



SARATOGA SPRINGS COMPLETE STREETS ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

MAY 12, 2022

5:00 P.M.

ZOOM MEETING

MEETING MINUTES ARE NOT A WORD-FOR-WORD TRANSCRIPT.

CALL TO ORDER:

Ken Grey called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT-15 MINUTES

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- 4/14/2022

No formal minutes from the 4/14/2022 meeting.

DISCUSSION OF UNION AVENUE RFP

Tina Carton discussed the five engineering consultant responses to the Union Avenue RFP. The following consultants responded: C&S Engineers, \$357,791.00; JMT of New York, Inc., \$91,705.00; Greenman Pedersen, Inc., \$148,000.00; Creighton Manning Engineering, LLP, \$49,848.00; and Barton & Loguidice, D. P. C., \$91,217.00. The main considerations were cost, time of completion, understanding of what is needed for completion and capacity to work interdepartmentally with city staff.

After discussing each proposal, the committee would like to interview Creighton Manning and JMT of NY. The committee would like the consultant to address a number of questions including:

- How will the project address ADA Compliance?
- Describe methods and solutions for separation of bike lanes from traffic.
- Will your services include projections for the ongoing maintenance costs and requirements as well as implementation costs and expected future capital equipment costs?
- Can your firm expedite the schedule to be complete the design by February 1, 2023? This will allow the project implementation to be scheduled for the summer of 2023.
- Is the implementation of the project within the existing curb lines or are other modifications expected?
- Can the project be implemented in a phased approach?
- What equipment will be necessary to implement and upkeep the project?

These questions will be sent to the consultants prior to the in-person meetings in order for them to prepare. Tina Carton will schedule the meetings and invite Chair of the CSAB, the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor, as well as staff in the Department of Public Works and Public Safety.

UPDATED ON THE ADA TRANSITION PLAN

The City has an ADA Transition Plan Working Group in place. Membership includes the School District, Library, Downtown Business Association, Saratoga Housing Authority, Saratoga Springs Public Library, Saratoga Senior Center, and City staff from various departments.

The City received grant funding through Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC) to progress ADA planning in the community. The purpose of the ADA Transition Plan is to ensure that the City of Saratoga Springs pedestrian infrastructure in the public right-of-way is accessible for everyone, including people with disabilities. The City has made a significant and long-term commitment to improving the accessibility of their pedestrian facilities in the public-right-of-way.

Through the grant, all pedestrian infrastructure in the public right-of-way has been identified and evaluated including curb ramps, sidewalks, crosswalks, pedestrian signals, pedestrian accessible transit stops, as well as city-owned multi-use trails that are paved. CDTC created a Heat Map to show priority areas. They also provided a schedule and cost of fixing problematic areas. The plan's goal is improvement of 2 miles of sidewalk compliance each year. It would take approximately 9.85 years to complete. Total Capital Improvement Estimated to be \$3,396,759.12.

The next step is for the City to provide final review and then move the City Council to approve the plan at a future City Council meeting.

SARATOGA WILTON CONNECTOR TRAIL

CDTC and CDRPC have provided the City, Saratoga County and the Town of Wilton with the draft plan. A following up meeting was held to discuss edits to the document. CDTC is updating the plan based on the feedback.

ZIM SMITH TRAIL

The Zim Smith Trail was recently featured on Parks and Trails website. Saratoga County asked for funding from the NYSDOT transportation improvement program. It received 500K for design phase. A Feasibility Study has been completed already by GPI (details potential right of way) for routes.

SKIDMORE MASTER PLAN

Recently, Skidmore hosted a Trail cleanup day. Two pickup trucks worth of garbage were taken from trail/woods. The committee discussed potential trails on both Glenn Mitchell Road and Clinton Street. Skidmore recently approved funding to improve the parking area near at the entrance off of North Broadway. A Skidmore Campus master plan will be distributed soon.

INFRASTRUCTURE MEETING

The Infrastructure Committee ranked rerouting trucks that travel through city and getting them off of Broadway as the second highest priority. There is also a goal of slowing traffic. Erin Maciel discussed how through Funding under Safe Streets for All Act the City can request funds for a comprehensive safety action plan. The goal of a study could be to distinguish trucks with local connections (deliveries) vs cut through. Other ideas include the use of a patrol officer for enforcement.

The committee agreed to discuss the downtown extender in detail at the next meeting.

ADJOURN

The meeting was officially adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 1 4TH AT 5 PM.