denning Drive Phase 1** – Complete.
- **Denning Drive Phase II** – Construction of Phase II east side, Fairbanks Ave to Morse Blvd, is underway.
- **17-92 at Morse Blvd. Intersection Upgrade** – Final mast arm design plans submitted to FDOT for signoff. Upon signoff mast arms will be quoted, then ordered. Construction to be scheduled upon receipt of mast arms.
- **17-92 at Canton Ave. Emergency Signal** – GPS pre-emption is being evaluated as an alternative to a traffic signal at Canton.
- **Northeast Connector** – The City met with the Mayflower and walked the property. Planning and Public Works departments met to discuss the Northeast Trail Connector route options.
- **Lakemont Ave at Westminster Towers Crosswalk Flashing Pedestrian Signals** The flashing signals, signs and crosswalk are completed.
- **Bicycle Wayfinding** – Adjustments to sign distances and destinations have been re-engineered for the pilot project. Sign updates to be scheduled.

The Board discussed Bike to Work routes for future rides.

Mr. Margraf announced that Winter Park was selected as the Bicycle Friendly Community of the Year by the Florida Bicycle Association. This will be presented at the March 26, Commission meeting.

Agenda suggestions for next meeting:

- Sidewalk Policy Update
- Transportation Projects List
- Vision Zero
- Mobility Plan

ADJOURN

Chm. Erne adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m. Next meeting is April 5, 2018.
Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Wilkerson
Recording Secretary

Appv'd May 3, 2018