

#### BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN PATH ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Wednesday, October 11,

2023 8:15-9:30 AM

2<sup>nd</sup> floor Conference Room 3 Washington St, City Hall

### Members:

Drew Bryenton, Chair Todd Horner, Vice Chair Andrew Madison, Councilor Dillon Benik Jan Manwaring Michael Davern Dr. Rowland Russell

Dr. Chris Brehme, Alternate Charles Redfern, Alternate Janelle Sartorio, Alternate Sam Jackson, Alternate Autumn DelaCroix, Alternate

- 1) Call to Order and Roll Call
- 2) June 14, 2023 and September 13, 2023 Minutes
- 3) Safety and Outreach Working Group
- 4) Membership
- 5) Project Priorities Wrap up
- 6) Regular Project Updates
- 7) Volunteer Opportunitiesa. Fall Fun-Ride Kickoff (Sunday 10/22, 3pm)b. Trail clean ups (planned)
- 8) Old Business

   a. Downtown Infrastructure Project Updates
- 9) New Business- Items to be included for next meeting
- 10) More Time
  NHDOT North/South Bridge Signs
  Kiosk Map Updates
  Public Art and the Trails Update
  BPPAC Website
  Bike/Pedestrian Counts (Report out in November)
- 11) Adjournment Next meeting date – November 8, 2023

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| 6      | <u>1</u>                 | MEETING MINUTES                       | 8                                      |
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|        | Wednesday, June 14, 2023 | 8:15 AM                               | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, |
|        | -                        |                                       | City Hall                              |
|        | <u>Members Present:</u>  | <u>Staff Pre</u>                      | esent:                                 |
|        | Drew Bryenton, Chair     | William                               | Schoefmann, GIS Technician             |
|        | Todd Horner, Vice Chair  | Don Luss                              | sier, City Engineer                    |
|        | Dillon Benik             | Andy Bo                               | hannon, Parks & Recreation             |
|        | Jan Manwaring            | Director                              |  |
|        | Michael Davern           | Kürt Blo                              | mquist, Public Works                   |

#### **Guest Present:**

Director/ACM

Diana Duffy Andrew Bower

#### Members Not Present:

Dr. Rowland Russell

Charles Redfern, Alternate Sam Jackson, Alternate

Janelle Sartorio, Alternate Councilor Andrew Madison Dr. Chris Brehme, Alternate

Autumn DelaCroix, Alternate

### 10 1) Call to Order and Roll Call

11 Chair Bryenton called the meeting to order at 8:18 AM.

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### 13 2) Approval of May 10, 2023 minutes

With no edits or corrections, Chair Bryenton asked for a motion to approve the May 10, 2023
minutes. Dr. Rowland Russell motioned to approve with a second from Mr. Dillon Benik. With

16 unanimous approval, the motion passed and the May 10, 2023 minutes were approved.

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### 18 3) Jeff Speck Workshop Opportunity Follow-up

19 Chair Bryenton noted that it was great to see a number of the other members at the workshop.

20 Ms. Sam Jackson shared that she thought Mr. Jeff Speck was great. She thought he did a great

21 job at keeping attention by making it entertaining to listen to.

22 Dr. Russell noticed there were several people there that have not been present in any of the

23 previous meetings. Mr. Todd Horner shared that he has a couple of neighbors that have not been

24 plugged into the conversation. He was surprised at the number of people that are just realizing

there is a project underway.

- 26 Mr. Benik asked if it was well attended and Mr. Horner responded that there was approximately
- 27 150 people there. Ms. Jan Manwaring shared there were a number of councilors there. She
- spoke with Mike Giacomo briefly and he seemed quite impressed with some of the new ideas.
- 29 Dr. Russell noted that the closure of Washington Street closure seemed to start conversation and
- 30 get people thinking. Chair Bryenton noted that the single lane with turnaround idea seemed to be 31 immediately dismissed.
- 32 Dr. Russell felt the presentation to be an affirmation of what the group has been advocating since
- the beginning.
- 34 Mr. Horner felt the presentation was particularly effective because of the presenter challenging
- everyone, no matter where they fell in their opinion. An example was people obsess over the
- number of parking spaces on Main Street and he made a conscientious effort to preserve all those
- 37 spaces in one of his designs. Mr. Horner was interested to find that Mr. Speck did not seem to
- have an opinion one way or the other regarding having bike lanes sidewalk versus street grade.
- He discussed the potential benefit to street grade Mr. Speck mentioned. Mr. Speck's idea did not
- 40 simply rubber stamp; he created his own design that relied on signalized intersections. Mr.
- 41 Horner thought Mr. Speck brought a fresh perspective and that his ideas served to surprise and
- 42 even challenge those in attendance.
- 43 Dr. Russell wanted to emphasize how Mr. Speck suggested conserving the parking in the middle
- 44 and considering putting many trees and using the space as an event space. It was a new idea to
- 45 the conversation. Ms. Jackson noted that one of his ideas also conserved parking spaces in front
- 46 of Stage and The Pour House, whose business owners have been vocal opponents. He tried to
- 47 address their needs while also looking at potential green space and how to maximum it.
- 48 Mr. Andrew Bower and Councilor Andrew Madison joined and were recognized by the Chair.
- 49 Chris believed Mr. Speck tempered it by saying how far do you want to go in terms of making it
- 50 better because there is the risk of gentrification. He thought that resonated with some people in
- 51 the audience who are against change.
- 52 Dr. Russell thought it was also good that he emphasized the need for more housing. Others
- 53 mentioned how he focused on the heights of the buildings, building up rather than out to try and
- address the housing needs and the intertwine of housing and transportation.
- 55 Ms. Autumn DelaCroix discussed Mr. Speck's suggestion of the central parking being opened to
- 56 Farmer's markets and used as an event space, which she believes would be a good way to appeal
- 57 to Keene's obsession with the widest Main Street.
- 58 Chair Bryenton recognized Kurt Blomquist.
- 59 Chair Bryenton asked for an update from Mr. Horner about any conversation about moving
- 60 forward. Mr. Blomquist shared that he believed the City Council will be addressing it on their
- 51 July  $6^{th}$  meeting. The plan is to do their regular business first and then move into the downtown
- 62 discussion.
- 63 Chair Bryenton asked if there was a formal way to submit ideas to City Council. Mr. Horner
- 64 shared that they already have Mr. Speck's slides. He mentioned that Mr. Speck will be on the air
- today on the Dan Mitchell Show at 9 for a recap of the conversation and follow-up questions.
- 66 Mr. Horner plans to connect with Roger and see if he has any thoughts of next steps.

