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Transportation

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Movability Advisory Committee (MAC) – Wednesday, September 28, 2021 10:30 a.m.

Present Members:

Eleanor Byrd – West Hickory, Transit Advisory Board (Catawba Co.)

"Todder" Natosha Clark - Ridgeview Rec Center (Catawba Co.)

Lynn Dorfman – NW Hickory Cyclist (Catawba Co.)

Johnny Scott – CVCC (Catawba Co.)

Pam Cook – NCDOT TPD/ TCC (all four counties)

Dean Ledbetter – Division 12 Corridor Development Engineer (Alexander and Catawba)

Stephen Sparks – Division 13 Corridor Development Engineer (Burke County)

Mike Norris – McGill Associates (Caldwell County)

Present WPCOG Members:

Averi Ritchie – Transportation Planner/ADA Coordinator Duncan Cavanaugh – Transportation Planner/Data Analyst Emma Stogner – Transportation Technician

Notes from Meeting:

- How MAC is supporting environmental changes within the region problem areas identified at last meeting, audit results, and supporting data: Ms. Ritchie covered the results of the walking audits conducted by WPCOG staff. Staff looked at roads described by MAC members as being particularly hazardous to pedestrians and mapped/photographed some examples of problem areas. Ms. Ritchie identified recommendations and NCDOT repaying schedules on each road using Ms. Stogner's interactive map. Ms. Stogner's interactive map covers bike, pedestrian, and transit recommendations included in adopted plans, NCDOT resurfacing schedules, existing sidewalk, transit routes, and more. The map can be found on MAC's website. Ms. Ritchie explained that smaller items such as bike lanes, curb ramp improvements, and crosswalks can be achieved during repaying as long as NCDOT approves and is notified before the contract let date. Ms. Ritchie contacted 3 NCDOT engineers prior to the meeting to discuss repaving schedules. Discussed roadways from meetings 1 and 2 are listed below. Please refer to Attachment II for adopted recommendations, walk audit findings, and road resurfacing information. Ms. Ritchie noted that both meetings have had more of a Hickory focus, however, input regarding the bike, pedestrian, and transit needs in each MAC member's home/work location is encouraged. MAC input helps guide our research, potential project ideas, and field trip locations.
 - Springs Road
 - o 29th St
 - Kool Park Road
 - Sandy Ridge Road
 - o Roads around the Ridgeview Recreation Center in the Ridgeview Community

- Additional problem areas Ms. Clark and Dr. Scott suggested 20th St NE and Ms. Dorfman suggested roads around Lenoir Rhyne University. The group asked that they be included on a walking audit on 20th St NE. Ms. Ritchie said that she would plan an audit for late October or early November.
- How MAC is supporting policy changes within the region repaying schedules & adopted plans in coordination with problem areas, LAPP methodology, environmental justice and Title VI: Ms. Ritchie explained the Locally Administered Project Program (LAPP) and its role in funding local bicycle, pedestrian, transit, and smaller roadway and intersection projects within the four county region. Ms. Ritchie covered the current LAPP methodology used to prioritize projects and award funding. Since this funding source is expected to become more competitive, Ms. Ritchie asked MAC members for suggestions regarding LAPP methodology. Mr. Norris and Mr. Ledbetter recommended not awarding application points when municipalities give more than a 20 percent financial match. They feel that this could create a system that favors larger municipality projects. Ms. Stogner replied that larger municipalities have higher populations and that larger municipalities may need more projects than smaller urbanized areas. Mr. Ledbetter also felt that the "proximity to school" category could be changed to "connects homes to school". He feels that, in order to best serve the people, mobility connections should be improved connecting to the school and not just near it. Ms. Ritchie felt that the methodology should mirror that of complete street goals and objectives. Complete streets is a transportation policy and design approach that requires streets to be planned, designed, operated and maintained to enable safe, convenient and comfortable travel and access for users of all ages and abilities regardless of their mode of transportation.
- Next Steps Next steps include the walk audit with the group, LAPP methodology updates, and meetings with municipalities regarding short term project ideas. Ms. Ritchie mentioned that the WPCOG is interested in looking at interactive maps and/or phone applications for citizens to document mobility hazards.

