



City Commission Work Session Minutes

July 27, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

City Hall, Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue | Winter Park, Florida

Present

Mayor Phil Anderson, Commissioners Marty Sullivan, Sheila DeCiccio, Kris Cruzada, and Todd Weaver (Virtual); City Manager Randy Knight; Assistant City Manager Michelle del Valle and City Clerk Rene Cranis.

Also Present

City Engineer Hong Lim, Director of Public Works and Transportation Charles Ramdatt and Senior Planner Lucas Cruse of Patel, Green & Associates.

1) Call to Order

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2) Discussion Item(s)

a. Transportation Master Plan Draft

Engineer Hong Lim reviewed the background and purpose of the development of a transportation master plan that aligns with the regional Vision Zero plan. He spoke about funding, grants and prioritization of projects and tasks moving forward. Planning and transportation staff are updating the transportation section of the comp plan and the traffic and vehicle code. The Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) has approved the plan with recommendations. Mr. Lim addressed comments made at a previous meeting and informed that staff has requested FDOT look at timing of lights on SR 426 and 17-92 and the transportation team is working with the police department to develop solutions for bike/ped safety for children going to school. In response to questions, he explained FDOT plans that are part of Metroplan are not listed in this plan, but the list will be attached to the master plan.

Mr. Cruse gave an overview of projects included in the plan totaling over \$140M over 20 years: roadways, sidewalks, shared-use paths, greenway routes, crossings, roadway reconfiguration and streetscape, technology, parking (management of existing garage and on-street). He summarized implementation guidance for city plans, programs and policies, funding, and design. He noted TAB recommended adding design guidance for safety of elderly pedestrians and accommodations for future autonomous transit. He and Mr. Lim responded to questions on priorities, and sidewalk construction and costs.

Commissioner Sullivan said he would like to have more information/details on an integrated circular path with greenspace and transportation elements and greenways/connectivity to city parks. Mr. Cruse said the plan would be developed as projects within the master plan are designed and implemented. Mayor Anderson supported adding layering of the parks and connectivity to the map.

Commissioner Sullivan spoke about parking structures, which is not addressed in terms of existing conditions and could change demand for parking. He opposed spending \$18.5M on parking structures. Mr. Cruse said the immediate opportunity is to manage the existing parking supply with technology. Mr. Lim added the master plan is a working document and the project can be renamed as parking improvements.

Commissioner Cruzada referenced Map 3 which shows a population of age 65 and older Map 6 showing sidewalk inventory and asked for those maps to have additional overlays identifying pedestrian/motor vehicle accidents/intersections/sidewalks to assist the commission with prioritization. He addressed walkability, lack of sidewalks on certain streets and the difficulty pedestrians face getting to their destinations. Mr. Cruse noted the trail projects include making north and south connections from Cady Way Park up to Aloma and connecting to different parts of the city without pedestrians having to be on busy streets. Commissioner Weaver spoke about challenges residents face trying to cross Lee Road. Mr. Cruse noted the plan identifies crossing needs in that area.

Mayor Anderson referred to greenway projects (Map 20) and would like to label the connections to different trails stressing need for trail from Brewer Curve to Cady Way. He would like to see an illustration of the long-term plan that can be shared with the community. Mr. Lim said there may be a route that can be developed by the Brewer Curve bridge to Osceola and Mizell and connect to Lakemont. He noted that TAB has also requested a bike/ped map for residents and Mr. Cruse said a bike map has been included in the TMP as Priority 1 in the Shared Use Path & Greenway Projects table.

Mayor Anderson noted the southern greenway route needs to include the path through Baldwin Park and back up Lakemont to Cady Way. Mr. Ramdatt said a map can be added that shows regional trail connections to Winter Park trails.

Mayor Anderson spoke about pedestrian/bicycle overpasses and referenced the budget item for a crossing at 17-92. Mr. Lim said the idea for the overpass came about in discussions with FDOT, a developer, and the City of Maitland about renovations for the bridge over 17-92. The project is not being considered by FDOT for 5-10 years.

Commissioner Sullivan asked if consideration was given to pedestrian crossings at bus stops. Mr. Cruse responded yes, higher volume areas through downtown were considered and relate to recommended crossings.

Mayor Anderson reiterated he would like a marketing piece on the regional path system.

Mr. Ramdatt said the plan will be updated on a regular basis and technology will be emphasized and used wherever possible. Staff will continue to pursue grant opportunities.

Mayor Anderson spoke about financing/bond issuance and said over the next few months the commission should consider what projects may need to be done sooner than others. Mr. Ramdatt said staff is working on ways to combine stormwater and other infrastructure projects that can be completed at the same time. Commissioner DeCiccio stressed the importance of improving sidewalks, especially in the area of schools that walk or bike to school. Mr. Lim said a resolution may be needed for full adoption of the Vision Zero action plan once completed.

Mr. Lim informed Metro Plan's Vision Zero Safety Action Plan will identify and rank safety issues and municipalities may jointly apply for grants. A resolution may be needed at some point in order to participate.

Mayor Anderson asked that the Greenways and school safety plan be the initial projects started once the plan is adopted.

3) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Mayor Phillip M. Anderson

ATTEST:

City Clerk Rene Cranis