- 67 He suggested those who were present to reflect and maybe gather thoughts on specific aspects
- that resonated with them. For those that weren't present, he suggested viewing the recording and
- 69 doing the same.
- 70 He suggested using those reflections to come up with a statement regarding what the
- 71 committee's thoughts are.
- 72 Kurt Blomquist suggested continuing with the emphasis on the importance of Mr. Speck's
- 73 presentation and the importance of integrating the pedestrians, bicyclists, and all users. While the
- single lane idea is not new, Mr. Speck has several other elements that could be used to highlight
- the importance of the integration. He mentioned that the Steering Committee looked at the single
- <sup>76</sup> lane idea and did some traffic analysis on it. As the committee will not have another meeting
- between now and the time the City Council meets, he suggested There is information from the
- 78 Council and as they start talking about it more, the committee would indicate that they will not
- be having another meeting, it is important to get that statement or position together about how
- 80 bicyclist/pedestrians are key to the downtown area.
- 81 Dr. Russell shared that he had talked to Roger Weinrich and Jen Risley after the breakfast the
- next day and a couple of the ideas that came up included the idea of engaging youth and their
- 83 input along with their parents' input. Roger had suggested doing something before the event in
- 84 the Redwood Square or in Central Square with ice cream or pizza to draw them in and collect
- 85 their feedback.
- 86 If there are points the group wanted to make, one idea is to work with Jen to do infographics.
- 87 Mr. Horner suggested one of Mr. Speck's metrics around the statistics is being more likely to die
- 88 from e vending machine than being hit by a bike for those infographics.
- 89 Chair Bryenton asked the committee's thoughts on pulling together a statement on the
- 90 roundabout.
- 91 Mr. Horner said one of his key take-away's was that there are trade-offs for example, two lanes
- 92 mean losing center parking. To him, it's worth looking at this idea of one lane preserving all the
- 93 on-street parking on Main Street and the protected bike lanes.
- 94 Chair Bryenton asked Councilor Madison asked about any gaps or things he's looking to hear.
- 95 He shared that he was on the initial ad hoc. From his standpoint, he understands it well and the
- 96 councilors are entrenched in their positions and unlikely to change their positions at this point.
- 97 He suggested sticking to advocating for the bike paths and that it's probably best for individuals
- to reach out on their own to get a larger volume of voices coming in. He thought it would be
- 99 important for everyone in the group to write their own letter and not to send in the same letter.
- 100 The little differences will mean that the letter gets read and will be a little different from
- 101 everyone else's, which tends to make more of an impact. He shared that there's many councilors
- 102 who are in favor of bike lanes, a handful who are just adamantly against and then an equal
- 103 number who are on the fence.
- 104 Dr. Russell asked if he thought members should get in direct contact with those councilors who 105 they think to be on the fence and Councilor Madison responded yes.
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# 107 4) Kiosk Map Updates

Mr. Schoefmann shared the new city branding and how it incorporates some of the revisions thatthe committee was asking for. He presented an example of one that would be positioned at

110 Eastern Ave Trailhead. It contained a title for where you are at, where downtown is, the city logo

and branding, and incorporated a couple of other edits that he thought the group was looking for

- 112 in terms of making sure the bridges were named. If anyone has any comments or edits, he asked
- them to be sent to him by the end of the week.
- 114 Mr. Redfern suggested a run of a new pamphlet that includes more of the details of the map that
- 115 Mr. Schoefmann presented (side street detail). He mentioned that Ted's Shoe and Sport is
- 116 constantly getting requests for maps and information on the trails. Mr. Redfern talked with
- 117 CandS Wholesale Grocers and they are interested in helping. It would be a printing grant, which
- 118 would require approval from Pathways and would just require their logo somewhere on it.
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### 120 5) <u>Downtown Infrastructure Project Discussion</u>

- 121 Chair Bryenton hoped Councilor Workman would be able to join, but unfortunately, she was not.
- He shared that he had a good conversation with her. He asked Don Lussier to share the details on
- the proposal that had bike lanes included in it and go over some of the details in terms of what it
- 124 looks like, buffer zones.
- 125 Mr. Lussier spoke and started by saying that he is not pushing the roundabout. The graphic he
- 126 presented was just the only one printed out in his map room.
- 127 What Stantec has proposed is that the bike lane will be six feet with two-foot buffers on either
- side. His question was genuine. He hasn't resolved in his own mind the best option. By putting it
- 129 at sidewalk grade, it provides better protection from vehicles parked next to it or encroaching
- into that space versus street grade which provides better protection/ buffering from pedestrians
- and bikes. He was hoping Mr. Speck would have the answer but at the end of the day, there is no
- 132 right answer. It is a tradeoff either way from a maintenance perspective.
- 133 He asked Mr. Blomquist if he preferred that the bike lane be at the parking grade.
- 134 Mr. Blomquist responded no because for snow collection purposes, street grade is easier.
- 135 Ms. DelaCroix shared that one of the problems she has is that by having it at street grade, there is
- 136 a risk given the growing size of vehicles and the likelihood of them encroaching on the bike lane.
- 137 She asked about a buffer between the parking space and the bike lane. Mr. Lussier explained that
- there is a two-foot overhang between the parking space and the start of the bike lane. He
- 139 explained there are also ways to differentiate the spaces in the buffers with different colors,
- 140 textures to make it obvious that it is a space for bikes and pedestrians.
- 141 Chair Bryenton asked if it was too granular at this point to get an idea of costs. Mr. Lussier
- responded that they really have not drilled down into that level of detail. They have
- 143 experimented with different types of treatments and ways of doing things. The treatment they are
- 144 using now on crosswalks are thermal plastic with the look of pavers. It can be repaired in place,
- 145 which is a nice benefit.
- 146 He discussed the "furniture zone" which is a space that has been reserved for things like benches,
- trees, and trash receptacles. There is a whole level of additional design work that will decide thedetails.
- 149 Ms. Manwaring asked Mr. Lussier to explain the bike lane on Washington. Mr. Lussier
- 150 explained and demonstrated the flow on the map.
- 151 Mr. Redfern suggested setting a priority today designating a particular amount of space for bike
- 152 lanes to prevent from getting thrown into the pro-roundabout bucket.