Next Meeting Date:

The group decided that doodle poll is the best way to determine meeting dates. The walking audit will be held in late October, however, the next committee meeting will be held in December.



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Problem Road	Extent	Adopted Plan Recommendations	Existing Sidewalk	Resurfacing Schedule	Major Audit Find Bus Route Bus Stop					Title VI District Engin	eer Possible Resolution
		Bike lane recommended from Cloninger Mill Rd to		Resurfacing 2020/partially							
		21st Ave NE, Sidewalks Recommended from Snow Creek Rd NE to entire		2021		Route 7					
Sandy Ridge Rd (16th	St NE 29th Ave Dr to the river at 16th St Dr	N length	Small portion that lines up with bus route and corner of 29th Ave Dr NE	(already paved)		&2	Yes	Catawba No		Yes	
		Sidewalks recommended on entire stretch, greenway recommended from									
29th Ave Dr NE	Sandy Ridge to Springs Rd NE	N Center St to McDonald Prkwy	none	Resurfacing 2021 - not let		Route 7	yes	Catawba No		Yes	Crosswalk near intersection with Springs R
					unsafe driveway						Look at intersection of Springs Rd
					cuts						and 29th/24th - very unsafe
Springs Road	Section House Rd to Highland Ave NE	Greenway recommended, sidewalk recommended, bike signage recommer	nde 14th St Pl NE to 26th St Dr NE - most sidewalk is very unsafe and could use	rep Resurfacing 2020 (already p		Route 7 8	& 2 yes	Catawba No		Yes	Address curb ramps and driveway cuts
					ped path in grass						
					next to road						
					very low income						
					area in need						
					of safe walking and						
Kool Park Road	Springs Rd to Section House Rd	Sidewalk recommended along entire stretch, greenway recommended	none	none scheduled	biking options	none	none	Catawba No		Yes	
Ridgeview Commi	unity Roads:										
Mageview commi	The state of the s										Curb ramp upgrades, detectable warnings
											possible crosswalks
1st St SW	7th Ave SW to 8th Ave Dr SW	No adopted recommendations	Existing sidewalk along entire stretch	none scheduled	poor curb ramps	none	none	Catawba No		Yes	Bike lanes?
S Center Street	7th Ave SE to 2nd St SE	sharrows recommended	Existing sidewalk along entire stretch	none scheduled	incomplete audit	Route 1	yes	Catawba no	+	ves	incomplete audit
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7th Ave SW	1st St SW to 3rd St SW	Greenway planned	existing sidewalk along entire stretch, existing sharrows	none scheduled	poor curb ramps	route 1	ves	Catawba no		ves	Bike lanes?
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											possible crosswalks
3rd St SW	7th Ave SW to 8th Ave Dr SW	No adopted recommendations	existing sidewalk along entire stretch	none scheduled	poor curb ramps	none	none	Catawba no		ves	Bike lanes?
					poor our or rompo				_	,,,,,	Curb ramp upgrades, detectable warnings
											possible crosswalks
8th Ave Dr SW	1st St SW to 3rd St SW	No adopted recommendations	existing sidewalk along entire stretch	none scheduled	poor curb ramps	none	none	Catawba no		ves	Bike lanes?
4th St SW	7th Ave SW to US 70	Greenway planned, sidewalk recommended on portions	existing sidewalk along most	none scheduled	incomplete audit	route 1	yes	Catawba no		yes	incomplete audit
	NC 127 N just repaved, NC 127 S - Mt	tn sidewalks recommended from Zion Church Rd to Bethel Church Rd,									
NC 127	View - Bethel Church Rd to HWY 10	greenways recommend on NC 127 N	existing sidewalk along NC 127 N	NC 127 S, not let	incomplete audit			Catawba no		yes	incomplete audit
	Not let										
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