

Engineering & Evaluation Sub-Committee Report

Committee Information

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| Committee Name: | Engineering & Evaluation | Committee Members NOT Present: | Eoin Sheil |
| Committee Members Present: | Caitlin Tobin, Michael Trivette, Liza Pratt, Keith Sorrensen (CDOT Staff) | Date of Last Committee Meeting: | March 16, 2021 |

BAC Meeting Minutes

- Committee discussed SMP and Town Hall Schedule
 - Caitlin and Liza both noted that they couldn't find schedules online for the Town Hall meetings
 - Keith offered to check in on the status of the meetings being planned
 - Jaime and Caitlin offered to work off line and coordinate someone from the subcommittee attending all of the Town Hall meetings
- Jaime brought up the CLT 2040 Comp Plan and that the City seems to be having meetings/listening sessions almost daily.
 - The subcommittee discussed that there was initial push back from the public around single family housing and zoning
 - The subcommittee agreed to recommend the larger BAC write of letter of support for the 2040 CompPlan- The plan is supposed to go to adoption in April/May
 - Liza to take lead on a draft letter of support for April subcommittee and BAC meeting
- Subcommittee discussed future bond and budget ask
 - Caitlin will send around the initial peer city research the sub committee did last year on what similar cities are budgeting for bike infrastructure
 - Caitlin asked all committee members to try to identify one more City and look up their bicycle program budgets to add to the research
 - Mike to look up Denver spending on Bike
- Subcommittee discussed the maintenance issues with bike lanes/trails around Charlotte
 - Mike to take the lead on researching needs and drafting a letter
 - Keith: Storm Water indicated that each street gets swept twice per year.
 - Key elements of the letter:
 - Outline why bike facility maintenance is important (Safety, usefulness, return on investment)
 - Highlight what other peer cities do to maintain bike facilities
 - Outline what additional resources are needed (Equipment, staff, budget etc)
 - Resources:
 - <https://sf.streetsblog.org/2018/06/13/san-francisco-gets-vision-zero-street-sweepers/>
 - <https://nacto.org/Downsized-Street-Maintenance-Vehicles/>
- Jaime reminded everyone to review and put comments into the Bicycle Priority Network Map before the deadline in April.
 - <https://tooledesign.github.io/L0018-Charlotte-Moves/#map>
 - The subcommittee discussed the best use of our comments:
 - Check that the routes are aligning with the outlined Framework
 - Check that routes make sense for the areas we are familiar with
 - Priorities should be identified by the public

STANDING PRIORITIES/AGENDA:

Priority #1: Prioritize the expansion of Protected Bike Lanes & Improve Connectivity in the bike network

- **Task:** Monitor Comprehensive Plan/Strategic Mobility Plan (SMP) and support plan adoption.

- **Sub-Task:** Encourage and support a robust public engagement and comment on the development of the Bicycle Priority network plan map
- **Sub-Task:** BAC subcommittee members commit to attending the SMP Town Hall meetings expected in Spring 2021.

- **Task:** *Support funding projects that improve biking in the City.*
 - **Sub-Task:** Research and advise on funding request for bike program (how much is the ask?) for next bond cycle 2022
 - **Sub-Task:** Write a letter and continue to advise council to support the Uptown CycleLink.
 - **Sub-Task:** Monitor and educate Council on how implemented facilities are being used.

- **Task:** *Research potential strategies and resources for improving/implementing a bike facility maintenance program.*

Priority #2: Support VisionZero Projects/Efforts

- **Task:** *Track and support CDOT projects that focus on reducing traffic speeds & improving safety.*

Priority #3: Continue to support building greenway/bike infrastructure projects that have committed funding, expedite where possible

- **Task:** *Monitor projects and pro-actively advise Council on supporting, funding and implementing bike, trail and greenway project.*