- 153 Chair Bryenton asked if Councilor workman had any questions during her meeting with Mr.
- 154 Blomquist. He responded no, and after speaking with her she seemed to be more comfortable
- 155 with the idea of having multimodal space in the project.
- 156 It was asked about grant opportunities. Mr. Blomquist explained that there is a rating system that
- awards points. The ranking criteria is given when you apply for a grant. For certain types of
- implemented criteria, you are awarded scores. The higher you score, the more likely you are tobe awarded a grant.
- 160 Councilor Madison reiterated that focusing on integrating bike lanes will be a winning strategy.
- 161 Chair Bryenton put forth a motion stating, "BPPAC continues to advocate for protected bike
- 162 lanes at sidewalk grade on both sides of Main Street. Lanes should be placed between parking
- spaces and the sidewalk. Lanes should be six feet wide, with a two-foot buffer on each side of
- the lane". Ms. Manwaring seconded the motion. Chair Bryenton asked if there were any further
- discussion points. Being none, a vote was called and the motion was unanimously approved.
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# 167 6) <u>Old Business</u>

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# A) Volunteer Opportunities

- i) Trail Clean-ups (Planned)
- 170 Nothing scheduled until fall.
  - ii) Bike Friendly Community
- Mr. Schoefmann to send out the application for Bike Friendly Community to Chair Bryenton and
  he will delegate tasks. Mid- August is the deadline. Collaboration will occur virtually.
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# 175 7) <u>Regular Project Updates</u>

- Staff are working to get something in the CIP for 2024 or 2025, but it is currently looking morelike 2025.
- 178 The GIS Tech is working with Highway to inventory in street bike marking for budget purposes.
- 179 Bike boxes and downtown sharrows have been remarked.
- 180 DPW Highway have put out some bike racks. Mr. Schoefmann is confirming rack locations for
- 181 summer/fall 2022. There are gaps in where historically placed.
- 182 Appel Way Trail Paving has been pushed out to 2025.
- 183 Engineering division of DPW is managing the Safe Streets for All Grant opportunity.

184 City of Keene has been selected as a TAP grant recipient for Complete Street improvements to

- 185 Marlboro Street that tie into other planned improvements, infrastructure, economic development
- 186 goals and the Cheshire Rail Trail. The project is ongoing- trail/sidewalk connector in
- 187 Engineering Design Phase.
- 188 Jess Gelter with Arts Alive have taken a scaled down version of the Arts and Culture Corridor
- 189 concept. Gilbo Avenue to School Street is still part of the scope.
- 190 The next steering committee meeting for Lower Winchester Street project is slated for July 18<sup>th</sup>.
- 191 The hope is that they will be ready to make a recommendation to the Council on which of the
- 192 different options to move forward with.
- 193 Mr. Lussier updated on the transportation heritage committee. Proposals are due in a couple of
- 194 weeks. One of the consultants has decided not to move forward, but they had five other
- 195 consultants attending that meeting interested in the project.

- 196 Chair Bryenton discussed the green staging boxes around Central Square. Last year they were
- repainted, but they only went a couple of feet into the lane and to be official bike boxes, they
- 198 should take up the whole width of the lane. The boxes are appropriate, but the lead up lane is 199 what is squishing traffic.
- 200 Mr. Blomquist pointed out that part of the task of the committee is education and many people
- do not know what those boxes are and how this is a good opportunity for community education.
- 202 Mr. Blomquist to look at MUTCD and make sure they are in compliance.
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- 204 8) <u>New Business</u>
  - A) <u>Items to be included for next meeting</u>
- 206 207 **9) More Time**

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- A) Public Art and The Trails
- 209 B) **Project Priorities**
- 210 C) <u>BPPAC Website</u>

**Adjournment** 

# D) Wayfinding Amenities- North and South Bridge Signage

Mr. Redfern shared that it took five months for Salem to do it and they did it through the state.Covid shut them down. City took up the project and it has been three years. Mr. Blomquist to put

stakes in the ground and share the coordinates, which should happen in the next few weeks.

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### <u>Bike/Pedestrian Counts</u>

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There being no further business, Chair Bryenton adjourned the meeting at 9:28 AM.

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- 221 Respectfully submitted by,

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- 222 Amanda Trask, Minute Taker
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- 224 Reviewed and edited by,
- 225 Will Schoefmann, Community Development Staff

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| ,  | Wednesday, September 13, 2023  | 8:15 AM   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room,<br>City Hall  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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- 26 Chair Bryenton said he believed LAB to have the standard on cycling instructor safety courses
- and they have a train-the-trainer cycling course. He shared that Tiffany did a cycling 101 course
- for the public when she was bike mayor. Being able to offer something like that would be
- valuable. Becoming a LAB certified instructor is not a minimal task, so if there is some other
- 30 group where it is not quite such a heavy lift for them or if there are people in the area that are
- already certified. When researching for the bike friendly city, he did not remember seeing
- anyone locally on the LAB website, but believed there might be someone on the sea coast.
- 33 Ms. Sam Jackson asked if there was a resource somewhere that explained how someone could
- 34 become a trainer.
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Chair Bryenton said LAB has a good set path for that which requires a weekend course and thentest. (Kurt Blomquist joined the meeting.)

