

Final Minutes CSAC – December 9th at 3:00 pm – Virtual Meeting

1. Call to Order – Time: 3:15PM
 - Members Present:
 - Chair Robert Dennison, Vice Chair John Grossbohlín, Sarah Wenk, Andi Turco-Levin
 - City Staff Present:
 - Greg Krupp, Kristen Wilson, Emily Flynn
 - Public Present:
 - Anonymous Caller
2. Welcome Guests and Public Comment
 - None submitted.
3. Review and Approval of June 2020 minutes
 - Motion by John Grossbohlín, Seconded by Sarah Wenk
 - Minutes approved - 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstain
4. Old Business
 - a. Project update discussion
 - Broadway Streetscape –
 - Soft shutdown for the winter.
 - Will continue work on sidewalk vaults throughout winter.
 - I-587 Roundabout –
 - Currently in phase 3 for winter shutdown.
 - Underground utilities will be finished before winter shutdown, with surface improvements remaining for Spring.
 - Empire State Trail (Boulevard to Greenkill)

- Contract is being closed out by NYSDOT and transferring maintenance to the City.
- John G. –
 - There should be sharrows in the southbound lane.
 - Rumble strips in the shoulder on Boulevard are in poor location for cyclists (to the outside of the fog line), reducing the shoulder width for cyclists.
 - Kristen – City requested rumble strip in order to keep traffic from drifting into the shoulder. However, plan indicates them on the fog line, not to the outside.
 - Bob – Worth mentioning the discrepancies between the rumble strips installed vs. plan to the engineer-in-charge before they close out.
- Sarah – The crossing by Energy Square is troublesome. Motorists don't honor pedestrians.
 - Brian – Saugerties increased enforcement around crosswalks, which was effective in training motorists.
- Hudson River Brickyard Trail –
 - Construction ~99% done, with a punch list to finish before soft opening.
 - Soft opening this Winter, with bigger opening of the trail in the Spring.
- Uptown Transportation Improvements
 - Public meeting a few weeks ago, project currently in public comment period.
 - Comment encouraged on preliminary plans via Engage Kingston
 - John – UTI does not accommodate cyclists enough.
 - The improvements between John St and Albany Ave are strictly for motorists and pedestrians.

- The intersection at Washington and Schwenk Drive is difficult for cyclists to maneuver and the proposed alternate does not address this. The shared use path does not improve this intersection in the way bike lanes might.

b. eBike & eScooter Draft Policy Discussion

- Ashokan Rail Trail permits eBikes & eScooters.
- WVRT limits to pedal-assist.
- John G – Kingston shouldn't be different than any other municipality along the Empire State Trail from a touring perspective. Adopt the state standards so someone traveling through does not encounter different restrictions
- Robert – With everyone in agreement, we should take this off the agenda.

c. Conversions of signals to stop signs update

- Andi – The Washington Ave & Pearl conversion is problematic, as motorists are not stopping at stop signs.
- Brian –
 - All the recommended conversions from the Creighton Manning study were enacted by the City.
 - Recommendations included a method (based on MUTCD) for removing a signal
 - Public notification, phased approach to conversion, and continued study after conversion
 - Lack of repainting at certain intersections has added to some confusion (i.e. Pearl and Washington). The intersections that have been repainted are functioning well (i.e. Linderman and Washington).

- The likelihood of crashes does increase in transition period. However, the severity of crashes decreases compared to signals.
- Enforcement/police presence is necessary. The County has reached out to Chief Tinti regarding this, and police presence has increased on Washington Ave.
- UCTC will be monitoring these intersections for a year post-treatment.
 - Minimum of 6 months before UCTC has data to analyze these intersections.
- John – positive experience with the conversion, specifically traffic calming on Washington Ave.
- Sarah – Thinks it is largely going well from a pedestrian perspective. Pearl is the most problematic of the conversions.
 - Flags are critical until intersections are all repainted.

d. Complete Streets Outreach & Education

- Empire State Trail traffic incident
 - No comment from Chief Tinti yet.
 - Further investigation forthcoming by DOT.
- General city-wide bicycle infrastructure
 - Kristen – Staff is working on an outreach plan with GPI for Broadway specifically. Planning to reutilize existing content and producing new content specific to our infrastructure.
 - Brian – UCTC has had proposals for safety outreach program, and has currently stated it as a priority.
 - UCTC can help in developing materials and funding some aspects of the outreach.

- The new UPWP will put resources to this effort, which could be used to hire outreach consultants.

e. Quarry Street

- Touch base with NYSDOT regarding painting Quarry St.

5. New Business

- None stated.

6. Announcements/Communication /Events /Updates

- Henry St Public Meeting – Wednesday 12/16 at 12:00PM
 - New preliminary design alternative with 6' sidewalks in lieu of previously proposed shared-use paths.
- Ed Norman has been responding to the issue with the sidewalk on Wurts St (see previous minutes).
 - Lien on property forthcoming if issue is not resolved.
- Connect Mid-Hudson Transit Study Presentation – Thursday 12/10 6:00PM
 - Will highlight, among other things, recommendations for micro-mobility (van pools, etc.) to provide service where there are gaps in Ulster County (rural areas)

7. Adjournment

- Brian Slack motioned, Andi seconded.
- 4:20 PM