



MUNICIPAL SERVICES, FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
Council Chambers B, Keene City Hall
February 21, 2024
6:00 PM

A. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Petition - East Side Residents - Traffic Calming on East-side Keene Streets
2. Luca Paris/Greater Monadnock Collaborative - Request to Use Parking Spaces - Classic Cars - May 5, 2024
3. Support for Downtown Improvement Project - Multimodal Design Concepts - Bicycle Pedestrian Path Advisory Committee

B. MORE TIME ITEMS

NON PUBLIC SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

ATTN: Don Lussier, City Engineer
Jesse Rounds, Community Development Director
Steven Stewart, Police Chief
Roadway Safety Action Plan Committee
MFSI Committee Members

Cc: Elizabeth Dragon
Patty Little

Re: Request for Traffic Calming on East-side Keene Streets

Street vehicle speed is of great concern to residents of East Keene. On Water Street, vehicles traveling eastbound pass through the narrow corridor in front of American House and tend to accelerate as the visible travel space widens due to the lack of curb strip trees and the increased setback of the buildings, as well as in anticipation of the hill ahead. Likewise, vehicles traveling west down the hill tend to accelerate over the same stretch, coming down the hill with the visibility of the roadway ahead. Perceptions of increased speed on Carpenter, Valley, South Lincoln, and Church Streets as well as the exodus from Victoria Street also raise issues of safety.

We recognize that this is a qualitative measurement of the situation. We ask that a speed measurement device – “silent policeman” be deployed on these streets so proper quantitative data can be obtained. Assuming the data supports our sense of the problem, we would then look for traffic-calming features to be installed in this area. The types of calming could easily be incorporated with tree installation, better bike lane striping, and crosswalk repainting. A speed table or other feature may be appropriate. Chicanes or traffic shifts would also be options as the City entertains the possibility of on-street parking.

The actual design is yet to come of course! Please contact us as soon as possible regarding the first steps of traffic speed measurement via an appropriate device.

By copy of this letter to the City Clerk, we ask that this request be given immediate attention and placed on the agenda for the next MFSI meeting, as well as the ad hoc Roadway Safety Committee.

Thank you for your attention,



Clayton Norton
(Clayton Norton)

(Timothy Jordan)

Robert C. Hamm

Sandra Hamm
(Krishni Pahl)

February 12, 2024

To honorable Mayor and City Councilors,

We are looking to create the event Crusin' Mainstreet with Monadnock Ford as our main sponsor. We want to bring 60 to 80 classic cars to Mainstreet in Keene Nh and bring folks from all over the region and beyond to explore our Mainstreet while checking out classic cars from all eras. After many years we feel it is the right time to bring it back!

When: Sunday May 5th, 2024 from 8 am to 130 pm.

We are asking to take over a spot and a half per car that signs up from the event, and being on a Sunday we understand we have a chance to bring numerous people downtown on the first weekend in the spring after Keene state has left for the year.

We would start setting up at 6 am for the cars and be ready for them, and cars would start arriving from 8 am and leave around 130/2pm. We would leave downtown before evening and leave a minimal footprint afterwards, except many people still in the area.

We have met with City Staff, and they will be available to answer any questions.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions, please contact Luca Paris *at 603-209-8885*

Sincerely,



President/CEO - Great Monadnock Collaborative
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CITY OF KEENE NEW HAMPSHIRE

ITEM #A.3.

Meeting Date: February 21, 2024
To: Municipal Services, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee
From: William Schoefmann, Mapping Technician
Through: Jesse Rounds, Community Development Director
Subject: **Support for Downtown Improvement Project - Multimodal Design Concepts
- Bicycle Pedestrian Path Advisory Committee**

Recommendation:

Accept this letter as informational

Attachments:

1. 1-12-24 Letter to New Mayor and Councilors - Multimodal Design Concepts

Background:

At the Bicycle Pedestrian Path Advisory Committee's (BPPAC) regular monthly meeting on January 10, 2024, the BPPAC unanimously approved the sending of a letter highlighting supporting points of the multimodal improvements recommended by City Council for the Downtown Infrastructure Project.

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathway Advisory Committee

DATE: January 12, 2024

RE: Support for Downtown Improvements Project Multimodal Design Concepts

Dear mayor and members of the council,

As we usher in a new year with a new mayor and new council members, the downtown infrastructure project remains an important endeavor for all of us in the city to address together. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Path Advisory Committee (BPPAC) wishes to emphasize our support for a design which makes our streets and sidewalks more safe for both pedestrians and cyclists, while enhancing infrastructure for multimodal transportation options. BPPAC supports a design that widens sidewalks, creates protected bike lanes on Main Street, maximizes safety, and calms motorized traffic, while thoughtfully replacing (if not increasing) the number of trees lost as a result of construction.

- Multimodal Design Concepts (i.e., Bike, Ped, and Wheelchair friendly) support the local economy by raising property values, reducing transportation expenses (thereby freeing up disposable income), increasing local business activity, and helping to attract young, talented workers. Our downtown also lies at the center of an extensive rail trail network, creating substantial potential for tourist activity associated with walking and cycling. This potential was well documented in a report authored by UNH Cooperative Extension, which was accepted by City Council's Municipal Services, Facilities, and Infrastructure Committee in April 2022.
- Multimodal Design Concepts help create a downtown that welcomes everyone no matter your age or ability. Whether you're an older adult using a mobility aid, a wheelchair user, a parent pushing a stroller, or a kid riding a bike, downtown should be a place that you can safely and conveniently navigate.
- Multimodal Design Concepts help fight climate change. In the United States, transportation is the leading source of greenhouse gas emissions, largely from personal vehicles. Vehicle electrification on its own will not be enough to meet the city's official goal of achieving net zero carbon emission in all sectors, including transportation, by 2050.
- Multimodal Design Concepts improve the experience of motorists. Walkable and bikeable environments can benefit drivers too. If more people choose to walk and bike downtown because it's safe, enjoyable, and convenient, that means fewer cars on the road and less congestion. Also, let's remember that every motorist is also at some point a pedestrian during their journey to downtown stores and restaurants.
- Multimodal Design Concepts help us connect as a community, while helping our businesses. During the expected 2-3 year construction period, Main St. and local businesses will most easily be accessed on bike and foot. Designing and installing multimodal access on the new Main Street will ensure patrons (and store owners that rely on them) can continue to access downtown using various forms of transportation.

Sincerely,



Drew Bryenton, Acting Chair on behalf of all members of BPPAC