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39 Chair Bryenton referenced the August notes and brought up the idea of drafting a letter which

- 40 Todd Horner had mentioned. Mr. Horner said the objective was to respond to some of the
- 41 narrative that has been in the public discourse about how the bike lanes were going to be
- 42 responsible for deforesting downtown and serve to debunk some of that and that this committee
- 43 is very much pro-tree. Dr. Russell shared that it was a 400 word limit, but that if they wanted to
- 44 do something longer, they could propose it as an editorial. Mr. Horner said he will make a
- 45 reminder for himself and thought the outreach subcommittee could work on that.
- 46 Mr. Schoefmann said he did not think it needed to be the same people all the time as it would be
- 47 good to get input from various group members. However, in an effort to not have to notice for an
- 48 official meeting and take minutes, it would have to be limited to four people, but it could be
- 49 revolving. Dr. Russell suggested calling it a workgroup as done in the Energy and Climate
- 50 Committee, but that does not address the max number of committee members. Dr. Russell asked
- 51 if that limit included alternates, which Mr. Schoefmann said he would have to ask the lawyers.
- 52 Dr. Russell suggested a straw poll to see who is actually interested.
- 53 Chair Bryenton suggested that before talking about level of interest, he welcomed any questions
- 54 on the task or charge of the safety and outreach workgroup.
- 55 Mr. Schoefmann asked him to go through what Chair Bryenton had for notes in terms of focus.
- 56 Chair Bryenton said one area of focus is the e-bikes, interacting with 2024 city council members
- and maintaining a presence and lastly, the LAB training with a stretch goal of getting someone
- 58 certified. He questioned whether that last part was somewhat out of the scope of BPPAC, to
- 59 which Mr. Schoefmann stated that was not necessarily the case. He continued saying promoting
- 60 the idea, saying there is a need and bringing it to council are certainly within the charge.
- 61 Chair Bryenton asked if there were interested individuals willing to participate and stated it will
- 62 likely feel similar to the bike friendly community group. Four committee members expressed
- 63 interest and Chair Bryenton commented that he liked the idea of it being dynamic as he can't
- 64 commit to another committee, but can certainly drop in as available.
- 65 Mr. Schoefmann said the nice thing is participants can choose to attend the dates which are most
- 66 interesting or applicable to their skill set. He offered to find out the details on whether
- 67 participating by zoom was allowed.

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- 69 Mr. Mike Kowalczyck expressed interest in participating.
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- 71 Without wanting to get too far into the weeds, Chair Bryenton asked the committee whether they
- anticipated the group meeting monthly, or biweekly. He suggested the fourth week of the month
- ragin since BPPAC meets on the second. He asked if planning for this month was too early or whether
- they needed to vet it and determine the level of interest from members not present in the meeting.
- 75 He asked members if they wanted to plan for an October meeting or go ahead and try to meet
- 76 this month.
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- 78 Dr. Russell responded that he did not think it was a bad idea to try and meet this month and
- thought if Mr. Horner could get a draft that would work towards goal one and allow the group tofine tune that in preparation of getting it out before voting.
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- 82 With everyone in agreement, Chair Bryenton offered to take the initial charge on getting it rolled
- 83 out, organized and scheduled with the hopes of it becoming a self-perpetuating in the future.
- 84 Chair Bryenton asked Ms. Jan Manwaring if she had a question, to which she responded that she
- did not but wanted to put herself forward as a resource for collecting letters. Chair Bryenton
- thanked her for her offer.
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- Chair Bryenton asked if this was something the city could provide a room for or if it should be amore informal gathering at a coffee shop.
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- 91 Mr. Schoefmann said that based on some of the identified goals they wish to accomplish, he
- 92 believed trying to find a quieter location would be ideal. He believed he could work on helping
- 93 facilitate that to some degree. It was noted that they often reserve rooms at the rec center and
- 94 asked Mr. Andy Bohannon if there was a particular process for that.
- 95 Mr. Bohannon responded that it is just date, time and noted some of the rooms available. Chair
- 96 Bryenton thanked Mr. Bohannon for the information.
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# 98 4) <u>NHDOT Route 101 Project</u>

Mr. Schoefmann explained that there was a letter included in the back of the packet that was sent 99 to committee members that was from the consultant hired by the Department of Transportation 100 (DOT). He explained that these are similar to a blanket letter that they send to city staff members 101 like himself. A number of them received them as they blanketed the city. The letter explains that 102 there are improvements that they are going to be working on in the Route 101 area. Earlier this 103 104 summer, the DOT was out there doing survey work. They are trying to investigate a couple of 105 alternatives. No information was included about when the public meeting is going to be or what the next steps will be. He explained that Mr. Don Lussier reached out and said that engineering 106 would like to coordinate the city responses and asked the committee that if they have thoughts on 107 where it should go, he would welcome their input. He showed a map and explained that the red 108 109 options are a no go due to existing work happening or historic areas.

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- Mr. Kurt Blomquist explained there were two options (the red options) that he received a hard no 111 on. The green and the blue areas were areas that they would potentially consider. He thought it 112 113 was important that the committee understand what is happening explaining that the plan is to 114 redo route 101 from down around Branch Road up to just past the Arch Bridges. As such, they are looking at reworking that ordinance as well as developing a better path for pedestrians. 115 116 The other area they are looking at is Swanzey Factory Road and he noted there are number of options being considered for that area. One of note is to divert the traffic and then come in at a 117 90 degree angle to join up with 101, which would require the installation of a bridge. The other 118 option is to continue it and run it along the existing rail behind the buildings. 119 120 Thirdly the city engineer is not overly excited about adding another bridge to the existing 121 inventory, especially since it would be a relatively long one given the width of the wetlands 122 123 there. He suggested the committee do its normal function to continue to make sure pedestrian bicyclist are accommodated. 124 125 Chair Bryenton thanked Mr. Blomquist and opened it up for discussion. 126 It was asked by Mr. Horner if Branch Road was the town line. Mr. Schoefmann explained that 127 the town line was further down towards the Jail. Mr. Horner asked for clarification on whether 128 the original scope was to the town line and that it was determined to be too pricey, which was 129 confirmed. 130 131 Chair Bryenton stated that riding out from Optical to the Bridge is not an area that he is 132 particularly enthused about riding through for a number of reasons, but noted that the speed limit 133 drops once you get into Marlboro. He sees how this could potentially become a corridor for 134 people to commute into Marlborough. He asked if Marlborough had any interested in their side 135 of 101. Mr. Blomquist responded that right now, there is no involvement on behalf of 136 Marlborough. Mr. Horner added that the Planning Commission is developing a complete streets 137 policy with Marlborough and he knows they are interested in 101, but was not sure what segment 138 they were interested in. 139 140 Mr. Schoefmann suggested and asked the potential for this committee to communicate their 141 interested in seeing if NHDOT would consider putting bike lanes in or shoulders to 142 143 accommodate. Mr. Blomquist said that would be appropriate. Chair Bryenton said the other two considerations would be from Stone Arch Bridge to Optical 144 and whether Keene had interest to serve or mirror that. He did not want to put in advocate for 145 146 bike lanes in isolation.
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- Mr. Blomquist said right now, the project stops there, but pointed out that the other issue isThe designation of a limited access highway.
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- 151 Mr. Schoefmann offered to contact and shared that NHDOT has multimodal specialists that
- 152 coordinate the complete streets committee he is presently a part of and shared that they have a

