

## City of Charleston Bike-Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

### Meeting Minutes

#### March 28, 2019 Meeting

Attending: Councilman Mike Seekings, Stephen Zukis, David Lewin, Ian Mills, Katie Zimmerman, Nina Magnesson, Marijana Boone, Rusty Griffith, Matt Moldenhauer, Keith Benjamin (City), Allen Davis (City)

Councilman Seekings calls meeting to order

Discussion on bike and pedestrian project lists provided by City and Charleston County

- Keith B. introduces project lists, and reviews specific projects and funded initiatives within the City Traffic & Transportation (T&T) Department's jurisdiction.
- Marijana B. notes that although a grant staffer has been hired by the City, this person is not is not fully dedicated to identifying bike-ped grant opportunities (as was identified previously as a priority by the City BPAC).
- A question was raised about the BPAC's previously identified priority for the City T&T to hire a transportation engineer / mobility expert. This position may be funded by the mid-year surplus.

Discussion on BUILD Grant (for Ashley River crossings and related connections):

- M. Moldenhauer inquired about the ability to use County funds previously dedicated to the BUILD Grant for other connectivity projects within the scope of the BUILD project.
  - Clarification by Keith B.: \$3 million in County funds would provide a match for the BUILD Grant, if awarded, but were specifically to be dedicated (by direction of County Council) to construction of the crossing. Asking Council to consider allowing this funding to be used for other related projects/studies could potentially hinder the project.
  - Monies (City or County) spent (e.g., on design, permitting, environmental studies, etc.) prior to being awarded the grant will not be considered as part of the match.
- Clarification on the recommended direction for City \$?
- Mayor has directed city staff to reapply for the BUILD Grant, pending its announcement on April 15, 2019.
- There was a desire expressed to get cities of Charleston and North Charleston and Charleston County together to discuss strategy.
- It is noted that Omaha, Nebraska has an excellent example of a dedicated bike-pedestrian bridge.

Resolution

- Resolution alternatives drafted by Katie Z. and Matt M. were merged for consideration at this meeting of the BPAC.
  - Consistent with BUILD Grant request Resolution shall identify three bridges for improved connectivity: (1) the West Ashley – Downtown connection (alongside the Legare Bridge), (2) the West Ashley – James Island Connection (Wappoo Cut crossing), and (3) the West Ashley – North Charleston Connection (at the North Bridge).
  - It was noted that the resolution should be simplified to include about “three whereas’ and two asks”.

- Katie Z., Matt M., Aaron H., and Keith B. to meet and discuss simplification of the draft resolution.

#### Subcommittees

- Katie Z. read-off subcommittee names and members proposed in email sent previously to BPAC by Aaron H. Keith B. explained reasoning behind the three subcommittee designations, to include: “Design”, “Engagement/Enforcement”, and “Finance/Grants”
  - BPAC verbally agreed to the subcommittee assignments previously proposed.
- Subcommittees were asked/permitted to meet during the month between regularly scheduled bi-monthly Full BPAC meetings.
- A staff member(s) will be assigned to each BPAC subcommittee, will attend each official subcommittee meeting, and each official meeting shall be advertised to the public at least 24-hours in advance of the meeting date/time, in accordance with City ordinance.
- Subcommittees shall work to develop mission statements in advance of the May 2019 Full BPAC meeting, to share with the full committee for review.

Motion to Adjourn by M. Moldenhauer seconded by David L.