



Transportation Advisory Board Minutes

November 15, 2021 at 04:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting
Winter Park, Florida

Call to Order

Vice-Chair Jeffrey Osleeb called the virtual meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Present: Michael Sasse, Jeffrey Osleeb, Katie Reischmann, and Jeffrey Sievers. Absent: Alex Trauger, Rachel Andre, and Mira Lines. Also Present: Emily Hanna with Bike Walk Central Florida. Staff: Planning & Transportation Director Bronce Stephenson, Transportation Manager Sarah Walter, Transportation Planner Keith Moore, Engineer I Hongmyung Lim, Police Sergeant Jeff Marcum, Planner III John Harbilas, Planner I Nicholas Lewis, Planning Specialist Aaron Hull, and Recording Secretary Mary Bush.

Consent Agenda

Due to there being no quorum of the Board, approval of the October 18, 2021 meeting minutes was continued to the next regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board scheduled for January 24, 2021. (Katie Reischmann, Alex Trauger, Rachel Andre, and Mira Lines were not present for the meeting minutes.)

Staff Updates

A. New York Avenue & Fairbanks Avenue Project

- a. Mr. Lim reported on the New York and Fairbanks Avenue project where the City has converted the span wire traffic signal to mass arm signals as well as repaired stormwater issues and the curb radius at each corner of the intersection. He presented photos of the southwest corner of the intersection showing the installation of the drill shaft for the new mast arm signals. He also noted an area of the same corner where an additional drill shaft installation will take place. Mr. Lim then provided an additional picture of the northeast corner where a new control signal cabinet will be installed.

Mr. Lim noted that drivers have respected the movement of the southbound left stop bar on North New York Avenue, which provides a better turn radius for busses that are coming from Fairbanks Avenue. Mr. Lim then discussed the remaining materials that are being acquired to complete the project. He also mentioned that the anticipated time frame for the completion of the project is April, but the contractors have estimated an early completion time for the beginning of February.

Vice-Chair Osleeb inquired about why this project was necessary in the first place. Mr. Lim responded that this was a Community Redevelopment Agency project that is part of a larger one called the New York Streetscape project. The New York Streetscape project will help enhance the overall pedestrian lifestyle of New York Avenue from Fairbanks Avenue to Morse Boulevard.

Mr. Sasse inquired about if directional curb ramps will be installed at the intersection and if the patterned crosswalks will be kept the way they are. Mr. Lim explained that curb ramps will be replaced as long as they follow ADA compliance and the intention is to leave the decorative crosswalks the way they are. Mr. Sasse also asked if 6-inch concrete will be placed in this area instead of 4-inch concrete due to the load of the busses that use that roadway. Mr. Lim expressed that they are following all Florida Department of Transportation procedures. Mrs. Walter added that the improvement of the intersection took into factor the turn radius of the busses when planning the improvements.

B. Killarney Parklet Project

- a. Mr. Lim reported that the Killarney Parklet project should be completed by the next Transportation Advisory Board meeting scheduled for January 24, 2021. Mr. Lim explained that they have finished light pole installations for the project. He noted that permanent boulders had to be installed as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Department due to vehicles continuing to hop the curbs of the parklet. Mr. Lim also noted that the City's arborist informed him that the project's trees have already been installed and the installation of park benches and restoration of sod are all that is left to complete for the project. The project is estimated to be completed before Thanksgiving or, at the latest, by the end of November.

C. Bike Five Cities

- a. Mr. Moore summarized the Bike Five Cities event that took place on Saturday, October 30, 2021. He noted that it was a 28-mile bicycle ride across the cities of Winter Park, Casselberry, Eatonville, Maitland, and Orlando. He stated that there were over 100 volunteers and 20 sponsors who helped over 400 participants with the event. Volunteers provided helmets, fitting booths, learning experiences on bike safety, and games for all participants. Mr. Moore provided various pictures of the event to the Board. Mrs. Walter thanked Mr. Moore for his hard work for the event on behalf of the City.

D. Multi-Modal Transportation Impact Fee

- a. Mrs. Walter reported that staff presented the Multi-Modal Transportation Impact Fee to the Planning and Zoning Board on November 2, 2021 and to the City Commission on November 10, 2021. Mrs. Walter explained that revisions were made to the proposed impact fee ordinance based on comments from the Transportation Advisory Board regarding reductions in fees, refunds, annual reporting, and audit sections. Mrs. Walter explained that the second reading of the ordinance will be heard at the City Commission regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 8, 2021.

E. Discussion of changes to upcoming Transportation Advisory Board meeting schedule.

- a. Sarah Walter discussed with the board members canceling the December Transportation Advisory Board meeting that falls during the week that leads up to Christmas and moving the January Transportation Advisory Board meeting from the third Monday to the fourth Monday due to Martin Luther King Junior holiday.

The board gave a consensus to approve the cancellation of the December meeting and to move the January meeting.

Public Comments (for items not on Agenda)

The Board heard public comment from the following resident:

Maxwell Sterns, no address provided, addressed the Board and spoke about the University of Central Florida's mass media research group. According to Mr. Sterns the group has held in-person citizen interviews about the use of media and the city of Winter Park's home website.

No one else from the public wished to speak. The public hearing was closed.

Non-Action Items

1. Bike Walk Central Florida - Best Foot Forward

Mrs. Walter introduced Emily Hanna, the Executive Director of Bike/Walk Central Florida, to speak about the Best Foot Forward program. Mrs. Walter explained that Bike/Walk Central Florida is one of the sponsors of the Bike Five Cities event and that the City has recently joined their Best Foot Forward program.

Ms. Hanna introduced herself and thanked Keith Moore for his help at the Bike Five Cities event. Ms. Hanna discussed pedestrian safety statistics in the Orlando area and the fact that Orlando is ranked number one in the most dangerous metro areas for pedestrians. She discussed the history of the original main street and how the United States transportation system became car-dependent. She mentioned that to fight the problem with pedestrian safety in the Central Florida area, the Best Foot Forward program was created in 2012. The program combined multiple municipalities in the area, including Winter Park, to establish a unified plan on how to address pedestrian safety problems. Ms. Hanna spoke on how the program has

addressed these issues by changing the culture of the drivers and pedestrians in the area. She discussed the 4 E's program that Bike Walk Central Florida implements, which educates residents on traffic laws, engineers' low-cost solutions, enforces Florida laws, and evaluates drivers' compliance. She also discussed the collection procedure of the baseline data of drivers stopping for pedestrians in the crosswalks. She noted the progress that the program has made since its implementation, which includes over 10,000 citations, 500 enforcement details, 207 crosswalks monitored, and 200 education presentations. She added that communities and individuals can help by educating people and supporting complete street projects.

Vice-Chair Osleeb thanked Ms. Hanna for the presentation and asked if data existed about the most troublesome intersections in Winter Park. Ms. Hanna responded that all the data necessary has not been collected yet be able to provide the information. Vice-Chair Osleeb also asked why Orlando has such a high pedestrian fatality rate. In response, Ms. Hanna provided her opinion on how the design and culture of the Central Florida area have played a big factor in the fatality rate.

Mr. Sasse inquired about countermeasures to help lower speeds of vehicles on roadways and not just at intersections. Ms. Hanna noted that speed management tools like road slimming and lane narrowing can be helpful tactics. Further discussion ensued regarding classification changes of areas along roadways and how future land use zoning can affect pedestrian safety. Mrs. Walter noted that changes in land use have not been the main focus by many agencies but pedestrian safety has been made a priority.

Action Items

No Action Items

Board Comments

No Board Comments

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

/s/ Aaron Hull

Approved by Board on January 24, 2022.