- process for requesting those. He said it will be convoluted due to all of the various access points,but believed they could certainly try and venture into that.
- 155 Chair Bryenton shared that there is excitement for the potential that 1010 could become a bike
- 156 corridor. He asked if there was any way that project could connect into the Transportation
- 157 Heritage Trails and wondered if they could get egress ramps from the bridge going over 101.
- 158 Mr. Schoefmann explained that it would be on the City end of things and would be part of their
- design. Mr. Schoefmann believed putting it out there is a good thing and that given the BPPAC
- is proposing the viaduct facility, it would make send to include in any connectivity to the viaductfacility.
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- 163 Mr. Schoefmann suggested that the committee think and be considering the integration as they 164 move through THT and depending on what comes out of the 101 project.
- 165 Dr. Russell shared that he would find it helpful to have additional visuals of the area and routes
- 166 being proposed for connectors.
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- 168 Mr. Schoefmann clarified that what Mr. Bryenton was saying was how to connect whatever 169 facility they get out of the project to the THT.
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- 171 Mr. Horner asked about formalizing the connection between 101 and the dead end on Eastern
- 172 Ave because right now there is barricade there. Mr. Blomquist suggested putting it on their list.
- 173 Mr. Schoefmann offered to send Mr. Lussier an excerpt from the minutes to follow up.
- 174 Mr. Horner suggested making sure they had a representative on the presentations. Last time, it
- required a bit of petitioning. It's important to remind them that the committee does want toparticipate.
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# 178 5) <u>Regular Project Updates</u>

- 179 Mr. Schoefmann provided project updates with the help of Mr. Blomquist:
- 180 Bike Friendly Community- was submitted. Rankings will come out in December and a report
- 181 card and report will be provided, which he can share with the committee. He thanked all the
- volunteers that helped with the application. There was a lot of analysis involved.
- 183 *Transportation Heritage Trail-* Mr. Lussier responded for the city to NHDOT on that regarding
- 184 potential impacts from 101 on that.
- 185 *Transportation Heritage Phase one-* City Council approved selection of Stantec for the Phase
- one design. The city is in process of updating its 25-31 CIP, which requires review of projects
- 187 and adjustments in the capital program.
- 188 Safe Streets for All- Mr. Blomquist shared that they received the RFQ's re-evaluation of those
- 189 for the Safe Streets for All Grant.
- 190 *Marlborough Street TAP-* is still online for construction in 2024.
- 191 *Downtown Infrastructure Project* The City is waiting for their acquisition request to NHDOT
- 192 for the Downtown Infrastructure Project. That will go back to Council likely in February or
- 193 March of next year.
- 194 *Lower Winchester Street-101* roundabout going to Market Basket. The council received its
- 195 presentation last week and the report out from the steering committee, which will then to the

- MSFI. The project does have pedestrian bicycle facilities in it and he suggested the committee 196
- attend because the chair has asked to review all the information the steering committee reviewed. 197
- Set to occur the fourth Wednesday of the month, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. That project will start 198
- its review and he is anticipating at least two meetings, if not three to get a recommendation up to 199
- Full Council. Pedestrian Facilities are included through the corridor and the committee is 200
- 201 recommending three roundabouts at Krif Road, Matthews Road and Market Basket.
- Mr. Horner asked Mr. Blomquist if there was any bike ped being considered for the Lower 202
- Winchester Street project. He clarified that yes it was all the way down to 101, but there are none 203 on 101. 204
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#### 6) Volunteer Opportunities 206

#### Fall Fun-Ride Kickoff (Sunday 10-22, 3PM) A)

Mr. Todd Horner has been working with Pamela Bys, a member of the cycling club, who is 208 interested in putting together some fun rides. They hashed out some plans for a fun ride on

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October 22, 2023 from Railroad Square on to the Rail Trail to Frisky Cow for some gelato. The 210

- trail is still being ironed out. There will possibly be two routes where one group could go up 211
- Main Street and around the Square and for those not comfortable, they can be picked back up on 212
- the Rail Trail. 213

The goal is to get people interested and increase visibility. 214

#### B) Trail Clean-ups (planned)

- Mr. Charles Redfern and Mr. Russell have been talking but have not set a date yet. Once settled, 216
- they will get that information out. 217

#### **Bike Friendly Community (recap)** 218 C)

- Covered in Regular Project Updates 219
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#### 221 7) **Old Business**

- **Downtown Infrastructure Project Updates** 222 **A**)
- Covered in Regular Project Updates 223

#### **NHDOT North, South Bridge Signs** B)

- 225 Currently just waiting on the go ahead from DOT to be able to start making the signs.
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#### **Project Priorities** C)

228 Mr. Blomquist suggested review the ranking and identifying which are included in the CIP as things will be changing. The Route 101 project was not included on the list and would be added. 229 Mr. Schoefmann suggested reviewing this at the next meeting. Discussion continued around the 230 231 usefulness of the spreadsheet of priorities and how it can best be used on advocating for projects. 232 Mr. Horner moved to adopt the priority list with discussed edits. Mr. Russell seconded the 233 motion which was unanimously adopted.

235 8) **New Business** 236 A) Items to be included in next meeting 1) Project priority List 237

| 238 | 2) Mr. Bohannon mentioned that he is working with a graduate student from                        |
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| 239 | UNH related to mountain biking, economic development and the impact it is                        |
| 240 | having. While they will not have a full development study out of this, they do                   |
| 241 | (thanks to Mr. Horner and Southwest) have trail counters out on several of the                   |
| 242 | trail heads collecting data. Those will be out for three weeks and they would                    |
| 243 | like to come back to this group in the November meeting to give a report out.                    |
| 244 | 3) Workgroup report outs.  |
| 245 | 4) Membership review   |
| 246 | Mr. Haas introduced himself as running for councilor at large. He is very supportive of          |
| 247 | multimodal transportation and pedestrian friendly design. He thinks creativity and incorporation |
| 248 | of cycling is not utilized as well as it could be.   |
| 249 | He is an avid cyclist and is looking forward to helping advocate.                                |
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| 251 | 9) <u>More time</u>  |
| 252 | A) <u>Kiosk Map Updates</u>  |
| 253 | No Update at this time.  |
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| 255 | 10) <u>Adjournment</u>   |
| 256 | There being no further business, Chair Bryenton adjourned the meeting at 9:15 AM.                |
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| 258 | Respectfully submitted by,   |
| 259 | Amanda Trask, Minute Taker   |
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| 261 | Reviewed and edited by,  |
| 262 | Will Schoefmann, Community Development Staff   |

### Updated October 10, 2023 BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN PATH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

| 1. Todd Horner                   | Term to expire Dec. 31, 2023 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| 2. Councilor Andrew Madison      | Term to expire Dec. 31, 2025 | 1st             |
| 3. Rowland Russell               | Term to expire Dec. 31, 2022 | 1st             |
| 4. Jan Manwaring                 | Term to expire Dec. 31, 2022 | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| 5. Drew Bryenton                 | Term to expire Dec. 31, 2023 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
| 6. Michael Davern                | Term to expire Dec. 31, 2022 | 1st             |
| 7. Dillon A. Benik               | Term to expire Dec. 31, 2024 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
| 8. Charles Redfern, alternate    | Term to expire Dec. 31, 2022 | exempt          |
| 9. Christopher Brehme, alternate | Term to expire Dec. 31, 2022 | exempt          |
| 10. Janelle Sartorio, alternate  | Term to expire Dec. 31, 2025 | exempt          |
| 11. Samantha Jackson, alternate  | Term to expire Dec. 31, 2025 | exempt          |
| 12. Autumn DelaCroix, alternate  | Term to expire Dec. 31, 2025 | exempt          |

| - • ·   | Master Plan |           | <b>.</b>  | Budget *                |        |             | Schedule    |             | Updates   |  |
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| Bike Racks  | AMENITIES   | P21       | Working   | N/A                     | N/A    | ongoing     | N/A         | N/A         | DPW Highway have put out some racks, Will is confirming rack locations for summer/fall 2022. Gaps in where historically placed.   |  |
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| Safe Streets for All Grant  | N/A         | N/A       | Planning  | NA                      | N/A    | Spring 2023 | N/A         | N/A         | Engineering division of DPW is managing this grant opportunity.   |  |
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| afety and Outreach<br>Vorking Group   | NA          | N/A       | Working   | N/A                     | N/A    | Ongoing     | N/A         | N/A         | This working group is planning and investigating where to focus<br>efforts around Safety and Promotion of other Bike/Ped Initiatives v<br>outreach. Focus areas are being conceptualized and report outs wil<br>be at regular meetings.   |  |
| eague of American Bicyclists Bicycle<br>Friendly Program & other community<br>anking programs | N/A         | N/A       | Completed | Staff/Volunteer<br>Time | N/A    | Summer 2023 | Summer 2023 | On Schedule | City of Keene's designation as a "Bicycle Friendly City" has lapsed ar<br>needs to be renewed. The process includes data gathering for a<br>report/application. <b>Application submitted, announcement in</b><br><b>December.</b>   |  |
| Sidewalks   | N/A         | N/A       | Submitted | CIP                     | Even   | Spring 2022 | N/A         | On Schedule | Summer 2022 expecting to replace approx. 2,000 LF of asphalt<br>sidewalk, including Colby St. and Adams St. The CIP will request<br>funding for about 2,000 LF / year beginning in 2023.  |  |
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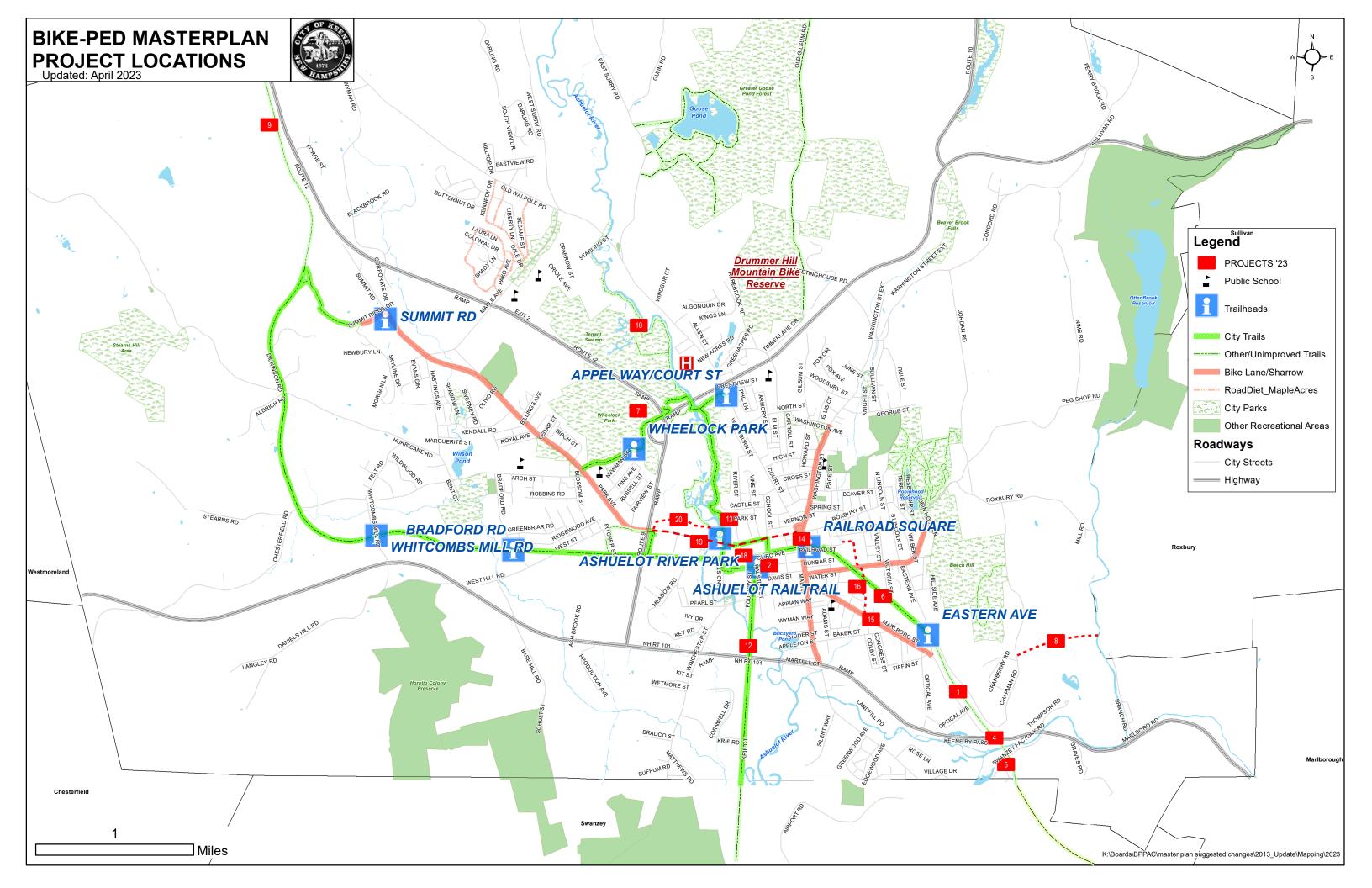
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| arts and Culture Corridor   | NA          | N/A       | Working   | N/A                     | N/A    | Ongoing     | N/A         | N/A         | Arts Alive, Jess Gelter, have taken on a scaled down version of the<br>Arts and Culture Corridor concept Gilbo Avenue to School Street st<br>part of the scope.   |
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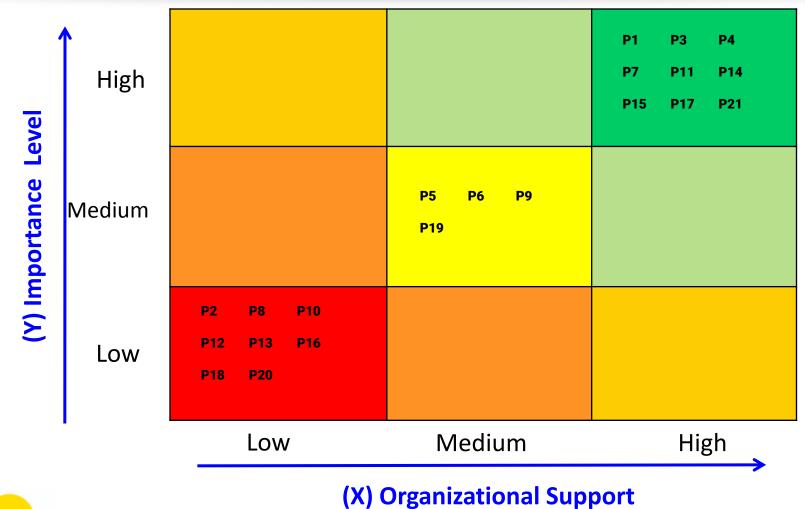


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|------|-------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| 1    | P1          | CRT Eastern Ave - NH 101              | HIGH                         | HIGH   | Design and Construction including drainage, brush clearing, grading and<br>stone dust surfacing. Included in this project will be a pocket/turnaround<br>park at the old trestle abutment at NH Route 101.  | Planning - Budgeted CIP '22-25 -Part<br>of the Transportation Heritage Trail<br>Project (CRT IV) | Trails, CRT IV   |
| 2    | P2          | Roundhouse T I Widening               | LOW                          | LOW  | Replace six (6) foot sidewalks along sections of Emerald and School Streets with eight (8) foot wide concrete sidewalks.  | NA   | Trails, Complete Streets   |
| 3    | Р3          | JD Trail Maintenance                  | HIGH                         | HIGH   | Design and Construction including drainage, brush clearing, tree cutting, grading and stone dust resurfacing.   | Planning - Budgeted -Potential<br>allocation from Parks and Rec<br>Maintenance CIP               | Trails, Maintenance, FY 23   |
| 4    | Ρ4          | CRT NH 101 Overpass/Stone Arch Bridge | HIGH                         | HIGH   | Multi-use crossing improvements at NH Route 101 and Swanzey Factory<br>Road respectively connecting the Cheshire Rail Trail to the Old Stone Arch<br>Bridge.  | Planning - Budgeted CIP '22-25 -Part<br>of the Transportation Heritage Trail<br>Project (CRT IV) | Two Projects, Prowse Bridge and Old Stone Arch Bridge Improvements |
| 5    | Р5          | CRT Swanzey Factory Road Project      | MEDIUM                       | MEDIUM   | of CRT and Swanzey Factory Road. Recommendations for a construction project would follow.   |  | Trails, CRT IV   |
| 6    | P6          | CRT Victoria Street Extension         | MEDIUM                       | MEDIUM   | Design a safe crossing at the proposed Victoria Street extension which<br>would connect Victoria Street with Marlboro Street; bisecting the existing<br>Cheshire Rail Trail in turn. Options include at grade or overpass at the<br>future crossing.                                    | Planning - Budgeted CIP '22  | Trails, CRT IV   |
| 7    | Р7          | Appel Way Assessment and Maintenance  | HIGH                         | HIGH   | Current condition assessment with a maintenance plan with design and construction to follow.  | Planning - Budgeted -Potential<br>allocation from Parks and Rec<br>Maintenance CIP               | Trails, FY'24  |
| 8    | Р8          | Marlboro Line Trail                   | LOW                          | LOW  | Project entails staff resources to examine feasibility and propose a project scope to likely include drainage, brush clearing, tree cutting, grading and stone dust resurfacing and possible property acquisition.  | NA   | Trails   |
| 9    | Р9          | CRT V Ammi Brown - City Limits        | MEDIUM                       | MEDIUM   | Design and Construction including drainage, brush clearing, grading and stone dust surfacing.   | Planning - Unfunded  | Trails, MRRTC?/Westmoreland, Food<br>Network Access                |
| 10   | P10         | JD Trail II                           | LOW                          | LOW  | Design and Construction of a recreational loop including drainage, brush clearing, tree cutting, grading and stone dust surfacing.  | NA   | Trails   |
| 11   | P11         | Wayfinding Facilities and Signage     | HIGH                         | HIGH   | Implementation of the plan and proposal for Pathway and Pedestrian level way finding signage and other facilities such as pavement markings.  | Planning - Guide consultant/UNH<br>Trails to Downtown initiative                                 | To include Plan (below)  |
| 11.A | P11A        | Wayfinding Plan                       |                              |  | Current condition assessment with a plan and recommendations for work to follow including signs and pavement directional symbols.   | Planning - Guide consultant/Walk<br>Your City  | Combine with Signage   |
| 12   | P12         | South Bridge/Ashuelot RT Gap          | LOW                          | LOW  | Drainage, Grading and improved surfacing of a segment of the Ashuelot<br>Rail Trail between south bridge and the existing extent of paved surface<br>near Keene State College and Walmart Plaza.  | Create larger project to address KSC Section   |  |
| 13   | P13         | Ashuelot Green Space Trailhead        | LOW                          | LOW  | Ashuelot Green Space is a proposed Residential/Open space development<br>off Ashuelot Street abutting the Ashuelot River Park. Establishment of a<br>trail head with facilities at that location has been a priority of the BPPAC<br>and City since the project was initially proposed. | ΝΑ   |  |
| 14   | P14         | MAIN STREET                           | HIGH                         | HIGH   | Overall plan for making Main Street and Downtown Bicycle and Pedestrian Friendly and a Complete Street.   | Planning - Opportunities in<br>conjunction with DPW Downtown<br>project                          | Remain ready to pivot  |
| 15   | P15         | MARLBORO STREET                       | HIGH                         | HIGH   | Overall plan for making Marlboro Street and it's corridor Bicycle and Pedestrian Friendly, better connected and a Complete Street.  | Working - TAP 2018 - Project<br>completed?   | Tied to Victoria Street  |

| 16 P16   | .6    | Beaver Brook Greenway  | LOW                       | LOW  | Iconditions teasibility assessment plan recommendations and the design   | NA - Possible component of Pat<br>Russell Park CIP   |   |
|----------|-------|--|---------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| 17 P17   | .7    | Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan   | HIGH                      | HIGH   | Plan Update  | Supplementary CIP Project  |   |
| 18 P18   | .8    | GILBO AVE/COLONY MILL  | LOW                       | LOW  | Avenue and explore safer passage for Bicycles and Pedestrians through the  | Connection to West Street  | Possible Connectivity to Emerald Street<br>Pocket Park  |
| 19 P19   | .9    | WEST STREET  | MEDIUM                    | MEDIUM   |  | Planning - Potential DOT 10 Year Plan<br>Project FY 28   | TAC (via SWRPC) input and priortization<br>to DOT. Don Lussier. <b>BPPAC "Problem</b><br><b>Area Workshop" for 2022-23; America</b><br><b>Walks Grant/Connection</b>                  |
| 20 P20   | 20    | West Street By Pass  | LOW                       | LOW  | Staff should scope a project that involves documentation of current conditions, feasibility assessment, plan, recommendations for a design and construction of a bike/pedestrian route along the West Street corridor.   | NA   | Perhaps tied to a centralized hub for<br>trail info (emerald start concept).<br>"Asheulot River Greenway"   |
| 21 P21   | 21    | AMENITIES  | HIGH                      | HIGH   | and locations of future amenities in a plan. These should include<br>Kiosk/Trailhead facilities, Trailside Facilities such as bathrooms, potable<br>water and tune up stations and efforts should be made to engage the<br>artist community to create spots along the trails for public art which will | Working - Staff/PFK/Monadnock<br>Conservancy and other Community<br>Partners - Adding as funding allows -<br>19 recommendations in the<br>Downtown Trails Study, use this to<br>identify focus areas | Art installations with industrial heritage<br>materials. Historic signage/plaques<br>regarding history. Potential meeting or<br>subcommittee for strategic planning of<br>facilities. |
| 21.A P21 | 21A   | Trail Lighting   |                           |  | Ntatt chould actablish a hase line plan propose types and locations of   | Planning - PFK donated lights for<br>various sections of trail, potential for<br>further work - Coordinate with KPD  | Maintenance and other costs priority<br>for that now. Focused lighting for hubs,<br>crossings and trailheads. Industrial<br>Heritage component? Public Survey                         |
| ID BPF   | PAC I | Project  | (X)Organizational Support | (Y) Importance Level   |  | CRT = Cheshire Rail Trail<br><u>DEFINITIONS</u><br>ART = Ashuelot Rail Trail   |   |
|          |       |  |                           |  |  | CIP = Capital Improvement Program  |   |
|          |       |  |                           |  |  | GIS = Geographic Information<br>Systems  |   |
|          |       |  |                           |  |  | DOT = Department of Transportation   |   |
|          |       | X - Organizational Support = Budget+ Policy (CIP/Operations Bud<br>Y - Importance Level = Community Objectives (Safety + Sustain | am Opportunities)         | MAST = Monadnock Alliance for<br>Sustainable Transportation<br>SWRPC = Southwest Regional<br>Planning Commission |  |  |   |
|          |       |  |                           |  |  | DPW = Department of Public Works   |   |
|          |       |  |                           |  |  | TAP = Transportation Alternatives<br>Program   |   |



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